

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th / 5th February 2023

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

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The Word of God Sunday was instituted by Pope Francis in September 2019 to celebrate the Word of God and how in various ways it affects our lives. This celebration comes up every third Sunday of the year in ordinary time. Here in Australia, it is celebrated this year on the 5th of Feb. From the very beginning, the Word of God is the source and the creating force which brought everything into being except man. From creation story, God spoke and things came into being; sky, earth, water and the creatures that swam within them. And they came into being in these two formula; creation and separation. But on the sixth day God formed man in his own image and likeness. Whatever that word 'to form' meant is not the concern of this reflection, maybe it could form a topic of its own reflection some other time but certainly not this one.

Throughout human history the Word of God has been present and each time it's spoken it usually has a resulting effect. It could be to bring things into being or to take things out of being. That is the penetrating force and power of God's word. But now and again it is best described as light which has the creating power of illumination not limited only to our paths but to our minds also. In the book of Psalms 19: 105, David sang, 'your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path', indicating once again that creating force and power of God's word that dispels every form of darkness. This darkness could mean the darkness of sin and death, the darkness of evil thoughts and schemes which could come in various forms and shapes like in ideological or political charades, sociological or psychological manipulations, emotional or intellectual prejudices. But over and above all of that, the word of God challenges us also in various ways.

Pope Francis who's currently on apostolic journey in the Democratic Republic of Congo reminded us once again in this year's Word of God Sunday that 'the word of God is for everyone. The Word calls everyone to conversion, the Word makes us heralds'. This is one of the ways the Word of God challenges us, it sends us forth away from our comfort on the journey of encounter where we encounter others, encounter God and also encounter ourselves.

So, as we celebrate this year's Word of God Sunday may we be challenged once again along these lines of Pope Francis' reflection to go out as heralds bearing the gospel of good tidings.

Peace be with you.

Fr. Anthony



Congratulations to Nolah Hogg,

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*

With just two weeks to go now until our first major combined Parish Mass, we thank all those who have offered their time and talents to help out, many hands certainly do make light work! If you are intending on going, please make sure you've put your name on the sheets as this helps us organise the seating on the day. It is a shared lunch, so we ask you to bring a plate please, mindful that it will need to be served cold.

Buses are available for those at Little Flower and St Michael's. Please indicate on the sheets provided if you would like to take up this opportunity.

NAME BADGES are a great way to introduce yourself. If you would like one of our Living Waters Magnetic badges please put your name on the sheets at the rear of the church. They cost \$5.00 and money can be put in an envelope (with your name on it) and placed on the collection plate saying that it's for a badge.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Ray Walsh, Bill Ross, Lily (Noah) O'Brien, Anna Ludwig, Peter Chapman, Luke George, June Horan, Kevin Scott, Lillian Edwards, Anna Putzolu, Eileen Kelly, Almerina Bonomi, John O'Flaherty, Monica Nash & Gemma Hockey. who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Jim Gargan, Danny Drew, Des O'Reilly, Kevin Byrne, John Barlow, Iren Mihaluti, Bernadette Duckworth, Cath Ross, Helen Stevens, Kath street, Gregoria Grimstone, Maurice Cohen, Franc Vraonik, Jack O'Brien, Brigid Jones, Carole Elton, Pat Rebgetz, Beatrice Evans, Eric O'Keefe, George Fewkes, Russell Day, Chris Bertoni, Frank Hoare, Tom Glasson, Peg McErlane, Bernard Corcoran, Bruno Segulin, Darryl Zonca, Lillian Llewellyn, Ted Toohey & Norene Smith .

Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

Marie Phillips, Ken McKewin, 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, 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, Miriam Gittins & Col McLaughlin.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS THIS MONDAY AT ST MARY'S AND MASS AT ST PETERS ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE IN THE MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE IN THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

News from Around the Parish

There will be a cuppa after every Thursday Mass at Little Flower now, please stay and enjoy the company and a big thank you to the Ladies for organising this once again.

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

Little Flower Hospitality Group's Chit Chat will be held on Monday 27th February at the Bribie RSL starting at 12 noon. Come along (and bring a friend) BYO Lunch but the company's free!

