

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th / 17th July 2022

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Love, Justice, and Housework

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Martha is trying to feed Jesus and his disciples. Even if Jesus came with only his twelve apostles, that still makes lunch for 13. With a modern kitchen, lunch for so many is not easy to prepare. I have no idea how Martha could manage it with whatever kitchen she had. And it's worse for her because she is stuck doing it by herself. Her sister Mary is sitting on the floor by Jesus listening to him. How unjust to Martha is that?

Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

So no wonder Martha nudges Jesus and insists that he tell Mary to get a move on into the kitchen, helping with housework. Fair is fair! Jesus is supposed to be the greatest upholder of justice. Fairness to women should be part of his concern, too, shouldn't it? Where is the fairness to Martha in Jesus' being an enabler of Mary's failure to help in the kitchen?

But fairness to Mary is precisely what Jesus is protecting by refusing to send her into the kitchen, isn't it? The best thing in the world is to be by Jesus, to love him, to learn from him, to give yourself to him. And Jesus will not let lunch take that best thing away from Mary. What justice would there be if he did? Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

But, you might say, what about Martha? Where is the fairness for Martha here? And what if Martha has wanted to sit by the Lord, too. Then what have happened to lunch? But think about it. Is there really *no* other way that lunch could have got on the table, without forcing Mary (or Mary and Martha) away from the Lord? Couldn't some of those male disciples have made lunch, for example? For that matter, couldn't the Lord who fed the five thousand miraculously have managed to feed a mere dozen or so in the same way? As far as that goes, what's wrong with their all fasting on this occasion?

In protecting Mary as he does in this story, Jesus protects all women. The need for somebody to do manual labor is not a reason to make a woman give up her heart's desire for learning and service in the Lord. *Eleonore Stump*

In light of the above reflection on today's gospel, the following Motions accepted at last week's Plenary Council are important:

PART 4: Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men

MOTION 4.1 This Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to acting in ways that witness clearly to the equal dignity of women and men, with their diverse gifts and experiences. It commits the Church to enhancing the role of women in the Church, and to overcoming assumptions, culture, practices, and language that lead to inequality.

MOTION 4.2 That the Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to ensuring:

- through formal policies and intentional practice, the experiences, and perspectives of women, including women who exercise ministry, are heard, considered and valued at local, diocesan and national levels. This is particularly important for matters which affect them distinctively;
- that women are appropriately represented in decision-making structures of Church governance at the parish, diocese or eparchy, and national level, and in Church agencies, entities, and organisations;
- that dioceses and eparchies recognise and value publicly, and properly remunerate, women who lead and serve in the Church in various ways.

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MOTION 4.3

That each Australian diocese and eparchy commits to supporting, with appropriate formation and recognition, new opportunities for women to participate in ministries that engage with the most important aspects of diocesan and parish life.

MOTION 4.4

That the Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to implementing more fully the undertakings made by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in their Social Justice Statement, *Woman and Man: The Bishops Respond* (2000), in response to the research report *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus* (1999).

MOTION 4.5

That, should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorise the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops receive this possibility with openness and examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm Resp: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Weekday Readings:

Mon: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 49:8-9,16-17,21,23;
Matt 12:38-42

Tues: Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 84:2-8; Matt 12:46-50

Wed: Jer 1:1,4-10; Ps 70: 1-6,15,17; Matt 13:1-9

Thur: Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Ps 35:6-11; Matt 13:10-17

Fri: *St Mary Magdalene Mass of the Feast + Gloria*

Song 3:1-4; Ps 62:2-6,8-9; John 20:1-2,11-18

Sat: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 83:3-6, 8,11; Matt 13:24-30

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm Resp: *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross

Members are advised that the Executive meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am & General meeting on Thursday 21st at 6.00pm Both meetings will take place in Mary McKillop Hall.

Little Flower Hospitality Group

are hosting a **Chit-Chat Luncheon** at the **Bribie RSL** in the **SMALL TERRACE - BOTANIC DINING** on **Monday 25th July at 1pm**. Come along and enjoy this gathering as it is open to **all parishioners MALE & FEMALE**. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP Diane 0408 828 047; Sue 0459 439 099 or Marilyn 0407 486 328

Parish Office Hours will return to normal opening times from this Tuesday 8.30am - 4.00pm. Thank you for your consideration & support of the staff.



