

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st / 22nd August, 2021

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### Parish Website

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### Archdiocesan Prevention & Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility

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At times, when we come to the cross road of life, we are confused about which way to go. These are moments when we must make the right decisions, and the decisions and choice we make at such great moments shape our future. With this in mind, the Church encourages us to always remain with Christ, the Holy One of God.

At such cross roads, we have the option of choosing between responding to God's call and abandoning it. Thankfully, God is always there to enlighten us to make the right choice. In our first reading, having almost come to the end of his mission, Joshua reminded Israel of how faithful and good the Lord has been to them. Finally, he challenged them: "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve..." Their response was quite rapid and positive: "We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God..." Of course, as most of people do, they spoke well. Unfortunately, they did not keep their promise. As soon as Joshua was gone (Judges 1-12), they ran to other gods. The psalmist says: "Those who run to other gods multiply their sorrows" (Ps 16, 4). Indeed, they multiplied their sorrows through their own decision and choice.

In our second reading, Paul employs the analogy of marriage, to explain and to remind us of the type of relationship that should exist between Christ and us, His disciples. Paul describes this relationship as a mystery with many implications. It is a relationship based on mutual love for one another. Such a relationship is devoid of deceit. Rather, it is based on trust and faith. It is a relationship that endures the test of the time.

In today's gospel, after the bread of life discourse, some followers of Christ were disappointed. What they heard was not what they expected to hear from Christ. This teaching is too difficult for us! You are complicating our lives! They could not take it anymore. For this reason, many of them abandoned Him.

So, turning to his own disciples, Christ asked: "What about you, do you want to go away too?" This question from Christ is like Joshua's. It leaves one with an option to remain with or, to abandon Christ at difficult moments in life. It is like saying, if you too are not convinced and comfortable with this truth, you may also leave.

Many of us come to Christ thinking that everything must be easy. Some come with a very shallow faith. Yet, some of us come with fixed expectations and just to hear only what we wish to hear. So, if our expectations are not met, we quit, and bid Christ farewell. So, the question today is, how many times have we abandoned God and his church especially, at difficult moments in life?

Finally, there are inevitable moments in life when the authenticity of our faith and fidelity to God must be tested by the fire of afflictions (1 Pt 1:7). Then, only true disciples will stand with Christ to say: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the word of eternal life... You are the Holy One of God." Or, like Joshua say: "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." So, our song must always be: "I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no going back."

Blessings

Fr Jacob

# Baptism

Congratulations to  
**Bobby Griffiths, Boz Ang  
& Samuel Salmucci**  
who will be Baptised into our Parish  
Family this weekend.

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## Our Parish Sacramental Program

Congratulations to *Xiana Pearl Bello,*  
*William & Harry Bassingthwaighte*  
*Kian Baltazar, Michael Crausos,*  
*Cian Dionsay, Karylle Echavez, Jazzy Florida,*  
*Mhikaella Fernando, Ethan Halili,*  
*Perseus Maratas, Jaysean Martinez,*  
*Kath Nguyen, William & Abigail Robinson,*  
*Matt Daniel Sabandal & Keance Verona*  
who will be Confirmed in the Spirit and welcome  
to the Table of the Lord for the First time and to  
*Keshaun Lavisores who confirms his Baptism*  
this Sunday at St Michael's Kilcoy.  
May the Spirit gently guide you always.

Heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make our  
celebrations such a beautiful experience for our young  
people and their families. You helped create memories  
that will stay with them forever.

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## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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### **"Be blessed & bless others with your gift"**

This weekend Parishes across the Archdiocese will join in support of the Annual Catholic Campaign, financially supporting the Holy Spirit Seminary, the Priests Foundation, Centacare & the Mary McKillop Schools Trust Fund. Envelopes were available at the front of the Church and can be returned in anyone of the collection plates or dropped into to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these very important entities of our Church.