Another event hosted by the LF Hospitality Group will be a day cruise on the Lady Brisbane along the Pumicestone Passage on Friday 24th March. The cost is \$45.00 per person which includes the 2-hour cruise and a buffet lunch. Limited tickets available. Call Dianne on 0408 828 047.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

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

Weekday Readings:

Mon: *St Paul Miki & Companions* Gen 1:1-19;

Ps 103:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35; Mark 6:53-56

Tues: Gen 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gen 2:4-9,15-17; Ps 103:1-2,27-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thur: Gen 2:18-25; Ps 127:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Fri: *St Scholastica* Gen 3:1-8; Ps 31:1-2,5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gen 3:9-24; Ps 89:2-6,12-13; Mark 8:1-10

Six Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Psalm Resp: *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.*

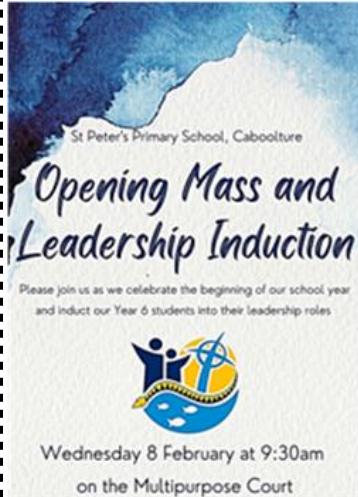
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

Opening School Mass

On Wednesday 8 February at 9:30am we will have our Opening School Mass in our MPC. In consultation with Fr David, we decided to plan this special event at the time when the parish community could join us also.



It has been a long time since we have come together as a whole school community for Mass, and we are looking forward to this celebration. We hope that you are able to join us. There will be reserved seating for our parishioners and appreciate your flexibility and support. Take care & go gently
Catherine

From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

In line with the 4th reading of ordinary time, students in Religion classes have been learning about the Beatitudes. In particular, learning focusses on the idea that the Beatitudes describe the character traits and behaviours that lead to a fulfilling life, such as humility, peacemaking, and mercifulness. By studying the Beatitudes, students can learn about Jesus's teachings and values and how they can guide their own lives. For instance, by embracing the Beatitude "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth," students can learn to be kind and patient, even in difficult situations. By following the Beatitude "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God," students can learn to resolve conflicts and promote harmony in their relationships. Through discussion and reflection, students are gaining a deeper understanding of how the Beatitudes apply to their own lives and how they can use them to make positive choices and lead a virtuous life. By internalizing these values and acting on them, students can grow in their faith and become more like Jesus, who modelled these qualities throughout his life. Many blessings. Ange

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
St Columban's College Chapel: 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.

Christian Meditation - A small group of people meet weekly in 'Our House' in the grounds of Little Flower each Wednesday morning at 9.30am. If you would like to join them, you would be most welcome. Christian Meditation involves reflecting on God's Word, with an awareness of God's presence with us.

Parish Collections



Parish Giving for 28/29 January \$5120.50
Thank you for your constant support of our Parish, both financially and prayerfully.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS GROUPS

With Lent just around the corner we turn our thoughts to Lenten Discussion Groups. This year's theme 'From Hope to Ashes' has been written to provide us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope. If you would like to form a group or travel on your own through Lent and would like one of these resource books, please get in touch with the Parish Office asap. They are free although if you require the DVD/CD you will need to get that at your own cost.

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YOUTH NEWS

Summer Camp Testimony from Christina

Before coming to summer camp I had struggled with friendships and I was continuing to struggle with finding myself in my faith and where my place was with God. The theme for this year was breaking free! I knew it was this was the one place I could be comfortable in myself and find answers for the questions I had about where I was at with God and my faith in him. I had been looking forward to Holy Spirit night, solely for the beautiful energy that flows through the room and everyone in it. That night they had one of the leaders shared a talk on the Holy Spirit, and something he said really stuck with me. He said, "You don't have to be perfect, you just have to try and show up". Now, I had never been perfect in my faith journey, and I had wondered if just maybe, this was exactly what I needed to hear, I had terrible anxiety about trying to be perfect but all I needed was to try and step up to the task, After the talk the band began to play worship music. I experienced the Holy Spirit in this time. I had been crying and in that moment, I didn't feel any pain or anxiety, stress or doubt. I felt peace, so much so that I stopped crying and just sat with my hands out and my eyes closed. And I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit flow through me, it felt so nice that I didn't want to feel anything else. What I learned that night was that my small encounter with Holy Spirit was enough, I didn't need to have a grand gesture. I had found my reason to keep believing, to strive to show up and try. That was my experience of summer camp 2023, I was truly broke free. Christina

A big thank you to Living Water's Parish for both their support through prayer and finances to help students attend Summer Camp. We were able to take 7 from the parish and 20 from St Columban's College! There are more experiences to come for our highschoolers this year!!

Quote of the Week: "It's hard to beat a person who never gives up" (Babe Ruthe)