

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## Parish Office Hours

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## Parish Website

Living Waters Parish

## Parish Facebook Page

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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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## One Really Valuable Pearl

Jesus likens the kingdom to a man who finds a buried treasure and sells all that he has so that he can buy the field containing the treasure.

He likens the kingdom to a merchant who sells all that he has in order to be able to buy one really valuable pearl.

What is the one really valuable pearl that we are willing to sacrifice everything in order to have? What is that buried treasure for which we would be willing to sacrifice everything?

The thing that Solomon wanted most was "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong."

Isn't it possible that what we want most is something very selfish: possessions, security, power, pleasure, comfort?

What would the world be like if, instead of these, our one really valuable pearl was something like world peace based on justice for all? or the development of a classless society based on respect for all and the priority of need over want? Or the worship of God through prayer, service, and a preferential option for the poor?

What would the world be like? Jesus says it would be like the kingdom.

The cross of Jesus Christ shows us the deficiency of other value systems. Jesus yielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers.

If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus.

*U.S. Bishops, [To Live in Christ Jesus](#), 1976:116. Gerald Darring*

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note the below changes in the coming weeks to our weekday Mass Schedule.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August - no mass at St Mary's  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August - no mass at St Peter's  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August -no mass at Little Flower

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### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

#### Feast of St Mary of the Cross

Masses across our Parish will be celebrated at the following times -

St Mary's 8am  
St Peter's 9.30am  
Little Flower 5.00pm  
St Michael's 5.30pm



Please put these dates into your calendar so as you are not inconvenienced in any way.



#### **Parish Collections:**

**Parish Giving for 22/23 July \$5056.40**

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

Chatters will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, at the Jacaranda Café, George Street, Caboolture commencing at 9.30am. We hope to enjoy your company, please come and have a chat with us.

#### St Peter's Prayer & Praise

St Peter's Church Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 2.45pm sharp through until 4pm. Further enquiries - Roger 5495 2665

### SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
Psalm Resp: *Lord, I love your commands.*  
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

#### Weekday Readings

**Mon** *St Ignatius* Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 105:19-23; Matt 13:31-35  
**Tues** *St Alphonsus Liguori* Ex 33:7-11,34:5-9,28; Ps 102:6-13; Matt 13:36-43  
**Wed** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 98:5-7,9; Matt 13:44-46  
**Thur** *St Dominic* Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 83:3-6,11; Mt 13:47-53  
**Fri** *St John Vianney* Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Ps 80:3-6,10-11; Matt 13:54-58  
**Sat** Lev 25:1,8-17; Ps 66:2-3,5,7-8; Matt 14:1-12

#### The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD

First Reading: Dan 7:9-10,13-14  
Psalm Resp: *The Lord is King, the Most High Over all the World.*  
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-29  
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



## **Congratulations to Tyler & Nate**

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

#### **Our Recently Deceased.**

Dorothy O'Neill, Bob McKinnon, Brian Nolan, Pat MacGinley, Mary Henkel, Paul Copeland, Monica Woolley, Maria Pinna, Sr Beryl Gleeson MSS, Bede Brittenden & Ashley Perkins **who have recently gone to their eternal reward.**

#### **Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time.**

Margaret Lomax, Donald Heron, Clive Maher, Sheila Conley, Doug Nagle, Ret Ogden, William Hughes, Margaret MacDonald, Lorna Dickson, Agnes Bhai, Emil Vlainic, Mary Lambert, Amanda Warmington, Molly Heath, Francisco Cabrera, Martin Jonkers, Floris Boorman, Roger Monte Anderson, Joseph Brown, Mark Coates, Maria Carrascaloa, Norma Montgomery, Bill Gardiner, Thelma Jarrett, Jim Breene, Carol Falkner, Jan Josef Fabisz, Anne Stevens, Steven Walton, Del Galavin, David Hennessy, Soo Quan Fong, Lois Baker & Stephen Dwyer.

#### **Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.**

Pat Hegarty, Ron Jones, Lorna Raffaut, Brian Wyvill, John Murray, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, Leo Berge, Shirley Armstrong, June Bell, Owen Bellamy, Mark Poole, Les Jacobs, Hunter Clist, Gerard Brown, Charlie Donaldson, Tegan Myerscough, Ken McKewin, Charlie Fletcher, Aileen Suhnann, Laurie Barron, Mike & Kaye Brown, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Gerry van Dinter, Helen Teys, Terry Farrelly, Margaret Evans, Michael Cooper.

**& all our family & friends who require our prayers.**

Pope Francis published his Encyclical *Laudato Si, On Care for our Common Home*, as a way of reiterating the Church's call for responsible stewardship of creation and **calling all of us** to ensure that our methods of production and consumption honour our Creator, and respect the Lord's command **to care for creation, our Common Home**. In his Encyclical Pope Francis says, "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through our daily actions and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic, reducing water consumption, recycling, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, and any number of other practices". Obviously, these alone won't solve the problem, but these habits and small changes can become a catalyst to an overall shift in the way we understand and approach our common home.