### Will You Join Us ??

#### National Day of Prayer - The Church Together

This Sunday, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local and national communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19. We know very well the suffering that the Pandemic has brought to our community: but we also need to look beyond our shores to the devastation in other countries. The theme is "Lord have mercy" and calls people from every corner of our country to unite in prayer. We ask that you might find a moment in your own Sunday to join in prayer and ask God to calm our fears, strengthen our resolve and sustain our hope – "Lord have mercy"

#### VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION

There is a new online resource that gives voice to the Church's "care first" approach to end of life. This resource is located on the Brisbane Catholic education "Catholic Identity" website page at: <https://catholicidentity.bne.catholic.edu.au/resources-tools/SitePages/Webinar%20-%20HOPE%20-%20The%20%27Care%20First%27%20approach%20to%20end%20of%20life%20care.aspx?web=1> I recommend this resource to you as MPs come to debate this question.

*Fr David*



Plenary Council 3 - 10 October

The Fifth Plenary Council is a once in a generation hope for the future of a revitalised church in Australia.

Pope Francis affirms that 'this path of synodality' is precisely what "God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

By gathering to discuss the working document and the agenda for the Council and then submitting the results of our discussion, we are in poll position to move into a new and fresh future as we seek the way of being church in Australia.

May the Holy Spirit give us the courage, the boldness and the humility to convey the freshness of the Gospel.

Please accept the invitation you received on entering the church today.

**Chatters will meet in the Mary McKillop Hall,  
Caboolture on Tuesday 14th September at 9.30am  
All welcome!**

From the Desk of Mrs Lisa Freeth (APRE)

Last Sunday, I had the absolute privilege of joining 36 St Peter's students as they celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. It was a very proud occasion for the children and their families as they renewed their baptismal promises and embraced their journey as a full member of the Catholic Church. As a school community, we are extremely grateful to Fr David and the parish team, especially Sharron who worked tirelessly to ensure this occasion was so special, despite the restrictions in place.



From the Desk of Mrs Raechel Fletcher (APRE)

Raechel is away from her desk this week but looks forward to seeing Parishioners back with the Students & Staff next Friday at the College Chapel for Mass.

*Please Remember in Your Prayers*

*Our Recently Deceased*

*William Miller, Celene Hytten, Len Osborne, Joaquina C. Campoy, Jeff Jamieson, Maurice Neale, Rita Van Dinter, Mary Cave, Elva Polito, Win Robson, who have recently gone to their eternal reward.*

*Those Who's Anniversaries Occur at This Time*

*James Carpenter, Len Murray, Bill Dearlove, Joshua Eusebo, Michael Lynch, Max Donnelly, Dick Kean, Majella Mathieson, Stan Holloway, Celestino Campos, Jeffrey Jones, James O'Rielley, Margaret Vinsentin, Ben Kelleher, Bruce Hooper, Francis Rutledge, Mary Jack, Kevin Gilbert, Doreen Drew, Peter Burgess, Tom Heeney, Moya McVeigh, Beryl Fleming, Joe Toth, Harry Phillips, Mary Davidson, Jimmie Castles & Eddie Ryan.*

*Our Parishioners who are Sick*

*Col McLaughlin, Dilar Francisco, John Murray, Judy Bakhsh, Ninfa Dickfos, Paul & Eleanor Copeland, Brian Smith, Kaye Johns, Gerry & Justin Toussaint, Helen Teys, Kay Berge, Mark Wheatley, Anton Lenhart, Nicholas Edwards, Carmel Pitman, Julie Hawkins, Margaret Anne, Eugenio Sangle, Henry Uy, Joana Van Laart, Bede & Louisa Brittenden, Miriam Gittins, Tracey Morgan, Abel McHugh, , Rita Hyde, Nicole Harvey, Margaret Kelly, Mark Kennedy, Eileen Ryan & Patricia Twinchek.*

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

**This Sunday - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

**Weekday Readings:**

**Monday** 1 Thess 1:1-5,8-10; Matt 23:13-22

**Tuesday** St Bartholomew Apoc 21:9-14; John 1:45-51

**Wednesday** 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:27-32

**Thursday** 1 Thess 3:7-13; Matt 24:42-51

**Friday** St Monica 1 Thess 4:1-8; Matt 25:1-13

**Saturday** St Augustine 1 Thess 4:9-11; Matt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Duet 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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