

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Archdiocesan Prevention & Protection Policy

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It's nice listening to the final part of this Sunday's gospel *Matthew 13: 36-43*, with the disciples asking Jesus in private to explain what he meant by the parables about the darnel in the field. This must have been probably the part of the three parables Jesus used in his teaching that caught their attention; perhaps the one who asked, since the gospel writer did not give the name of the questioner. Perhaps, if 'they' didn't ask for further clarification we may not have got answers. Or maybe Jesus would have found another way to explain the parables he used.

So, that courage to ask brought about the key point of this Sunday's gospel- the Son of Man (the sower), world (field), the people of the kingdom (good seeds), the work of the evil one (the darnel), etc. Unlike before when people simply do what they are told these days' people ask questions; to know what they don't know, to be sure what they have heard or read, to know when, where and what is happening or just for the reason of asking. What all of these engender towards is conversation, which often times helps to smoothen rough edges possibly on how people relate with each other, interact and live within a given community. The fruits of these processes are abounding; deepened understanding and communion, shared gifts, skills, talents, knowledge and stories, community living and care etc.

But then there are times when these engendered conversations could be unsettling, edgy and naggy and we at times feel the safest way to go about it is simply to stay away from people which of course can be most helpful but also can be most certainly lonely.

There is a wise saying that goes thus: 'no one is an island'. Now this wise saying over time has been interpreted to mean various things mostly depending on the situations it has been used. However, in whichever case it's been used, it points to the fact that the presence of the other person brings something completely new. It may not be the best, but it is different and new. Even in the parable of the Sower, the Sower needs the ground in order to sow his seeds (well, this is me transliterating the parable) but it gives an idea of that complementarity that we share within a lived community.

Well, I might have consciously moved this reflection from its focus on the WORD of God sown in our hearts when we hear it and read into community living because this Sunday we celebrate "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly". Our Grandparents and the Elderly- nay Seniors hold a very unique place and bond in every lived community. They not only hold the history and virtue of the past, but they knit it together with the present and the future. And they share it with warmth, 'hug and hope, pray and pamper'. And so, we adore them, respect and cherish them for their undying snuggle. Thanks for never saying never.

Happy Sunday

Fr. Anthony

July 23rd

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Pope Francis' theme for 2023 is "His mercy from age to age" His Holiness believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between the generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

The theme of this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was chosen to express a link between the upcoming 2023 World Youth Day which has adopted the theme "Mary arose and went with haste" It highlights the young Mary who sets out to go and find her elderly cousin Elizabeth and the strength of the alliance between young and old.

At the entrance of the Church, you'll find some prayer card; our gift to you. Please take one with you as you leave & "Happy World Day for Grandparents & Seniors"!

A Prayer for as We Age....

All Gracious God, you have given me all I am and have, and now I give it back to you to stand under Your will alone. In a special way I give You these later years of my life. I am one of those called by You into old age, a call not given to all - not to Jesus, and not to a lot in our world today. I humbly ask You, grace me deeply in each aspect of my struggle.

As my eyesight fades, may the eyes of my faith strengthen, that I may see You and Your love in everything.

As my hearing fails, may the ears of my heart be more attentive to the whisper of Your gentle voice.

As my legs weaken and walking becomes more difficult, may I walk more truly in Your path, knowing all the while that I am held in the embrace of your love.

As my mind becomes less alert and my memory wanes, may I remain peaceful in You; aware that with You there is no need for thought or word. You ask simply that I be there with you.

And should sickness overtake me, and I be confined to my bed, may I know myself as one with Your Son, aware always that he offered his life for the salvation of the world.

And finally, as my heart slows a little after the work of the years, may it expand in love for You. May it rest secure and grateful in Your loving care until I am lost in You, completely and forever. Amen. Sr. Moya Hanlen



Congratulations to Kris Noah Teola

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased.

Bob McKinnon, Brian Nolan, Pat MacGinley, Mary Henkel, Paul Copeland, Monica Woolley, Maria Pinna, Sr Beryl Gleeson MSS, Bede Brittenden & Ashley Perkins who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time.

Ganden Cia Lazaga, Ferene Szabo, Mona Tom, Patricia Chapman, Marian Donco, Vincent Murphy, Bart Hosking, Pam Bryant, Tom West, Jean Goodwin, David Meagher, Jeff Jamieson, Bill McNulty, Joan Cuthill, Sheila McCarthy, Gertrude Grealy, Emmett Brown, Kath Haigh, Cyril Germain, Jean Jeffrey, Dave Jeffries, Bevan Dennien, Patricia Kelly, Mabel King, Bernadine Ven de Neys, Maureen Darch, Zbigniew Sudull, Guido Giacomoni, Marija Motika, Ronald Jordan, Christopher Gough, William Hughes, Pamela Bryant, Daniel Tully, John Kelly, Bob McNally, Frank Knox, Margaret Lomax, Donald Heron, Clive Maher, Sheila Conley & Doug Nagle.

Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.

