

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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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Was it not Plato that gave that wonderful dictum in his Apology that, "an unexamined life is not worth living"? Does this dictum not come to play in the astuteness of the steward in the gospel reading of this Sunday Luke 16: 1-13? Do things need to get completely out of hand before we begin an eleventh hour damage control fix up like the steward in the gospel?

No one in particular has got all these non-stop barrel of questions. In fact, consider it more or less rhetorical questions but they needed to be asked. And for me, for this beautiful parable used by Jesus in the gospel to make more meaning to us we need to find ourselves in that short story. The story has it that the servant of this nameless rich man was wasteful with the rich man's resources and so when he heard the news of his servant's wastefulness he required account of him, to which his servant not only showed his astuteness but also his shrewdness. Does this story not tell us something about some of our actions, the so many gifts, talents and skills that God has blessed us with and the ones that we have acquired over time through hours of work or learning? What has become of them now- those talents, gifts and skills, those wonderful virtues with which we carved our name?

The Living Waters Parish is a merge of four churches and these four churches have their respective unique features and feelings, unique spirit or (if you like) unique faces; we have the multicultural, the seniors, we have the middle and the young and then our children. Is it not a thing of awesome beauty to have all these feels merged into one to become one family under the umbrella of Living Waters. For me, these are the four streams (St. Peter's, Little flower, St. Mary's and St. Michael's) that flow together, along each other and wells up into each other, and that gives life wherever it flows because the water itself is alive. That is not per chance, but an act of divine providence and it is God's gift to us, God's gift to the church in this archdiocese. Not so many parishes can boast of such blessing within the archdiocese. So it is God's resources to us but like the servant in the gospel how far are we willing to tap from these resources or do we not see it? Do we need like the servant in the gospel story to be called into account for this unique blessings so that we perform an eleventh-hour fix?

Yes! We have started something already but we need all hands on desk to galvanise and sustain what we have already begun. We need to tap from all of these resources; the first nation, the multicultural (by that I mean people from different cultures and countries who are not local), the young, our children and then of course the seniors. We have all got something to offer.

Peace be with you!

Fr Anthony



Congratulations to
Levi Kelly & Ace Cheshire who will be
Baptised into our Parish family this Weekend.

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Congratulations also to
Loretta Flynn who celebrates
her **90th** birthday this Monday.

A Message from the Safeguarding Co Ordinator

*What is Safeguarding &
just what's all this paperwork about!!*

Safeguarding is the action an organisation takes to promote the welfare of children and or vulnerable adults who spend time, participate in or are impacted by their organisation and if done correctly, it will protect them from any form of harm. This is an obligation of all organisations who interact with children and or vulnerable adults – whether directly or indirectly after all *'safeguarding is everyone's business'*

Boy, we've certainly heard that statement a lot lately, haven't we? But really when you get down to brass tacks it is everyone's business - at home, at church at the footy club or anywhere in fact where another person (whether that person is a child or vulnerable adult) relies on us to provide an environment free from abuse, harm or neglect.

In last week's welcome the reader read *"the processes and protocols put in place support that commitment to say, "Never Again" to abuse."* That commitment comes from the Australian Bishops on behalf of the Australian Catholic Church. **Never again** - such powerful words!

I would like to take this opportunity to share my gratitude to all those in Parish ministry here in our Living Waters who support our own Safeguarding ethos. When we are 'doing' safeguarding, we are not just filling in forms or following procedures, truthfully, no-one was ever protected simply by a piece of paper! It is, however our collective responsibility to ensure transparency and accountability and to actively contribute to a culture which ensures never again. Following procedures is vital but it is not the heart of what safeguarding is about. Fundamentally, safeguarding is an expression of our love for God and each other, and as we commit ourselves to the principles of safeguarding, we are embracing the culture that reflects our God! So once again, thank you, for your support, your time and your talents.

As always, in friendship **Sharron**

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Madonna Hickey, Mark Pascoe Eddie Barrett, Eileen Long, Br Herman Kooymans MSC, Jim Breene, Thelma Jarrett, Emil Vlainic, Barry Eirle, Frank Knox & Tom West who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Judy Bakhsh, Raymond Gilbert, Elizabeth Swinfield, Harry Wrench, Vojtech Lasek, Glen Standfast, Ryan Bliss, Ross Gabriel, Joan McCafferty, Don Stewart, John Brady, Iris Hickey, Allan Corbett, Elizabeth Brown, Nell Dunne, Mary Jones, Don Lord, Norm Pearce, Stephen Speck, Audrey Taylor, Charles Haylock, Petronille Delepeleer, Les Pearce, Frank Sullivan, Kevin Cumner, Frank Wust, Vincent Dhollande, Jean Hammond & Beryl Cecil.

Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Psalm Resp: *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Weekday Readings:

Mon: Proverb 3:27-34; Ps 14:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tues: *St's Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang*
Prov 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps 118:1,27,30,34-35,44; Lk 8:19-21

Wed: *St Matthew (Mass of Feast + Gloria)*
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Ps 18:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13

Thur: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 88: 3-6,12-14,17; Luke 9:7-9

Fri: *St Pius of Pietrelcina* Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 143:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Eccl 11: 9-11; 2:8; Ps 89: 3-6,12-14,17; Lk 9:43-45

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7
Psalm Resp: *Praise the Lord my soul.*
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

From the Desk of Ms Catherine Micklejohn (APRE)

End of Term Prayer of Thanks

What a busy and exciting term it has been! At our Staff Meeting today our Arts Specialist, Jenni Webb, shared a beautiful prayer that she wrote as a reflection on our term, and I share that with you now.

We thank you Lord, for this term as we reflect.

We thank you for....

The gala days, the book weeks, costumes and new books.

For warriors, the liturgies, the music festivals and songs.

The builders, the basketball court, and the certificate that said we could use it.

For Father's Day celebrations, for ones who have been sick and are on the mend.

For ultra-marathons, birthdays, the PDs and twilights. Art shows, paperwork and of course, the queen.

We thank groundsmen and cleaners who work through the holidays.

For admin, staff meetings and the very large lolly jar.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents And a community that cares for us.

Be with us as we spend time with family and friends.

Let us be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

Amen. Take care and go gently - Catherine

Please note with our schools now enjoying their fourth term break next Fridays Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's & not St Columban's College.

A Celebration of Unity
Sunday 19th February 2023
You're Invited!!!

From the Desk of Ms Kim Mooney (Acting APRE)

Well, it is the end of week 10 of Term 3 and I am going to be a little self-indulgent and make this last newsletter all about me! I'd like to thank everyone who has made my time here as Acting Assistant Principal Mission and Identity (that's quite a mouthful isn't it!) such a wonderful experience. I have been truly blessed to work with such inspirational campus ministers and liturgical team – Lauren, Liv, Darcy and Elliot. They have guided me through the term and taught me so much about the Religious Life of the college, showing me amazing ways of sharing Christ with our students and staff. The students and staff here at St Columban's have challenged me and made me smile, but most importantly, have welcomed me into their community making me feel like a part of a large family. I also want to thank Father David and the parish members for their support each Friday morning, and for giving me some latitude in finding ways to include our students in our college mass. I have loved meeting you all and chatting with you. I will finish with one of my favourite scripture readings -

Colossians 3:15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Mrs) Kim Mooney

The Little Flower Hospitality 'Chit-Chat' Group will hold their luncheon on Mon 26th Sept at 12 noon. Once again in the Dining Room at the Bribie RSL. All Parishioners (both Ladies & Gents) are invited. Please phone Diane 0408 828 047, Marilyn 0407 486 328 or Sue 0459 439 099 if you would like to attend.

The Community of St Michael's would like to thank their Filipino Brothers & Sisters for donating the beautiful (and not to mention comfortable) kneelers that now adorn each pew. May God bless you in your generosity!

The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday due to the National Day of Mourning. We continue to keep the Royal Family in our prayers following the death of their much-loved Mother, Grandmother & Sovereign HM Queen Elizabeth II. May she rest in peace in the arms of her God and may her family & all those she served be consoled in their sorrow.

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Reflection on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).'
Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a 'god' that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need. *(Accessed on September 4, 2022 from www.archstl.org/stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)*



God's Word 2023

We have early ordered 56 copies of God's Word 2023. If you would like to purchase a copy, please phone/email the office asap. The recommended retail price is \$19.99 but they will be available for \$15.00 per copy.

They are designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.

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Thank you for your constant support of our Parish both financially and prayerfully.

Quote of the Week: "When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future." (HM Queen Elizabeth)

Have a great week, be kind to yourself and each other.

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