From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week, which is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our school and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

This week our children have been encouraged to think about why they love their Catholic school, and here are some of their responses:

At my Catholic school I have learnt that I should never see a need without doing something about it – Year 2 Student

I have learnt how to be a good person, and show kindness to others – Year 3 Student

I love my Catholic school because spread kindness and compassion, and we follow Jesus' words and mission – Year 4 Student

At my Catholic school I have learnt to forgive, just like Jesus did – Year 4 Student

I love my school because we have a Church where we can pray to God – Year 2 Student

At my Catholic school we give "Shout Outs" to others when they do something great – Year 5 Student

I love my school because we accept everyone – Year 6 Student

There are so many wonderful things to celebrate – we are a vibrant, faith-filled learning community! Take care, Catherine

From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

**What a weekend! A massive congratulations to the extraordinary staff and students involved in our recent Musical production, 'High School Musical'! It was a resounding success, captivating audiences with exceptional talent and dedication. The countless hours of hard work and creativity poured into this production have truly paid off, leaving lasting memories for all.**

**We'd also like to bid a fond farewell to the 6 staff members and 37 students embarking on the Red Earth Immersion. They will travel to Cape York in far North Queensland, to experience the richness and beauty of Indigenous culture and its connection to land.**

**Thank you to Father David, who led our O'Driscoll House Mass as students and staff reflected on being the Light in the World.**

**Have a peace-filled week, many blessings Ange.**

BEING AN ANGEL TO SOMEONE

"A human angel is a gentle presence that brings solace to the wounded, hope to the despairing and love to the forsaken." Being an angel to someone is a profound act of kindness that can have a life-changing impact on both the giver and the receiver. It means offering compassion, support and love to those in need, serving as a guiding light during their darkest moments. It also requires empathy, understanding and a genuine desire to make a positive difference in someone's life. To be an angel to someone means being present for them, really listening to them when they speak and providing a shoulder to lean on. It involves offering encouragement, uplifting words and reminding them of their worth and potential. An angel brings hope to the hopeless, strength to the weak and comfort to the broken-hearted.

Being an angel can take many forms. It can be as simple as a warm smile, a kind gesture or a small act of generosity. It can be volunteering your time and skills, donating resources or standing up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Being an angel means showing up when others turn away, extending a helping hand and providing a safe space for someone who is vulnerable. It is not about seeking recognition or expecting anything in return. It is about selflessly giving of oneself to make a positive impact on another person's life and spreading love, compassion and kindness so that we may create a ripple effect that can inspire others to do the same. In a world that can sometimes feel cold and indifferent, being an angel to someone is a powerful reminder of our shared humanity and the capacity we all have to bring light into each other's lives. *Magellan Publications*

**A Message from the Archbishop**

Dear .....

**Xavier School of Preaching**

Preaching the Gospel is at the heart of ordained ministry. Pope Francis invites us to "renew our confidence in preaching, based on the conviction that it is God who seeks to reach out to others through the preacher, and that he displays his power through human words" (EG 136). As preachers, we seek constantly to listen more deeply to the word of God ourselves, since we cannot speak unless we listen; and we strive to develop our ability to communicate with our people so that God's word can be heard by them in all its power.

That is why the Xavier School of Preaching is being offered not just to clergy but also to those who proclaim the Gospel in non-liturgical contexts such as youth gatherings, children's ministry and school assemblies.

I invite you to attend the Xavier School of Preaching and encourage you to invite others in your community who might benefit from the experience – APREs, campus ministers, youth coordinators, sacramental coordinators and so forth. At the School I will be joined by other keynote presenters including Fr Anthony Mellor, Dr Maeve Heaney, Dcn Peter Pelliccaan and Robert Falzon.

The School will begin on Thursday evening 24 August and finish with lunch on Saturday 26 August at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Please get in touch with the Parish Office for Registration details. I look forward to seeing you there.

As always in the Lord, Archbishop Mark Coleridge

**Parish Mass Schedules**

**Little Flower: Bribie Island**  
**Sat 6.00pm & Sun 8.00am**  
**Tues 5.00pm & Thur 9.15am**

**St Peter's: Caboolture**  
**Sat 6.00pm, Sun 10.00am & 5.00pm**  
**Wed 9.30am**  
**St Columban's: Fri 7.45am**

**St Mary's: Woodford**  
**Sun 8.00am**  
**Mon 9.30am**

**St Michael's: Kilcoy**  
**Sun 10.00am**  
**Thurs 5.30pm**

**Parish Reconciliation Times**

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