

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th / 12th February 2023

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Follow the Rules

When I was a boy, my brother being four years older, he and I and our parents heard a reading at Mass that included the word raqa.

Since we had plenty of laughter within us, and since the reading told us one must not say raqa to his brother (since it meant "thou fool") obviously the minute we left church we began to say raqa to each other. With impunity and humor, since we were brothers in the strict sense of the word. It did not last, of course.

This unusual word, raqa, is used in today's [Gospel](#) (or at least in the "long version" of the Gospel (and it is long!).

I wonder if that is not the way a person or a people grows up. I mean the progression from an uncomplicated, grinning approach to the commandments, to a more nuanced one, and, if they can hang into true maturity, to an experience of the inside of the commandments.

That progression is one way of looking at the readings for this Sunday.

In the [First Reading](#), the writer speaks in very plain terms, as a father might speak to a son or daughter. "If you choose, you can keep the commandments - they will save you. If you trust in God, you too shall live."

These words are an echo of the last of the five great opening books in the Jewish testament: I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. ([Deut 30: 19-20](#))

This is not complicated, not too mysterious and remote for people. Maybe even we boys would have understood. We would have recognized "life and death, good and evil."

According to Paul, the commandments became "a wisdom to those who are mature, ... God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages ... " ([Second Reading](#)). Eons later, Jesus came along.

He had grown up. One by one, he took the various laws, in all their externality, and drew out their inside roots. One injunction had been against killing. The inside of that law is: do not ever act out of anger at your brother or sister. Not even the word raqa now should be spoken.

Then, you shall not commit adultery. The inside of that law is, be pure enough to not even look lustfully at another person besides your mate. And divorce: the interior law is to stay faithful and loving within your marriage relationship.

Finally, the matter of oaths. We could talk of these for pages, but here we just realize that people today use warrants, such as, " ... in the name of God, " or "OMG," (which stands for O, my GOD!), or "By God ... " Jesus talks of these simply: you are trying to make up for your weakness by putting almighty power behind your words. Just say yes or no, and mean it. Be real.

Why does Jesus dig so deep? Because "the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God" ([Second Reading](#))! The inside of the law is written in Jesus' heart. As you and I grow up, let it be written in us too. *John Foley, SJ*



**Congratulations to Harvey Thoms,
Katelyn Christensen
& Elijah Labuca.**

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

Our next Parent Baptism Meeting will be in the Parish Meeting Room Thursday 2nd March at 5.30pm.



'Celebration of Unity'

**One Single Mass Across the Parish
10am Sunday 19th February 2023**

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

We very much look forward to celebrating the Unity Mass with everyone next weekend, being able to share Eucharist together and then socialise afterwards will be an opportunity not to be missed. Please remember to bring a plate to share and if possible, try to arrive earlier than you might normally arrive at Mass, as trying to navigate the extra foot and car traffic might be a little more challenging than usual. We also look forward to welcoming our students and their Parents along with the teaching staff from both our schools too. What an enormously enriching time this is going to be!

'So great is the strength we possess in our unity'
Words from a daily reflection last week - how true!

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

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS GROUPS

This year's Lenten theme is 'from Ashes to Hope' and provides you with an opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts.

If you would like to have a copy, please get in touch with the Parish Office, delivery should be in the next week.

Lenten Studies at Woodford commencing 9.30am on Friday 24th Feb and all Fridays in Lent.

Magnetic Living Waters Name Badges – only \$5.00 each

With just one week to go until our major Inaugural combined Parish Mass, will you be wearing your Parish Name Badge? Don't have one yet – please give the Office a call and we can arrange to have one done for you to wear on the day and of course into the future. It's certainly a great way to introduce yourself to all the new friends you haven't met yet!

