

NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the World Wide Web. The Web gave us access to the internet and revolutionised the way we communicate, work and learn, do business, seek entertainment and socialise. It is hard to believe that MySpace was launched a little over 15 years ago, with Facebook, Twitter YouTube, Instagram, and others following.

Half of the world's population is now online. Over 4.3 billion people are using the internet and 3.5 billion are social media users. Here in Australia, connectivity has also grown rapidly, with over 20 million people on the internet and 18 million using social media.

The internet and social networking platforms encompass so many aspects of our lives that it is virtually impossible to imagine a world that isn't online. Pope Francis has often spoken of the great potential for 'genuine human encounter' in this space: *Good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately, to grow in unity. The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God.* He has also warned of those elements of our digital world that are harmful – information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

There is a role here for the Church to accompany this generation of 'digital natives' as they grapple with how to use and manage the online world in healthy, life-giving ways. Young people also show us the many ways social media can be harnessed.

There are immense benefits for humanity: staying connected with family and friends – sometimes over vast distances; meeting people from diverse cultures and geographies; educational and economic opportunities for previously excluded groups; and greater participation in political life. Digital platforms have a role to call communities to action in the face of natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and human rights abuses.

Yet, for all its present and potential use for good, the 'web can be a place of loneliness, manipulation, exploitation and violence'. **The essential question is whether the current information system is contributing to the betterment of the human person; that is, does it make people more spiritually mature, more aware of the dignity of their humanity, more responsible or more open to others, in particular to the neediest and the weakest.**

The new digital media cannot be a place where anything goes. They cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'. Whenever we engage online we ought to be seeking both to create and to receive an authentic culture of encounter; an encounter that never loses sight of the human dignity in ourselves and those seemingly anonymous people on the other side of our screens.

2019-2020 Social Justice Statement "Making it Real"



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord; who raises up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Veronica Tremble, Daphne Danen, Ian Birchill, Michael Rigney and Ross Saffioti **recently deceased and also for** Begley and Bourke families, Natasha Anne Evans, Dennis DeMello Jr, Giuseppa Trimarchi, Vincent Long, Patrick Johnson, Patrick, Mary and Patricia O'Connell, Les Kamp, Christopher Parsons, Leoncio Rodriguez, Dennis Duncan, Ludovico Adraincem, Clarita Adraincem, Charles Ward and Lisa Orford.



Please remember the sick in your prayers -
James Bates, Maureen O'Connor, Daphne Wallace, Shirley MacFarlane, Carmen Turner, Zoe Searle, Marlyn and John Chester.

DATE CLAIMERS 2019

Sunday 22 September Social Justice Group meet at 9am
Tuesday 24 September Carer's Group meet at 10am
Thursday 26 September St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm
Thursday 3 October Liturgy Committee meet at 7pm
Friday 4 October Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall
29-31 October Celebrations for Sacrament of Confirmation for children enrolled

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - the Confirmation Program is now underway. We ask you take a name card from the basket and remember the candidates and their families in your prayers during this special preparation period. We look forward to this time with joy.



Couples celebrating their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** together with family & friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. As the Archdiocesan Assembly for the Plenary Council has been convened for the date we had previously advertised for this special occasion, the Mass will now be celebrated on **Saturday 28 September, @ 10.00am**. For catering purposes please RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

If you can comfortably commute to the Cathedral parish at least once every 3 months and would like to be-come a **VOLUNTEER WEBCASTER**, please email communications@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3227. This service is an invaluable assistance to people who are infirmed or shut-in.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME? Join the St Vincent's Blue Angel Volunteer Team! St Vincent's private hospital, Brisbane is a Catholic not-for-profit hospital specialising in medical care for those with chronic, complex and multiple health needs. We are looking to grow our volunteer team who support our hospital community in ward visits, supporting our Arts program, fundraising, spiritual care and administrative duties. Please contact Toni Leahy, Manager Volunteer Services (3240 1194) or email toni.leahy@svha.org.au for information about volunteer roles.

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13) Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

VOCATION VIEW: Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others? Pray for Vocations. To speak about your vocation please contact the Vocation Centre on 3324 3351.



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us
The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services –

The assistant priest unveiled the Church's new campaign slogan last week: "I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours!"

NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE
www.bulimbacatholic.com
 GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE
 School newsletter: www.stspp.qld.edu.au

'BECOMING A CATHOLIC' PROGRAM COMMENCING – our RCIA program for adults wishing to become Catholics is due to commence shortly. This special preparation program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) culminates in a beautiful ceremony during the Easter Vigil when the catechumen receives the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you would like to join others in this program, please contact the parish office (3399 2386) as soon as possible to enroll in the course.



GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION RAFFLE 2019 – Thank you to everyone who bought or took raffle tickets supporting the Sisters of Good Samaritan Foundation in their annual fundraiser. Please return all butts and money as soon as possible to the parish office.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – the Bulimba conference is seeking new members to assist with home visits. Two members are on call every afternoon, Monday to Friday, to visit the needy in their homes with food parcels. The demands of membership are not great. There is a meeting held twice a month and then availability for visits one day a week. Members would be unanimous in saying that this is a most rewarding apostolate. It fulfils Our Lord's commandment – "that you love one another as I have loved you," and also, reminds us that, "if you do this to one of my least brethren, you do it to me". Please contact the Parish Office 3399 2386.

SAVE THE DATE – the next parish 'Drop-In' morning will be on **Friday 4 October** at 10am in the Parish Hall. Everyone very welcome to come along and join in.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP meet Sunday morning after the 8am Mass. Anyone who is interested in social justice issues is very welcome to come along to the Parish Board Room.

CARERS' MEETING - morning tea for anyone caring for someone with a physical or mental illness on Tuesday 24 September in the Parish Hall at 10am. All welcome. For more details, please telephone Veronica on 3399 5076.



THANK YOU to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support of the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**. Your donation can be placed with the parish collection. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local Archdiocese.

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY – Friday 11 October 2019, 3:30pm-7:00pm. Bookings via website lhc.qld.edu.au

SAVE THE DATE – Saints Peter and Paul's Outside School Hours Care are celebrating 25 years with a Family Fun celebration evening. Monday 21 October 2019, 5pm-6:30pm with a jumping castle, games and face painting. Party food and birthday cake! Entrance via Victoria Street. RSVP to <https://www.trybooking.com/553283>

ROSTERS – Looking ahead

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers
29 September - Team 5 please arrange a substitute if not available
Children's Liturgy of the Word Roster
No Children's Liturgy during school holidays
Hospitality Roster
29 September – Angela Stephens and Patricia Sevele
13 October – Gonsalves Family and Brenda Hawke
Casserole Bank Roster
Group 4 – Please contact Peter Bolton

+ Liturgy this Week 23 September – 29 September 2019

MONDAY	-	St Pius of Pietrelcina	-
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	-		-
THURSDAY	10:00am		Funeral Mass for Ross Saffiotti
FRIDAY	8:00am 8:30am	St Vincent de Paul	Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm		Mass: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	<i>Readings – Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31</i>		

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass
MEDITATION	Tuesday at 4pm Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne

ENTRANCE HYMN

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people.
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

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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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your
resurrection, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

CENTRE OF MY LIFE

*CHORUS
O Lord, you are the centre of my life
I will always praise you
I will always serve you
I will always keep you in my sight*

Keep me safe O God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord "You are my God,
My happiness lies in you alone,
My happiness lies in you alone."

I will bless you, Lord, you give me counsel,
And even at night direct my heart.
I keep you, Lord, ever in my sight
Since you are at my right I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad
Even in safety shall my body rest
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

*We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another;
To walk humbly with God!*

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!

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