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# NEWSLETTER

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remember that in Matthew's gospel over the past couple of weekends we have been hearing stories that come from the last week of Jesus life. Little wonder that it was his last week alive because Jesus just kept on hammering the Jewish Temple Priests and the Elders, powerful, influential, high status and wealthy leaders of their time and society.

Jesus told them to their face that they were all talk and fine intentions without good deeds and any real desire to do as God wanted; that they were lousy tenants of God's vineyard who wouldn't produce the fruit God required, so they would end up being kicked out from the gift of God and see the vineyard given to others who would produce its fruit. This weekend, doubling down on his criticisms of them, Jesus says that they were like guests invited to the wedding of the King's son, who time after time ignored and mistreated the servants sent to invite them to the feast. Jesus warns them that their town, their way of living and worshipping God, will all end in ruin and that the feast of the King will be opened wide to any who are willing to attend. Listening to these parables we can almost hear these Temple Priests and Elders muttering to themselves, almost feel them seething with rage.

A feast of joy, plenty and eternal life is what God offers, as Isaiah foresaw and told us about in today's 1st reading. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians tells us that he has experienced both plenty and poverty and that through our faith God will supply all that we need, in accord with God's glorious riches in Christ. So now it's over to us to hear and accept the invitation to the wedding feast of the Son or to ignore and reject God's offer.

Let's recall that our Eucharist is both the promise of and a foretaste towards this great banquet of life when mourning is banished and all are together as one, cared for and fed by and on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. At a time when we are more divided and conflicted, when lies and fake news seems to rule the roost, and peoples experience violence in horrific ways, choosing to accept the invitation to the feast of God/the King for His Son and living daily in the Spirit, the values and good news of Jesus has rarely ever been more important.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Mario Favari, Michael French and Sr Josie Logan SGS **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, deceased members of Begley, Bourke, Hanly and McLachlan Families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Joanne Keke, Lily Byrnes, Beppo Pagliaro, Frank Kiley, Dulcie O'Connell, Todd Robinson and Mal Thomson.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Mary Irene Garland, Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, James Lloyd, Angela Krista, Pete Waldron, Peter Piccone, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier.

### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 16 October - 22 October 2023

Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	St Ignatius of Antioch
Wednesday	7:00pm	St Luke
Thursday	9:00am	
Friday	8:00am	
Saturday	9:00am	
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Readings – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Matthew 22:15-21	
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm	
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass	
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.	

### DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

**Sunday 22 October**  
**Social Justice Committee** meets @ 9am in parish boardroom  
**Tuesday 24 October**  
**Carer's group** meet @ 10am  
**Sunday 29 October**  
**Catholic Missions Appeal** weekend  
**Sunday 5 November**  
 Family Mass @ 8am

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**COVID REQUIREMENTS** – Please continue precautions -

- *Maintain good hand hygiene.*
- *Stay home if you are sick*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) in the Church.*
- *Wear a mask when in close contact with others.*

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH**

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - *please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)*
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - **BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)**

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

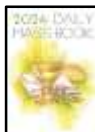
Sts Peter and Paul's primary school is upgrading the play area on the oval. The carpark is closed for a few months.

Please note the **PARISH OFFICE** hours will vary from the 'usual' opening times over the next weeks as staff are on annual leave. If you need to visit, you may wish to call first and check if the office is attended. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** has resumed for Term 4 during the 8am Mass. *We ask parents to reinforce behavioural expectations with your children while in attendance, as our leaders give voluntary of their time to deliver this Ministry in a meaningful way. Thank you*

The **CATHOLIC LEADER** October edition is available at the church doors. Please place money in the poor boxes.

**DAILY MASS BOOKS** – the parish office is taking orders for the 2024 Daily Mass Book. Price is \$26 each. Please advise the office as soon as possible if you would like a copy ordered. **THANK YOU**



**PLAYGROUP** has resumed for Term 4. Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to join in the activities on offer. Runs Thursday mornings during term time 9am-11am.

***A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.***

Last week, my next door neighbour asked, 'As our houses are the same design, can I ask how many rolls of wallpaper you bought to decorate the living room?'

'Thirteen', I answered. Today he came round looking angry, 'I've got three rolls left over!'

'So did I', I said 😊



**This week's goal:  
The Cry of the Earth**

Consider planting a native plant, bush or tree in your garden.

**SAFEGUARDING NEWS** - The Archdiocese has recently released a revised Volunteers Matrix which no longer includes some "low risk" volunteer roles such as Readers and Special Ministers of Communion at Mass. For those people who are only in these roles, you do not have any safeguarding accreditation requirements. The reason for this is that you are not working or engaging directly with either children or adults-at-risk while in these roles, as the role is publicly during Mass in front of the Priest and the congregation, and therefore in such a way that does not provide an opportunity for abuse.

**For volunteers who are only in these "low risk" roles:**

You may have received an email recently from Blue Card Services that your Blue Card was "de-linked" from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This action does not necessarily cancel your Blue Card. It just means we no longer require your Blue Card to be registered with the parish (Archdiocese of Brisbane) as your volunteer role/s no longer require a Blue Card.

**For volunteers who either engage directly with children or adults-at-risk, or who are in a coordinator/leadership role / handle finances / have keys to the Parish:** you will be advised when your safeguarding accreditation requirements are due for renewal.

*We continue to renew our Safeguarding Commitment – The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.*

Safeguarding is about respecting & protecting others, ensuring we have ...



**SAVE THE DATE:** our parish **CATHOLIC MISSION** appeal will be held over the weekend 28 + 29 October 2023. *The Student Mission Ambassadors from St Peters & Paul's, Bulimba will be speaking on that weekend.*

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**VOCATION VIEW:** Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, contact the Brisbane Vocations Office on 1300 133 544 or [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)

**TWO MINUTE HOMILY** by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

**ST DON BOSCO'S RELIC TO VISIT BRISBANE** - The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia (13 – 22 October) to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop! The Cathedral of St Stephen, Annerley or Wynnum parish are the closest for the Brisbane East Deanery area. For up to date information, please visit [www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com](http://www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com)

**CONSIDER SUBSCRIBING TO THE CATHOLIC LEADER ONLINE** to receive the weekly roundup - POPE Francis urged combatants to lay down their arms and stop the attacks as conflict in Israel and Palestine reheats after a string of surprise attacks from Hamas. At the end of his audience on Sunday, he said he was following the violence "with apprehension and sorrow". Like the fighting in Ukraine, the violence in Israel and Palestine was being accessed by millions as it was posted straight to social media. Pope Francis urged Catholics to take up the rosary. He called on Catholics to pray through the intercession of Mary "for the gift of peace for the many countries of the world marked by war and conflict".

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 25 :6-10    Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20    Matthew 22:1-14

## GATHERING HYMN

### SING A NEW SONG

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
Singing alleluia.*

All God's people dance with joy!  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for God with glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep.  
Your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,  
I know my Saviour lives.

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## GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
Peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you  
We give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy  
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of  
my life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might  
see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *(all bow)*  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to  
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### BREAD OF LIFE

*Chorus  
Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.*



As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise to return again.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain  
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,  
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus  
Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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