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NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For a faithful, humble and respectful honesty in responding to the invitation from our First Nations sisters and brothers – to Voice, Treaty and Truth ... Lord, hear our prayer.

On Saturday 14 October, Australians are, for the first time in a generation, going to vote in a referendum.

Unfortunately, we're out of practice in how to conduct ourselves in preparation for a referendum. This process is supposed to promote dialogue about the fundamental character and identity of our nation.

Yet passions can run hot, and misinformation is rife. How can we make sure our discussions with friends and family are respectful? How can we find reliable sources to ensure we make an informed choice? These seven **guiding practices** may help.

Practice 1: **Remember there is no right answer.**

Practice 2: **Don't approach a referendum as if it is an election.**

Practice 3: **Remember the Constitution belongs to all of us; we can change it.**

Practice 4: **Don't believe (or repeat) everything we hear.**

Practice 5: **It's OK to find this hard and confusing.**

Practice 6: **Don't be afraid of expertise.**

Practice 7: **If we don't know; listen and LEARN.**

Ultimately, the Voice proposal is about the dignity offered by listening to diverse opinions. Our challenge is to bring this same approach to our discussions about the referendum. These guiding practices can help.

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, Helen Wright and Candelario Iquin **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Jan Christer Wallenbrink, deceased members of Begley, Bourke, Hanly and McLachlan Families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Thomas, Joanne Keke and Lily Byrnes.



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

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 25 September - 1 October 2023			
Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	-	St Vincent de Paul	-
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	Adoration
Saturday	-	St Jerome	-
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Readings – Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Sunday 24 September
Social Justice Group meet at 9am

Tuesday 26 September
Carer's Group meet at 10am

Thursday 28 September
St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm

Monday 2 October
King's Birthday Public Holiday

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** will be closed on Mondays and Wednesdays for the next few weeks while parish staff are on annual leave. Apologies for the inconvenience.

CHURCH CANDLES - Lighting a votive candle is a prayer in action — an intercession to the Virgin Mary for someone who is ill or a special intention. We ask for a **gold coin donation** to cover costs and to support the Parish. Thank you.



THE CATHOLIC LEADER September edition with a focus on World Youth Day, is available at the church doors. Please place your money in the poor box.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will continue to be held while Fr Kevin is on annual leave. Please join on Friday at 8am in the church for prayer and worship.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will take a break during the school holidays and resume again at the 8am Mass on Sunday 8 October.

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

Paddy get a letter through the letterbox and it lands on the floor. In big bold letters on the front it says; 'DO NOT BEND'. Paddy's still there wondering how he's going to pick it up!

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: We can never be called 'generous'. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us. 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

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

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY ABUSE – You are invited to a special meeting of the **Our Lady of Graces Parish Social Justice Group**, to trial a new resource for churches. This is an assessment tool to ascertain the level of acceptance, preparedness, welcome, awareness and resources parishes might have to address the needs of those experiencing domestic and family abuse. The session will be facilitated by Our Lady of Graces parishioner, Carole Danby on behalf of Queensland Churches Together, and at the invitation of Henry Gorniak, Chair of the Parish Social Justice Group. Date: Tuesday 3 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Library (enter via Parish Office or Church), Our Lady of Graces Parish, 100 Mayfield Road, Carina.

MULTICULTURAL MASS 2023 - Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass. The Mass will be held on Sunday 24 September at 2:30pm Cathedral of St Stephen in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow. RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23. All are invited and all are welcome.

POSITION AVAILABLE – NEW FARM PARISH invites applications for the part-time position (3 months) of Parish Secretary, involving administration, secretarial and office support. Flexible hours on offer within a committed community. To apply for this position or to obtain further information, please visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=784650> and follow careers.

The successful candidate will also need to submit to a national criminal history/police check, possess a current Working with Children Blue Card and sign a Prior Conduct Declaration. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.



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

If you a manager or business owner, consider diversity of your workforce in your next hiring decision.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS – the next parish social justice meeting will be today (**Sunday 24th September**) at 9.00am in the Board Room. We will be looking at and discussing the Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2023-24, titled **Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.**

You are most welcome to join us. The link to the statement is: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

In the lead up to the Voice to Parliament Referendum, all Australians are being called to make a considered and informed decision regarding a constitutionally enshrined voice to parliament for First Nations Peoples. Evangelisation Brisbane will be offering an online version of *Uluru Statement of the Heart* discussion series to help Catholics take time to pray, read scripture and prepare to vote in a way that looks to the Gospel. Join in this free series of online discussions to be held Tuesdays 11am-12:15pm via Microsoft Teams. The next one will take place on 26 Sept, followed by 3 Oct and 10 Oct. *Register via email beache@bne.catholic.net.au*

DAILY MASS BOOKS – the parish office will soon be placing an order 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



BRISBANE EAST DEANERY SCRIPTURE GROUP will be looking at *St Paul's Letter to the Romans* with an 8-week study. Our Lady of Graces, Carina will be hosting a Wednesday 10.30am group in the Parish Library, beginning on 27 September. Please contact Louise 0456 700 040 ASAP to register or to obtain further details.

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 55 :6-9 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20:1-16

GATHERING HYMN

GLORY & PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*CHORUS Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of him
Who built the valleys and plains;
Praise the wonders our God
Has done in ev'ry heart that sings.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray.

God has watered our barren land
and sent his merciful rain
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink.

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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

The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen
to the words of your Son. 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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
We have already come,
'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God:
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God.

*CHORUS Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God.*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God:
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God.

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