Zion Arnado

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Brian Smith, Gerard Kennedy, Kevin Long, John West, Molly Berry, Ian Keen, Agnes Watkins, Georgina Lamond, Mick Casey, Cora Box, Jim Kelly & Marie Toomey who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Who's Anniversaries Occur at This Time

John Collins, Donna Morros, Horst Gross, Margaret Gillan, Sharon Adams, Bernice Pauli, Elaine Eiderman, Jan West, Dorothy Scott, Brian Heath, Ian Hobbins, Joe Visentin, Joy Luhrmann, Aileen Criss, Jack Connolly, Phyllis McClymont, Brian Connell, Lance Blackney, Sr Marcella Lorenze, Mary Cave, Maurice Neale, Ferenc Szabo, Mona Tom, Patricia Chapman, Marion Doneo, Vince Murphy, Bart Hosking, Pam Bryant, Jean Goodwin, David Meagher & Jeff Jamieson.

Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

Ron Criss, Des Kelly, Joe Flynn, Elmer Rayton, Gwen Bazzo, Leo Schneider, Nikki Williams, Bev McCarthy, Kathryn Mobley, Laurie Barron, Bozidar Howard, Arthur Hangan, Margaret Ryan, Pat Stinson, Peter Glover, Vonnie Barraclough, Cameron Boxsell, Beris Burns, Gerry van Dinter, Mike & Kaye Brown, Susan Genery, Terry Farrelly, Jim Breene, Catherine Johnson, Judy Wade, Jessica Timson, Susanne Weir, Heidi Greentree, Kerry & Felicity McGill, Noah Irvine, Dawn & John Roberts, Les Stephenson, Anton Lenhart, Anne Iverson, Michael Cooper, Col McLaughlin, Helen Teys, Kay Berge, Nicholas Edwards, Joana Van Laart, Bede Brittenden, Miriam Gittins, Tracey Morgan, Abel McHugh, Rita Hyde, Margaret Kelly, Patricia Twinchek & Eileen Ryan.

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Concluding Statement - A Final Word from the Second Assembly

Gathered by God, and called together by the church in the name of Christ Jesus, the members of the Plenary Council have sought to be faithful to their commission to listen to and hear “what the Spirit is saying to the Churches” (Rev 3:22). The agenda and motions of the second assembly drew together the four years of the fruits of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment which have been the marks of this long Plenary journey.

Since the Council was convoked, the fortunes of the world, the patterns of Church life and the rhythms of daily life have been disrupted by Pandemic, natural disasters and war. In turn, these unforeseen events have affected the course of this Council. Despite these obstacles, the Council has met, engaged in prayerful communal discernment, spirited and creative discussion, and adopted concrete outcomes which are sure signs of the Holy Spirit's work.

This process has been an expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the church's life in the third millennium. Synodality is the way of being a pilgrim church, a church that journeys together and listens together, so that we might more faithfully act together in responding to our God-given vocation and mission. As Pope Francis has noted, and we have experienced, synodality is “an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practise”. Embedding these practises of listening and discernment will continue to be essential dimensions of the implementation of this Plenary Council. They will re-shape our engagement with the world, our evangelising mission and our works of service in a rapidly changing environment. The work has only begun.

Some moments of this second assembly have been calm and harmonious, others tense and difficult. But every moment has been blessed; the entire week has been grace-filled, through never a cheap grace. The Holy spirit has been both a comforter and a disrupter. Throughout the assembly, diverse views and approaches were named, occasionally appearing to be irreconcilable. At a pivotal juncture in the assembly, some of these differences helped move the Council from having a process to being-in a process; from following an agenda to following the Holy Spirit into the unknown. Not only did this moment overturn the timetable and order of proceedings; it also meant that we had to address strongly-felt emotions. The days that followed established new patterns of listening and dialogue, which are nascent but real. We trust that the God who overturned our smooth predictabilities and led us into new territory will continue to open up the pathway before us.

