

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Life in Mission like Christ

A life lived for a mission. We are all born with a mission. We celebrate and reflect the fifth Sunday in the ordinary time. In the gospel passage Jesus Christ went to Simon Peter's house and cured his mother-in-law. And afterward's He cured sick people who were brought to him, cast out demons, taught the Word of God to people and preached the Kingdom of God. It means that His total life was in mission to bring all the people closer to God and give salvation to them.

Let us reflect about our life. The life of our faith, life in the family, life of a widow, life as a single person, life of a student. God created each one of us for a purpose. But many times, we can see that the very purpose or the call that we have received makes us feel more burden and restless like Job in the first reading. In the words of Job, life is drudgery. But it would be bearable when we have a sense of mission. The belief that everything that we are living and doing is up to us to decide. Because we are given the freedom to choose what we like in this world. As the children of God, our life should be in service of God. On the other hand the perspective of St. Paul is precisely that. St. Paul says in the second reading that he is a slave to all in order to win into salvation. He is a servant of the gospel, preaches to others, and brings others to Christ. So St. Paul had a life with mission and he did this till the end of his life.

So for this Sunday, let us remember this always in our mind that we are born with a mission and our Christian mission is to sanctify our life and also to build up the attitude of life in mission. This leads us to living our life to the fullest. If you are finding your life burdensome as of this moment and we see it as our mission. Many times on a personal note from my life, I feel priesthood is difficult and burden. But I console myself by saying "You are a priest for others and not for yourself." It gives me a good feeling and I am happy about it.

Let us remind ourselves that we are all given the responsibility to carry on the mission and living my life in a way I am expected to live today is more important. Today I believe that fulfilling the mission of Christ makes our life meaningful. Jesus lived His life with mission and fulfilled it to the end. May we imitate the life and discipline of Jesus. The life lived with a mission and a life lived for mission is rewarding and blessing to ourselves and to our families.

Be a missionary by doing the will of God.

Fr Krupa MSsCc

A Farewell Note from Fr Akesh

“Go to the whole world and preach the Good News”.

Three months were like three days, it went in a pinch. I will really miss each of you and living in Caboolture. I feel like I just started my ministry, got almost settled and now going to new place, it is heartbreaking. I am going to miss this place; a place of learning. It is in this place, I started my ministry, it is in this place where I learnt and got to know many things. It is in this place where I learnt the traditions and culture of this place. It is this place where I adapted the Aussie culture and became an Aussie.

I know some of you are going to miss me but never say bye to me, I will come back again to Living Waters someday. I take this opportunity to thank all of you who directly or indirectly helped to form me and helped me to learn things here. Thank you for your welcoming heart, support and guidance, cooperation, kind gesture of appreciation and approach and lovely smiles on your face always encouraged me to do my ministry here. You all really made me feel at home here.

I am not going to say goodbye to all of you and to this place because goodbye means going away and going away means forgetting. I am not going to forget this place and all of you, first place, first ministry first people, nobody forgets.

Some of you were mothers and fathers to me, some of you were brothers and sisters to me and some of you became good friends to mine. I will never forget the bond I have for this place and for you all. You are good, lovely and kind. I really appreciate all your constant support to me and the assistance you have provided me on multiple occasions has been invaluable.

It was great working with all of you. You have truly made a lasting impact on me, and one that has changed me for the better in many ways. I will miss you all very much. I will always be grateful to have worked with each one of you. Although I am excited for tomorrow, I also feel a bit sad today to say farewell to all of you.

It was a pleasure to learn from each one of you. I look forward to staying in touch with you moving forward. I assure you my prayers and I request all of you to pray for me.

Thank you, St. Peter's, Thank you Little Flower, Thank you St. Mary's, Thank you St. Michael's

It is my honour and privilege to thank Rev. Fr. David, Rev. Fr. Krupa, Sharron and Kath for their support, care, love, and assistance. It was great honour to work with you all and learn a lot of lessons from you. It is you who trained me and taught me and guided me in my ministry. It is not enough to thank you, but I will be always grateful to you all. I thank you from bottom of my heart and assure you my prayers always. God bless you all! *Fr. Akesh*

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEDNESDAYS MASS AT ST PETER'S WILL BE IN THE MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE IN THE SCHOOL. PLEASE JOIN OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND THEY GIVE THANKS TO GOD AND CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. FR KRUPA WILL LEAD THE MASS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE STUDENTS.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14th FEBRUARY

On Ash Wednesday we mark ourselves with ashes as a 'new beginning' allowing the life of Jesus Christ to make us whole and new again. It has been a long Catholic tradition to begin these 40 days of Penitence by gathering for Eucharist.