Pat Hegarty, Ron Jones, Lorna Raffaut, Brian Wyvill, John Murray, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, Leo Berge, Shirley Armstrong, June Bell, Owen Bellamy, Mark Poole, Les Jacobs, Hunter Clist, Gerard Brown, Charlie Donaldson, Tegan Myerscough, Ken McKewin, Charlie Fletcher, Aileen Suhmann, Laurie Barron, Mike & Kaye Brown, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Gerry van Dinter, Helen Teys, Terry Farrelly, Margaret Evans, Michael Cooper & all our family & friends who require our prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Psalm Resp: Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Weekday Readings

Mon Ex 14:5-18; Ps Resp Ex15:1-6; Matt 12:38-42

Tues St James + Gloria 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 125; Matt 20: 20-28

Wed St's Joachim & Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin

Ex 16: 1-5,9-15; Ps 77:18-19,23-28; Matt 13:1-9

Thur Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Ps Resp Dan 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Fri Ex 20:1-17; Ps 18:8-11; Matt 13:18-23

Sat St's Martha, Mary & Lazarus

1 Jn 4:7-16; Ps 33:2-11; Jn 11:19-27

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Psalm Resp: Lord, I love your commands.
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

Reconciliation Action Plan Progress

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group has been working hard to progress this important work at St Peter's School, and we hope to launch our RAP later this term. The Working Group is made up of school officers and classroom teachers, as well as members of the support and leadership teams who work in consultation with community members and Brisbane Catholic Education Office staff.

Later this term we will formally consult with our First Nations parents and carers to gain their vision, insight, and experience before finalising and launching our RAP. We are also excited to officially share a piece of art that was commissioned by the school last term!

This week, our First Nations students joined with students from St Columban's College to celebrate NAIDOC Week. I look forward to sharing more about this experience in the coming weeks.

Take care and go gently – Catherine

From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

This week at the College has been nothing short of remarkable as we celebrated NAIDOC week with great enthusiasm and respect. Our lunchtime activities were a vibrant showcase of indigenous culture, featuring mesmerising basket weaving, captivating cultural dances, and awe-inspiring painting sessions. The College came alive as we all immersed ourselves in the richness of First Nations' traditions and heritage. On Thursday, we were honoured to have First Nation students from St Peter's Primary School to join us for a full-day immersion, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of their culture among our community members.

Embracing our spirit of giving back, Tuesday afternoon saw the launch of our advocacy activity, 'Uniform for Kids.' Students creatively utilized old school uniforms and police uniforms to design clothes for children in need, promoting sustainability and charity.

Thursday night marked a show-stopping opening night for our musical, High School Musical, leaving the audience spellbound with exceptional talent and performance. Congratulations to all involved! Finally, we ended the week on a warm note, welcoming the community to join us for breakfast and Mass on Friday. The sense of togetherness and gratitude filled the air, thanking everyone who attended for making this week so unforgettable. Many blessings Ange.

Growing St Peter's Meeting this Monday at 4.00.

- Reviewing the St Peter's Feast Day Mass
- Teresa McGrath Evangelisation Brisbane leads an inspiring YouTube presentation on Parish Communities. Everyone is welcome!

Please note the meeting is in the Church.

Little Flower Hospitality Group Meeting: this Monday, at 10am at the Church. New members welcome.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Thank you to everyone who attended our Biggest Morning Tea last Wednesday.

It was a wonderful morning thoroughly enjoyed by all who were there. Of course, it could not have been the success it was without the helping hands and support of so many people. A big thank you to the Knights of the Southern Cross, St Peter's Primary School, the Chatters Ladies and our guest Speaker Rhona who shared her journey as a Cancer Carer. We know there were so many others who in one way or another contributed to the morning so please know our gratitude and appreciation for who you are. Lastly to all those who attended and/or bought tickets in the raffle; through you we raised \$2609.45 for Cancer research **THANKYOU SO MUCH!**

Fr Anthony's Ordination Anniversary

You might like to wish Fr Anthony a happy 7th Anniversary of his Ordination for this Sunday 23rd July. We wish him many, many, many & many more! There might even be a healthy morning tea at the Office this week for him!

Work Health & Safety Audit this Friday

As mentioned in last week's newsletter our Parish will undergo an Archdiocesan internal WH&S Audit. These are 'pre-checks' to an external one and a good indication as to how our Parish responds to the implementation of a good standard of WH&S. During the past week we have looked at our general housekeeping – thankyou, we think the results were very good (Let's see what the auditor thinks!) I came across a great way of implementing WH&S protocols last week and think we should adopt it for our Parish, its called T.E.A.M Safety – what do you think.....

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Parish Collections: Parish Giving for 15/16 July \$5519.30
Thank you for your constant support of our Parish both financially and prayerfully.

Parish Mass Schedules

Little Flower: Bribie Island
Sat 6.00pm & Sun 8.00am
Tues 5.00pm & Thur 9.15am

St Peter's: Caboolture
Sat 6.00pm, Sun 10.00am & 5.00pm
Wed 9.30am
St Columban's: Fri 7.45am

St Mary's: Woodford
Sun 8.00am
Mon 9.30am

St Michael's: Kilcoy
Sun 10.00am
Thurs 5.30pm

Parish Reconciliation Times

Individual: 5.00pm Little Flower & St Peter's every Sat night. Outside of these times please contact the Office.