

Living Waters Catholic Parish

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

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"A custom existed among the first generation of Christians, when faith was a bright fire that warmed more than those who kept it burning. In every house then a room was kept ready for any stranger who might ask for shelter; it was even called 'the stranger's room.' Not because these people thought they could trace something of someone they loved in the stranger who used it, not because the man or woman they gave shelter reminded them of Christ, but because- plain and simple and stupendous fact- he or she was Christ". Those were Dorothy Day's words which I culled from 'Break Open the Word 2022, The Book for Readers, Liturgy Brisbane', offers a very heart-warming introduction to this Sunday's WORLD REFUGEES AND MIGRATION DAY celebration.

Earlier this week, a Parishioner sent me an email which I had the pleasure to go through them. In the email I was able to read the thoughts of Archbp. Christopher Prowse- (the Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Apostolic Administrator Catholic Military Ordinariate) on the just concluded Second Assembly of the Plenary Council where he spoke of the immense contributions of refugees and migrants to the growth of the Catholic Church in Australia. In his words, "...it became very clear that the newer Catholics coming to Australia as migrants and refugees over recent decades from Eastern countries of the Catholic world, are making an increasingly mature contribution to Australia in the present moment. These represent the 'Eastern lung' of the Catholic Church. Joining the Western or 'Latin lung', we form the body of Christ in Australia in such a wonderful fresh way." His words echoes once again St. Paul's theology of the body in his letter to the church in Corinth 12: 12-27, where he uses the different parts of the human body to illustrate the immense and diverse unique gifts, we all have and have been called to share for the sake of all not just only in the church but in the world at large.

In what other way can we change and make the world a better place in the words of Dorothy Day (ibid) if not to share these gifts. No wonder Jesus uses once again another parable in the gospel Luke 16: 19-31, to speak to the Pharisees, nay to all of us on the importance to share with one another the various gifts which God has blessed us with. Don't you see that there is always something refreshing when we open our doors to one another? Something like a feel that the other completes what is lacking in me. It could be opening the door of friendship, the door of kindness, the door of faith, the door of listening to each other's stories, the door of a heart-warming smile and HI's and Hello's to each other. Of course, we must be circumspect in doing so because of unforeseen happenstances but it does not take away that refreshing feeling though.

So, as we continue on this ecological witnessing as called by Pope Francis let us continue to dip deep for a big catch. By the way, before I finish, let me say a big thank you to that particular Parishioner for his email. Happy Sunday to all of you.

Fr. Anthony



108th World Day for Migrants & Refugees

This year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on 25 September. Catholics worldwide are called upon to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution.

The Day is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Pope Francis chose “*Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*” as this year’s theme.

“In the light of what we have learned in the tribulations of recent times, we are called to renew our commitment to building a future that conforms ever more fully to God’s plan of a world in which everyone can live in peace and dignity.” Pope Francis

You may like to include the Holy Father’s prayer below in your daily prayers.

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen

Next weekend we welcome Fr David back from his annual leave. We hope he has enjoyed a peaceful & relaxing time away. In his absence we thank Fr Anthony for his ability to walk into the office and then turn around and go straight back out! (We did give him coffee on the way out though!) Thanks also to Fr’s John & Ejikeme (or Eji as he is now to be known as) for their weekend supply.

A Celebration of Unity

Sunday 19th February 2023

You’re Invited!!!

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

Jean Hammond, Beryl Cecil, Leonie Meere, Catherine Crow, Henk Hendriks, Sheryl Patterson, Brian Florence, Angela Zedde, Filippo Falcioni, Bernard Casey, Angelina Patane, Joan Stanton, Fr Jim Conneely, Warren Tolhurst, Dorothy McCafferty, Rosario Gomez, Deborah Eaton, Noel Lawlor, J’Ten Pavlis, Keith Street, Kathleen Clark, Eric Butler, Tom O’Grady, Ean Reeves & Pauline Freeman.

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

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

Weekday Readings:

Mon: Job 1:6-22; Ps 16:1-3,6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tues: *St Vincent de Paul*

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Ps 87:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wed: Job 9:1-13,14-16; Ps 87:10-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thur: *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Feast + Gloria*

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 137:1-5; John 1:47-51

Fri: *St Jerome* Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5; Ps 138:1-3,7-10,13-14; Lk 10:13-16

Sat: *St Therese of the Child Jesus – Patron of Little Flower*

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Ps 118:66,71,75,91,125,130; Lk 10:17-24

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

Psalm Resp: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts*

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-9

Our Schools are enjoying their fourth term break at the moment, we wish the Staff & Students an enjoyable and re-energising time with their families and look forward to seeing them in another week. For our Parishioners who attend Mass each Friday morning please note that once again Eucharist will be celebrated from St Peter's Church.

'Bring & Buy' Stall



On the weekend of the 3rd/4th December there will be a 'bring & buy' stall at Little Flower Church. The proceeds will go towards the annual Christmas Day lunch for those who may be on their own at Christmas and also the creation of emergencies packs for Domestic Violence victims who have to leave their homes at the last minute unable to take the necessities with them. So come on all you 'crafty' ladies & gents put your thinking caps on and start creating. Items we are looking for include plants, bric-a-brac, home-made jewellery, jams & pickles, to name but a few things. The idea of a 'bring and buy' stall is that you bring an item for the table and buy a 'treasure' as you leave Mass. All enquiries please give Diane a call on 0408 828 047.

Here in the Office, we like reading other Parishes newsletters, because you never know what you can borrow, the below gem came from Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles at Stafford.

Possums at Church

The *Presbyterian church* called a meeting to decide what to do about their Possum infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the Possums were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the *Baptist church*, the Possums had taken an interest in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a waterslide on the baptistery and let the Possums drown themselves. The Possums liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many Possums showed up the following week.

The *Lutheran church* decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their Possums and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the Possums were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

The *Episcopalians* tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the Possums with alcohol poisoning. They sadly learned how much damage a band of drunk Possums can do.

But the *Catholic church* came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the Possums and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the *Jewish synagogue*. They took the first Possum and circumcised him. They haven't seen a Possum since.



The Little Flower Hospitality 'Chit-Chat' Group will hold their luncheon this Monday at 12 noon. Once again in the Dining Room at the Bribie RSL. All Parishioners (both Ladies & Gents) are invited. To make the lunch a little more entertaining there will be a trivia game that promises to a lot of fun.

So if you are new to the Parish and want to meet some new friends, come along as you'll be welcomed!

Parish Safeguarding Audit

Our Parish (along with myself as Safeguarding Co-Ordinator) is being audited this Thursday. I would like to say thank you to all our volunteers who have returned their completed forms and kindly ask those who have yet to do so to please get them back to the Office as soon as possible. It is a requirement for all our volunteers to have these forms completed and to be kept on file in the Office. Safeguarding is everyone's business and if we work together this ensures that Living Waters Parish will be one that loudly says, 'never again!'

Growing St Peter's Meeting

This Monday at 4pm in Mary McKillop Hall
All welcome

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A Reflection for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established.” *Luke 16:25-26*

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Parish Collections

Parish Giving for 17th / 18th September \$4698.90



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God’s Word 2023

We still have available about a dozen copies of God’s Word 2023 left. If you would like to grab one before they go, please give the office a call. 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.

Quote of the Week: “When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.” (Helen Keller)

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

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