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

Derek Newell, David McCarthy, Sydney Morley, Giuseppina Tedeschi, Lucy Sheridan, Carole Carne, Maria Del Rosso, Owen Manley, Nora Callaghan Paul Doran, Marce Donnelly, Leanne Kelleher Mary King, Bert Bruynesteyn, Maurice Thomas Peter Genery. Cherone Millard, Thelma Marshall Danuta Morgan, Gwen Robinson, Trevor Wacker Winifred Portley. Darrall Evans, Lucy Lovell Noreen Morris & Tarita Santo

Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

Angela Rankin, Marie Phillips, Ken McKewin, Tony Greal, Von O'Neill, Avril Egan, Charlie Fletcher, Ted Hawkins, Margaret Neale, Aileen Suhmann, Jane O'Byrne, Margaret Kelly, Urszula Parchimowicz, 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.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Sixth 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

Weekday Readings:

Mon: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34; Mark 8:11-13

Tues: *St Cyril* Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10 ; Ps 28:1-4,9-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Gen 8:6-13,20-22; Ps 115:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thur: Gen 9:1-13; Ps 101:16-21,29,22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Gen 11:1-9; Ps 32:10-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1

Sat: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 144:2-5,10-11; Mark 9:2-13

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2,17-18

Psalm Resp: *The Lord is Kind & Merciful*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

Opening School Mass

Last Wednesday 8 February at 9:30am we celebrated our Opening School Mass and inducted our Student Leaders for 2023. It has been many years since we celebrated Mass as a whole school community, so it was a wonderful way to begin our school year together. This year at St Peter's School we are called to Live Learning in a community of faith and love. Thank you to parishioners who joined us on the day - we are so fortunate to be in community with you.



From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

On Tuesday, we welcomed our Year 7 Parents with breakfast followed by the Year 7 Badge Ceremony. The theme for the ceremony was 'Lighting the Footsteps to 100' this cohort of Students will light the footsteps to our 100th year of establishment. They are called to be leaders and guide the way to this milestone.

During the ceremony, each student was given a candle, badge and anointed with oil. It was a very special day as we witnessed parents and students pledge to become an important part of the St Columban's College Community.

Many blessings, Angela



Parish Collections



Parish Giving for 4/5 February \$5377.30

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

YOUTH NEWS

Last Friday we had our First Encounter of the year, it was phenomenal! 46 Grades 7 to 12's exploring friendships, a relationship with Jesus and how to have a heart of a disciple. Some highlights from the young people were our 'live worship' rally, our massive game of water balloon rob the nest and sushi!

Encounter runs every Friday of the school term so be sure to come along if you are in high school, if you're a family member encourage your young people to attend!! We pray this week we can welcome 92 people into our community to... **Belong, Renew and Encounter!**

When: 6:30-8:30pm Friday Night's

Where: St Peter's Church Caboolture

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NORTHERN DEANERY LENTEN RETREAT:

"From Ashes to Hope"

Saturday March 11th 2023, 9am to 2pm.

St Mary's Hall, 16 Peterson Road, Woodford

Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend the Northern Deanery Lenten Retreat, where you will receive friendship, a nice morning tea, fresh country air, spiritual satisfaction, food for thought, and a personal message to you of hope that Jesus will place in your heart. Shane Dwyer from Evangelisation Brisbane will be our Retreat facilitator and will speak on the topic of "From Ashes to Hope."

The day will begin at 9 am and will finish at 2pm after Mass. This is a free Retreat, with morning tea provided, but please bring along your own lunch and water bottle.

Please come along, we would love to see you there. The Retreat will be ideal preparation for Easter.

For any enquiries please contact St Benedict's Parish Office on 34901768 or email admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au

To book, please complete the booking form via the link: [Northern Rivers Deanery Retreat Booking Form](#)

News from Around the Parish

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!

World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March

Bribie Island - hosted by the Lutheran Church, 10am at the Orchid House. Please bring a plate to share.

Woodford - hosted by the Anglican Church, 2pm St Matthias Church. Afternoon tea provided, all welcome.

The Little Flower Hospitality Group are organising a day cruise on the Lady Brisbane on 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.

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.

Quote of the Week: "In my life, I've lived, I've loved, I've lost, I've missed, I've hurt, I've trusted, I've made mistakes, but most of all, I've learned." (Anonymous)

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