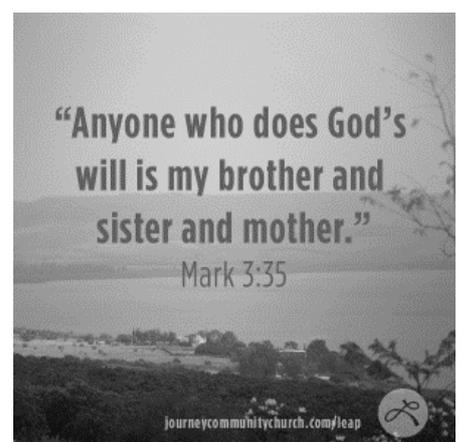


Reflection by Greg Sunter

Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.

Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 11 June

- 7.30pm PFC Meeting - Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 12 June

- 9.00am Year 4's attending Mass
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture group – Library
- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee - Library

Wednesday 13 June

- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pacific Golf Club

Thursday 7 June

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick John Bielenberg, Barbara Pashen, David Zemek **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Charles Reed, William Hayes, Agnes Hayes, Patricia Bergin, Tonini Nobilio **and the recently deceased** Tony Whitby, Alan William Williams and Mary Hammill.

Planned Giving

Over the past month we have been running the planned giving campaign in an effort to assist with the financial position of the Parish. Thank you to all who have already responded to that appeal. If you have not already done so please consider an increase to your current commitment, or in the very least to recommit to an existing pledged amount.

For those who give via direct debit or credit, we have now created special cards which will be placed at the entrance of the church. During the 1st and 2nd collection you can place this card in boxes to signify that you are a giver. **Please recycle these at the back of the church.**

Again we thank you for your past generosity and ask that you continue, knowing that the Lord will shower you with His blessings.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$2,480.00
Planned Giving	\$2,977.10
Total (Includes some annual contributions)	\$5,457.10

Planned Giving Program

To obtain envelopes, Direct Debit or a Credit Card request, please complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and place on either collection plate or deliver to Parish Office.

Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter & Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church are hosting **The 5 Love Languages.**

Date: June 9th, 2018

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School all, Norfolk Street, Coorparoo

Enquiries: 0403 514 454 Lolita Norris

Bookings: <https://trybooking.com>

Safeguarding Training Sessions

..for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

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.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for Employees and Volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.

The office can confirm that **Our Lady of Graces will host a session on Wednesday 31 October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Dominic Centre.** To secure a place for this evening, you will need to email Ashleigh at the Parish office. If you cannot attend this session, please contact the parish office for the dates and times for the sessions in the city.

OLOG Diners

Did you know that we have a monthly Our Lady of Graces Dinner at Pacific Golf Club, Pine Mountain Rd, Carindale. This provides an opportunity for any parishioners to have a cheap and pleasant dining out with other parishioners. Just tell the Club on arrival that you wish to join the Our Lady of Graces group, and you will be made very welcome, maybe even by the parish priest! The dinner is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. So the next one is on Wednesday, 13 June.

5.30pm Mass 17 June 2018

This mass will be organised by St Martin's. You are invited to attend an afternoon tea with those from St Martin's in the hospitality area prior to the Mass commencing.

Sacrament of Eucharist – Date Claimer



Children Confirmed at Our Lady of Graces in May 2017 soon commence activities to help prepare them for the important step in their initiation - the Sacrament of Eucharist [First Holy Communion].

A Parent Meeting for parents of children this group will be held in the church at 7pm on Wednesday 27 June.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 NEWS

Pope Francis sends blessings as Plenary Council process begins Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has sent his support and blessings to the Catholic Church in Australia as it commences a three-year process to consider its future through the Plenary Council 2020. The Church in Australia, on the feast of Pentecost, yesterday marked the official launch of the Plenary Council, which will culminate in gatherings in 2020 and 2021 to consider the Church's governance, laws and practice. In a special message for the Catholic community in Australia, Pope Francis said that he hoped "through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship". That, the Holy Father said, would enable them to be "a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today's rapidly changing society". Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, president of the Plenary Council, expressed his gratitude for the Pope's encouraging message. "We are embarking together on an important initiative that holds great promise for the Catholic Church in Australia," Archbishop Costelloe said. "It is wonderful to know that the Holy Father is aware of what we are doing and fully supportive of it. Read more at <http://mediablog.catholic.org.au/pope-francis-sends-blessings-plenary-council-process-begins/>

YOUTH EVANGELISATION OFFICE

Youth Evangelisation Retreat Day

This is the third of five FREE Year of Youth Retreat Days being held at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. The details are as follows:

For: Young adults 18-30;

Date: Monday 25th June 2018

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

RSVP: (please respond by Monday 18th June)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTBDCP>

SOMETHING FUNNY



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The Good Samaritan Refugee Support Network

A screening of Constance on the edge at the Church Hall of Sts Peter and Paul, 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba. It will run from 2.00 pm – 4.00pm Saturday the 23rd of June, followed by discussion and sharing over afternoon tea. RSVP Tricia Vesely gsofficesqld@goodsams.org.au or you can phone 3267 3662. Alternatively you can call the parish office of St Peter and Paul Bulimba 3399 2386.

Introducing the HeartFIT Exercise Program

You are welcome to come for a FREE Trial Session. 3 Local Sessions per Week at St's Peter & Paul Parish Hall Bulimba: 7:30am Monday or 10am Wednesday. Carindale PCYC 8:30am Thursday. Your Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Keep it Strong and Vibrant to Live Life to the Full. HeartFIT Is a Gentle to Moderate Exercise Program for everyone to maintain or regain a Strong Healthy Lifestyle.

The program focuses on:

- *Strength- Muscle Mass Retention.
- *Heart Health- Cardiovascular Fitness.
- *Balance & Flexibility.
- *Co-ordination & Falls Prevention.
- *Living Independently Long Term.

Just come along with a water bottle.

For more information call Bruce on 0408 740 543 or email bruceinthezone@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Position Vacant – Parish Finance Officer

Applications are open for a Parish Finance Officer position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish, Paddington, Brisbane. A person with excellent financial experience and skills is required on a part time basis, for 3 days per week. The days required to be worked will be Monday to Wednesday. Applications close: Monday 18 June, 2018. For additional information, please phone Fr Gerry Kalinowski at the parish office (phone 07 3369 5351) or visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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