Framed by silent prayer and rituals of the liturgy, the assembly traversed many topics, both formally and informally, gathered around the tomb of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in the hall, in the Cathedral, and in other gathering spaces. We sprinkled as to express our deep lament and our commitment to justice and healing, as we acknowledged the trauma of those abused in the Church. We sought forgiveness for the wounds inflicted by European settlement and said “sorry” to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in and beyond the Church for the trauma they still suffer. Calling upon Christ the healer, and drawing on the words of Pope St. John Paul II, the assembly recognised that we will not be “fully the Church that Jesus wants us to be until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made their contribution to the life of the Church” and until their contribution is joyfully received. We affirmed overwhelmingly the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the calls for bipartisan constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians.

We reflected upon our baptismal call to missionary discipleship and the ways in which we might strengthen our personal and communal response. We focused upon the diverse gifts and common dignity of women and men, and reaffirmed the Church's commitment to recognising and fostering the participation of women in all the avenues of ministry and leadership open to the lay faithful. We considered our baptismal invitation to receive and to live the gift of the Trinitarian life of grace, and how we might enrich and deepen our sacramental life, which both draws us from the world and leads us back. We sought to discover new and creative ways to form our communities and their leaders in ministry and for mission. We committed the Church in Australia to greater participation of all the laity, women and men, in our governance process and leadership structures. We acknowledged the urgent need to make commitments to care for our common home and to be open to the integral and ecological conversion required to work with God who makes all things new (Rev 21:5).

Lingering smoke from an indigenous tarrak (wooden dish) and constantly falling rain, ancient signs of cleansing and new life, greeted members of the second assembly. We now go forth no longer considering statutes or regulations but our common life of grace. We remain committed not by decree or declaration, but by the power of the Spirit who gives inspiration and creativity to our Christian vocation. We go forth acutely aware of the challenges ahead but renewed and encouraged by the promise of God's word, the wisdom of our tradition and the faithful companionship of all our sisters and brothers.

We carry forth into the world the seeds of fresh possibilities, sown in a hidden yet abundant way by the great Sower of everything, who makes these seeds flourish in unexpected places for the sake of the kingdom (Matt 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:41-5). We bear a rich heritage: the many ways in which the Catholic community has enhanced life in Australia through its care for the sick and marginalised, its commitment to education, and its advocacy for social justice, especially the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. We commit ourselves to seek and serve the human flourishing of all Australians, and to care for Earth, our common home, by cherishing, preserving and healing the land.

We have seen God at work in these days, comforting and disrupting in order to lead his people into a future of God's making. This has been a time of grace and for that we give humble thanks. May God who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfillment (cf Phil 1:6)

Laudato Si Interactive Event

**The earth is essentially a shared inheritance,
whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone**

Pope Francis, Laudato Si Chapter 2.

You are invited to share in a community forum where we can explore the message in Laudato Si and grow in knowledge so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Date: 30 July 9.30am - 12 noon
Venue: Kedron Parish Hall, 80 Turner Rd Kedron
Booking: Little Flower Parish Office, Kedron
Phone: 3357-6640
Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



Have you visited our Parish Website lately? We have been working on updating it over the last little while, so it reflects an easy-to-use way of connecting with the Parish and across the Archdiocese as well. Did you know that you do not need to have your own Face Book Account to see Fr David's weekly message - just visit the website. Want to know the mass times at each of our Churches - visit the website. Did not get to Mass on the weekend and want to read the newsletter - visit the website. What is the address of the website - just type in Living Waters Parish and put your cursor on home.

For all our young people - don't forget now that school has returned so has our Youth Group. Every Friday night at St Peter's is the place to be for fun and friendship. For more enquires please email our Youth Ministers: *Georgina* - devenishmearesg@bne.catholic.net.au or *Darcy* darcy.rogers@bne.catholic.edu.au

Quote of the Week: "you never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have" *Bob Marley*
Have a great week, be kind to yourself and each other.

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