

PASTORAL COUNCIL AND LITURGY GROUP: Has anyone considered the request in last week's newsletter to be part of this committee going forward into 2022? Members of this committee represent the parishioners as a whole by bringing to our attention any concerns that you have about important aspects of our parish life. We encourage you to put forward suggestions or worries that you have at the present time because we value your input and will discuss your concerns. We would like to hear from you if you have the time to put into this service to the parish. A warm invitation is extended to anyone interested in joining the group to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 6th October at 8.30am in the church following the 8am Mass.



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION: Classes for children in Year 3 or above will begin in the 2nd week of October. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish office on request. A reminder to parents that children must be baptised Catholic in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will then be eligible for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2022.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN BECOMING CATHOLIC: At this time of year, we invite anyone wishing to know more about the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to contact the parish office in order to set up the program which will carry through until Easter next year. If you know of anyone who has shown interest in this, please ask them to make contact. The program will get under way by mid-October.

FOR ATTENTION EX-CHOIR MEMBERS: If you have any of these books at home, please either return them to the music cupboard or drop them into the office as there is a shortage for use by current singers and choir. Our musicians are in the process of looking at introducing some new hymns which we are sure you will enjoy learning. Thanks to the Music Ministry people who lead us week after week putting in the practice to ensure that our liturgies are prayerful and uplifting in spirit.



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES beginning next weekend to the end of December are available for collection at the sign in table if a hard copy is required. Rosters have been emailed out to most people who read, give out communion, Mass set up and tidy up. Remember to arrive a good 10 minutes before Mass to sign on and quietly reflect on your ministry. Please arrange a replacement or swap if you know ahead of time that you will be unable to attend any of your rostered duties so that there is no confusion before Mass starts.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK: Thanks to the happy crew who answered the call to spread the mulch on Monday. There are so many chores to keep up with around the grounds in the absence of a resident caretaker so here's a personal invitation to you to just pop in and sweep the paths, pull out some weeds or pick up rubbish. We are proud of our gardens which take a lot of work and a handful of people are doing most of the jobs required. If you come during office hours, access will be given to the shed for use of gardening equipment. If it suits you better to come earlier or later, please byo gear. Remember, this is your garden too. Tony Wheeler, brother of our dear Pamella, has spent two full mornings trimming shrubs along the frontage of Adelaide Street on the Presbytery side for which we thank him. There are a few bottlebrush that have had their day and may need to be removed. Once our grounds overseer Stephen McGinley is back on deck, a working bee will be a priority to tidy up both front gardens and we ask that you come forward to offer assistance if you are in a position to do so. Thanks to Tony Behrendorff for poisoning weeds around the place a few weeks ago and to anyone else who potters around to keep the precinct presentable.



Rose of the week

If we received a dollar from every person who sniffs the roses, we could be rich! They are a real treat.

Thanks to a kind parishioner, Rosary leaflets are free for the taking at the Piety Stall. There are some lovely beads for sale so have a browse.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY AT THE GROTTA SATURDAY 16th OCT 9 am

ENTRANCE: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell; ©1993, Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

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COMMUNION: LOVE IS HIS WORD

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Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign.

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THANKSGIVING: HOSEA

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Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
So must we to others call.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming Home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice with tenderness
You shall know.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (say 3 times)

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine
All Praise and all Thanksgiving
be every moment thine.

RECESSIONAL: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Marty Haugen © GIA Publications

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace; Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, ring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

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Prayer for Rain

*Almighty and eternal Father,
Give your blessing of rain to our land.
May it fall where it is most needed
to provide water and refreshment.
Give courage, strength and hope to
people on the land who rely on rain for
the livelihood of their families.
Help us to wait patiently for your*

Roster Date	Saturday 25th Sept	Sunday 26th Sept	Saturday 2nd Oct	Sunday 3rd Oct
Welcomer	B Jones	C Chu	A Gilbert	P Phillips
1st Reader	P Wyatt	P Frawley	P Domin	K Ogilvie
2nd Reader	R Wroe	P Phillips	W McPherson	T Hagan
Communion	G Donoghue	R Parker	S Flavel	G Neill
Servers	Thu, Han	Andrew, Isaac, Xavier	A/S roster to be received this week.	A/S roster to be received this week.
Musicians	Bong	Judith	Robyn	Judith
Singers	Filipino Choir	Majella	Men	Theresa
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Lita Rebecca	Carmel	Lita Rebecca

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ECUMENICAL PET BLESSING
SAT 2ND OCT
2.30pm

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We remember in our prayers:

Those in ill health:
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The Recently Deceased:
Lena Hughes, Rosenda Concha.

Anniversaries of Death:
Alan Bartels, Matthew Rahe, Frances Steemson, Michael Bertram, Moya Milzewski, Raymond Proctor.

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please use the envelopes provided.

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26TH SEPTEMBER 2021
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

Wherever we see good we know that God's spirit is at work.

Today, the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue to listen to the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus rebuke his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus therefore challenged them that the greatest among them must be ready to be servant.

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MASS SCHEDULE
(PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO MASSES ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY FROM NOW ON)

29/09/2021	Wednesday	8.00am
30/09/2021	Thursday	12 noon
01/10/2021	Friday	8.30am
02/10/2021	Saturday	Maryborough 6.00pm
03/10/2021	Sunday	Maryborough 8.00am Tiaro 10.00am

In today's First Reading, Joshua was annoyed that two men from outside of the seventy elders chosen to represent Israel at the Tent of Meeting had also received the spirit of prophecy. But Moses corrects him by saying that anyone or even everyone was welcome to be a prophet, so long as they are called by God. Like Jesus, Moses clearly understands the non-discriminatory nature of divine grace.

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This weekend's Readings:
1st - Numbers 11: 25-29
Psalm - 18: 8,10,12-14

Response:
The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

2nd - James 5: 1-6
Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In the Gospel, the Apostle John falls into the same error as he seeks to stop another "outsider" from casting out demons in the name of Jesus. But, like Moses, Jesus intervenes and emphasizes the importance of tolerance and inclusiveness as he maintains that no one who does a miracle in his name could be against him. Interestingly, the so-called "outsider" is a believer or he would not be casting out devils in Jesus' name.

Finally, as we have seen, John's problem with this man was not his genuineness of faith, but that he did not belong to the Apostolic community. Once again, Jesus makes it very clear to us that we should never refuse the co-operation of anyone when it comes to service to God and humanity. The message today is very clear that our God is for all, not for the few, his justice favours everyone and rewards everyone according to their deeds, not according to their status, Religion ethnicity etc. Let us therefore love and embrace one another for we are all children of God.

Peace be with you! Fr Lucius

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The annual National Police Remembrance Day Service will be held at Life Church, 68 Gayndah Road (entry via Royle Street next to Riverside Christian College) on Wednesday 29th September @ 10am. Fr Lucius will represent the Parish and invites you to share the occasion. We have sent an RSVP to cater for 10 parishioners at the morning tea after the service. Let's all pray especially during this week for all the Police officers who have died in active service and for their families who have had to face the trauma of losing a loved one in the course of their duty.