Mass times across our Parish will be:

Little Flower: 9.15am

St Peter's: 9.30am and 6.00pm

St Mary's: 4.00pm

St Michaels': 6.00pm

The church also asks all its members to mark the day by fasting and also abstaining from eating meat.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS GROUPS

With Lent just around the corner we turn our thoughts to Lenten Discussion Groups. This year's theme 'a Resurrected Life' invites you to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears – a hope grounded in a God who transfigures our wounds, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by a small reflection on the scripture, a thought or two on how to put the word into practice and concludes with a prayer. If you would like to form a group or travel on your own through Lent and would like one of these resource books, please write your name on the sheets at the rear of the church this weekend please.



St Peter's Primary School
Principal: Mr Matt Mackinlay

News from Our Schools

St Columban's College
Principal: Mr Michael Connelly



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Barry Gravener, Muriel Lawson, Gene Rosenblatt,
Margaret Genery, Baby Genery, Pat Stinson,
Margaret Ryan, John Ruff, Angela Edwards,
Kristy Silk, Laurie Holdsworth, Kevin Cranston,
Beryl Mulligan, Dudley Chilcott.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time.

Jim Gargan, Jan Maloney, Jim Smith, Peg O'Sullivan,
Norma Schott, Dora Loi, Mandie Mills, Ev Kildey,
Joyce Nagel, Eunice Stringfellow, Antonio Ianella,
Danny Drew, Des O'Reilly, Kev Byrnes, John Barlow,
Iren Mihaluti, Bernadette Duckworth, Cath Ross,
Helen Stevens, Kath Street, Gregoria Grimstone, Maria
Mari, Maurice Cohen, Franc Vravnik, Jack O'Brien,
Brigid Jones, Carole Elton, Pat Rebgetz, Beatrice
Evans, Eric O'Keefe, Ken Astbury, George Fewkes,
Russell Day, Chris Bertoni & Kevin Mewburn.

Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.

Tricia Fischer, Sandra McShane, Joshua & Myra
Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Recy & Loycito Dampil,
Roger L'Huillier, Anne Kelly, Marlyn Hooper, Czes
Parchimowicz, Della Lopez, Teresa Mills, Barbara
O'Neill, Arthur & Eileen Hangan, Pat Hegarty, Brian
Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell,
Ken McKewin, Laurie Barron, Susanne Weir, Jessica
Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ted
Hawkins, Ray Davis, Helen & Gerry Van Dinter,
Gerard Brown.

Sunday 4th Feb is World Cancer Day

Let us pray for our families and friends who are fighting this disease. We offer them to the protection of God.

Loving Father, wrap your comforting arms around those facing cancer. Grant them strength to endure, hope to persevere and healing to overcome. Shower them with love, courage and resilience. May they find solace in their journey, knowing they are not alone. Amen.

Parish Collections



Parish Giving for 27/28 January \$4015.20

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 Michael's: Kilcoy
Sun 10.00am
Thurs 5.30pm

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

Parish Reconciliation Times

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7
Psalm Resp: *Praise the Lord, who hears the broken hearted.*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Weekday Readings:

Mon: St Agatha 1 Kg 8:1-7,9; Ps 131:6-10; Mark 6:53-56
Tues: St Paul Miki & Companions 1 Kg 8:22-23,27-30;
Ps 83:3-5,10-11; Mark 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kg 10:1-10 ; Ps 36:5-6,30-31,39-40; Mark 7:14-23
Thur: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 105:3-4,35-37,40; Mark 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kg 11:29-32,12:19; Ps 80:10-15; Mark 7:31-37
Sat: St Scholastica 1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34;
Ps 105: 6-7, 19-22; Mark 8:1-10

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2,44-46
Psalm Resp: *I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation,*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



This Sunday marks Word of God Sunday. Pope Francis reminds us that when we read the Scriptures, we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers." (*Aperuit Illis*, 8) We are encouraged to see this day of the Word of God as a year-long event, where we grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year.

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