

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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th / 29th January 2023

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Blessed are you! A Reflection by David Crawford (edited).

Today's readings include calls to humility in the words of the prophet Zephaniah, the letters of the apostle Paul, and the beginning of one of history's most famous teaching sessions, when Jesus pointedly instructs his followers with His Sermon on the Mount. The ten verses we know as the Beatitudes have, individually or collectively, been the focus of countless homilies, sermons, Bible classes, and academic studies. However, that familiarity, and perhaps also the grace and poetry of these beautiful words, can lead us to miss important parts of Jesus' teaching as we gloss over the words. ...

Many people undervalue the word "blessed," for instance. ... Being blessed, though, is more than just some good thing happening to us, it is a state of being. The Aramaic word Jesus may have used - toowayhon - conveys a much deeper sense that we are enriched by God's providence and grace, that we are spiritually fortunate and prosperous, blissful, delighted, and content. ...

... I do want to share a few favorite insights I have heard/read that stuck with me over the years.

- When Matthew's Gospel writes about the poor in spirit, that does not refer to individuals who are weak in the faith. Rather, it refers to those who are not spiritually arrogant but who, having recognized their own limitations, rely completely on God. The poor in spirit are thus doubly blessed because they are closer to God now, and (as one commentator noted) because "this total reliance on God is the doorway into" His kingdom. The "humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord" described by the prophet Zephaniah (from today's Reading I) fit this category.*

- Blessed are the ones who bring and maintain peace. Peace is more than just the absence of conflict. I recently heard a pastor talk about how our understanding of the meaning of the word "peace" benefits when we look at the Hebrew word shalom. Shalom indicates peace, yes, but also harmony, tranquility, completeness, wholeness, welfare, with all things in their right place. In short, shalom is a peace that comes from God. When Jesus says "Blessed are the peacemakers," He is talking about persons who bring God's peace to volatile situations as well as to troubled souls. Part of the blessing of being a peacemaker is the blessing of personally experiencing God's peace. Only one who possesses God's peace, even at a small level or for a period of time, can bring that peace to others.*

- As you read the parts about "righteousness" - those who hunger and thirst for it, those who are persecuted for its sake - think back to our reading today from I Corinthians. Paul writes that Jesus became righteousness for us - Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness. . . . It can be tempting, and stressful, to focus on a list of Do's and Don'ts. How much better to hunger and thirst to be with and like Christ.*

- In the last of today's reading, the part about being insulted, persecuted, lied about, the key phrase is "because of me." As we aspire to live Christ-like, Spirit-led lives, we will find ourselves in difficult situations. Remember that we are promised (Luke 21:14-15) that God will give us the words we need so that our defense is Christ-like and Spirit-led.*

Now, go forth and Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth. Be blessed as you serve others. Shalom!



Congratulations to Ellie Carius

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

'Celebration of Unity'

10am Sunday 19th February 2023

Mary McKillop Performance Centre,
St Columban's College, Caboolture
Parking will be off Pettigrew Street

Celebrating our four communities, each with their own unique diversities but sharing the same faith in Christ. Scripture uses the phrase "the Body of Christ" to indicate *identity, oneness, and unity in Christ*. Each one of us serve as one part of Christ's body. What a wonderful opportunity to share Eucharist with each other, to give thanks to God, and share in His Holy Meal as a united community; one with each other, one in Christ. In community we gain strength from each other for our Christian journey.

Members of our committee will be speaking at Mass this weekend and making themselves available afterwards. Please take the time to let them know you will be attending our Unity Mass. As mentioned over the past few weeks it's a shared lunch, so please bring a plate and for our Bribie & Kilcoy Parishioners Buses will be available.

Quote of the Week: "If you don't know the guy on the other side of your neighbourhood, love him anyway, because he's just like you. He has the same dreams, the same hopes and fears. We're all neighbours, just livin' on different streets." (Frank Sinatra)

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zeph 2:3;3:12-13

Psalm Resp: *Happy the poor in Spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:126-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Weekday Readings:

Mon: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 30:2-24; Mark 5:1-20

Tues: *St John Bosco* Heb 12:1-4; Ps 21:26-8; Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 102:1-2,13-14,17-18; Mk 6:1-6

Thur: *Presentation of the Lord + Gloria*

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 23:7-10; Luke 2:22-40

Fri: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 26:1,3,5,8-9; Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 22; Mark 6:30-34

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm Resp: *Your Light will Shine Like the Dawn.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Bill Ross, Peter Chapman, Luke George, June Horan, Kevin Scott, Lillian Edwards, Anna Putzolu, Eileen Kelly, Almerina Bonomi, John O'Flaherty, Monica Nash, Gemma Hockey, Bernard Smith, Ken Rafter, Keith Mather, Owen Humberdross, Geoff Seymour & Tadeusz Ocysek.
who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Edward Kropp, Audrey Woolnough, Joyce Stoddart, Heather Newell, Ernest Kells, Reg Longden, John Lovveday, Henry De Grono, Leslie Lambert, Jim Farmer, Margaret Pascoe, Kevin Mewburn, Frank Hammond, John Joseph Sutton, Ben Hollist, Kathleen Thornton, Kevin McKennariey, Jan Maloney, Jim Smith, Peg O'Sullivan, Norma Schott, Dora Loi, Mandie Mills, Ev Kildey, Joyce Nagel, Eunice Stringfellow, Antonio Iannella, Danny Drew, Des O'Reilly, Kevin Byrne & John Barlow.

Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

Tony Grealy, Von O'Neill, Avril Egan, Charlie Fletcher, Ted Hawkins, Margaret Neale, Aileen Suhmann, Jane O'Byrne, Margaret Kelly, Urszula Parchimowicz, Moya Handsley, Doris McMackin, Ron Criss, Des Kelly, Joe Flynn, Nikki Williams, Kathryn Mobley, Laurie Barron, Bozidar Howard, Arthur Hangan, Pat Stinson, 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, Patricia Twinchek, Helen Teys, Nicholas Edwards, Joana Van Laart, Bede Brittenden, Miriam Gittins.

FAITH FORMATION

Date: Sunday 5th February after 8:00AM mass at St. Mary's, Woodford

Subject: Faith Formation ministry

Topic: "Mercy and Hope

A catholic understanding of the work of forgiveness"

After 8:00AM mass, David Kruse will give a talk on the above topic. . David Kruse is a member of the Evangelization Brisbane team and is from Minnesota, USA and has been working here in Australia for about six months. Starting at 9:15 or so, the talk will run for about an hour and there will be some time allocated for brief group discussion after his presentation. We invite anyone who is interested to join us at Woodford and come along and be part of this interesting presentation.....the more , the merrier!!. Let's show David some true-blue Aussie hospitality and make him feel welcome in our parish.

Mass Wednesday 8th February

Please note that Mass will not be celebrated at St Peter's Church on this day, but rather in the Multi Purpose Centre in our School grounds. You are warmly invited to join our school community and Fr David in the first ever 'whole school' Mass. Seats will be reserved for our usual Wednesday Mass attendees

From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

Happy New Year, Welcome back to the 2023 school year! We have had a really positive start this week and look forward to the year ahead.

You have likely noticed the work we have had done to our school grounds over the holiday break - a new perimeter fence, new soft fall around the multipurpose court, painting, the groundsman sheds have been relocated, flag poles have been installed, and the gardens have been tidied. We are working hard to create a space, and engaging learning environment for our kids.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks Peter - 'But who do you say I am?' and he answers with clarity and certainty. During the professional learning days, our teachers were challenged to consider who we are as a school community and what would others say about us? They were encouraged to dream boldly and bravely when they imagined our future. The iconography and prayer spaces in our physical environment were discussed at length, and improvements in this area will be included in our Master Plan. I look forward to sharing our plans with you in the coming months.

Take care and go gently. Catherine

Here are some photos from our first day...



From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)



I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself - my name is Angela Woodriff and I have recently taken on the role of APRE at St. Columban's College, replacing Raechel Fletcher while she is on leave. I have a history of involvement within the St Columban's community, and I am honoured to be in this position. I look forward to forming strong connections with the Living Water's Parish. Additionally, I have two beautiful boys, in grades 3 and 5, and we are active members of the Stella Maris Parish on the Sunshine Coast.

It has been a very busy start to the year with Staff Professional Development and the commencement of classes. We are thrilled to have our students back at St. Columban's College and extend a warm welcome to all new families. Our Year 12 students will have a special privilege as they will graduate in 2023, the same year as our College's 100th anniversary celebration. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with them and making their time here memorable.

I am eager to establish a strong connection with the Parish community and look forward to sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist during Friday morning Mass at 7:45am.

Many Blessings - Angela



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Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

“Chatters”

Chatters will take place This Tuesday 14th Feb at the Caboolture Sports Club, Station Road, Morayfield commencing at 9.30am. We very much look forward to enjoying your company!

Mass schedules

Little Flower: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am
Tuesday 5.00pm
Thursday 9.15am

St Peter's: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am & 5.00pm
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 7.45am

St Mary's: Sunday 8.00am
Monday 9.30am

St Michael's: Sunday 10.00am
Thursday 5.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual: 5.00pm Little Flower & St Peter's every Saturday night. Outside of these times please contact the Parish Office.

Little Flower Hospitality Group have organised a cruise on Monday 27th March. The cost will be \$45.00 per person which includes the 2-hour cruise around Bribie and a buffet lunch. Limited tickets available. More info to come. Sounds great!

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