

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

Beachmere, Little Flower Bribe Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Some New Words for a New Step....

I would have liked to add another word to the title above. Instead of the few full stops, . . . , I would have liked to add the word "forward." However, I hesitate! We hear Jesus speak this Sunday in the words of that familiar parable of the sower of seeds, and he exhorts those to whom he speaks, "Listen, anyone who has ears!" Jesus asks us to be attentive to his words, and in this way, as we listen and really hear, to surely open the ears of our hearts to hear God's Word. That is, a word, as prophet Isaiah reminds us, "does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." Jesus, as this living and present Word of God to us today, is successful in what he is sent to do, even as "success" comes through suffering and death, as a way to resurrection, and as the way to bringing us all with him into new and eternal life!

In the Light of this Word, we too have some new words today that will hopefully bring us along the way to more days of new life, and hopefully ways "forward." On Tuesday this week we received words of the "easing of restrictions for places of worship," from the Queensland Government. This easing applies to us in the Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. As we have moved along in these last months of the reality of Covid 19 among us, we have together followed the health directives that seek to bring us life. We have been fortunate! Now, we are entering Stage 3 of the "Roadmap" to the easing of restrictions in Queensland, even as we are deeply aware of the suffering of our Australian brothers and sisters, particularly in Victoria, and, of course, in so many countries across the world.

We have recently enjoyed the move to having six Masses on the weekend, with 20 people at each Mass. We have from this weekend now moved to six masses with a larger number of people, relative to the size of our Church buildings: 77 at Little Flower, 66 at St Peter's, 38 at St Mary's, and 28 at St Michael's. Unfortunately, we have not been able to gather in Beachmere, but we look forward to when we are able to do so. Also, we cannot fit 100 people in any of our Church buildings, while holding onto the 1.5 metre requirement of distance between people. However, we can now sing! ☺ We no longer have to simply hum along! Also, we will be able to have up to 100 people for funerals. And soon, we will be able to have gatherings after Mass. While these gatherings too will come with requirements, we look forward to the opportunity that these gathering will bring us to get together again. More on this possibility soon!

Our Living Waters Parish is rich in so many, many ways, and most especially because of who we are, and who we are together across our communities, and in each of our places. However, we are also limited in our resources, especially given the restrictions that we called to follow, which are fundamentally to keep us all safe and well for each other. These are the Key Public Health Rules Which Continue for Us:

- Physical distancing – 1.5 metres
- Hand Hygiene – washing hands
- Respiratory hygiene – coughing or sneezing into elbow

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- Tracking, tracing, rapid response – keeping names of those gathered for 56 days for each service
- Frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection

So, we are limited in what we can accomplish, but we are open, and we are gathering together as a parish and as communities for Mass. We continue to be a positive Sign of Jesus' life giving presence in our part of the world. We would not have been able to do this without Sharron, who has been untiring in her efforts to carefully manage people's attendance at Mass, contacting people, obtaining Readers for Ministry, Monitors to record people's names, and those to undertake the required cleaning after Mass. We have continued caring for the sick and dying, - and, I need to thank Audrey for putting herself forward again at her Ministry at the hospital, and Fr Lucius for his energy and commitment, and care for the sick and dying - and we have begun again to have the Sacrament of Baptism, and so receive the gift of new life, which the Spirit of Jesus brings with these children and their families.

However, we have also and remain limited in what we can accomplish. Parishioner's "normal" generosity has been limited. Financial contributions by people have been significantly restricted, and while we are going OK, we, like many people and institutions around us are aware of the negative impact of this limitation.

All this being said we are people of the Word, God's Word: and this is a hopeful Word that brings life. Let's spread that Word as best we can even in the circumstances of these difficult and challenging days!

Blessings,

Fr David

News Around the Parish

With some easing of restrictions now in place we are delighted to see some of our Parish groups returning to normal activities - of course always adhering to the Industry safe Covid 19 plan.

***For all those who are involved in the RCIA at St Peter's you are invited to attend the first meeting this coming Thursday night in Mary Mackillop Hall starting at 6pm.*

***All our St Vincent De Paul Conferences across the Parish are now back to meeting monthly again and being an ever present assistance to those in need.*

***The Ladies Prayer Group and St Peter's Craft Group meet weekly at Colleen's house. For enquiries please ph Colleen or the Parish Office.*

***The Sewing Group at St Mary's begins this Tuesday, the ladies are very excited about getting back together once more.*

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

This Sunday - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matt 13:1-23

Weekday Readings During Easter Time

Monday Isaiah 1:10-17; Matt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Isaiah 7:1-9; Matt 11:20-24

Wednesday St Bonaventure Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Matt 11:15-27

Thursday Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matt 11:28-30

Friday Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matt 12:1-8

Saturday Micah 2:1-5; Matt 12:14-21

Next Sunday - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Matt 13:24-43

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Lionel Henschell, Monica Marshall, Michael Jeszczenko, Joe Majtczak, Grant Butterfield, Ignazio La Spina, Peter Fuller, Mervyn McAndrew, Vivian Vieritz, Heather Holsinger, Damian Quinn, Michael O'Shea, Doreen Murphy, Loreta Checa, Hank Damen, Ray Latcham, Vince Roberti, Ray Kerr, Edgar Checa, Colleen Stiller, Terence Gearing, who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Who's Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Gerald Sullivan, Frank Cuskelly, Kata Lendel, Dan Flynn, Helen Turner, Laurie Lathan, Lorna Lane, Derek Holcroft, Bill Jeffrey, Jim Mannion, Mary Petty, Jim Corbin, Kathleen Griffin, John Deguara, Ana Cabrea, Brian Sullivan, Dick Beighton, Rose Turner, Horst Gross, Margaret Gillan, Sharon Adams, Bernice Pauli, Elaine Eierman, Jan West, Dorothy Scott, Brian Heath, Ian Hobbins, Joe Visentin, Joy Luhrmann, Aileen Criss and Cushla McLennan

Our Parishioners who are Sick

Don Joiner, Nicole Harvey, Kathy Gibbs, Margaret Kelly, Ken Thomas, Carmel Salgado, Ted & Julie Hawkins Mark Kennedy.

Dear heavenly Father

bless me with the strength and determination to always put my faith in You regardless of the situation I find myself in.



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