

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter. For the disciples going out on their mission, it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them. The act of sending out the disciples can also be seen as a challenge to the towns and people that the disciples visited. A challenge for them to fulfil their duty of hospitality – of welcoming the stranger and caring for those in need. By travelling without a ‘fall-back position’ the disciples are utterly at the mercy of those they encounter but there is an implicit demand on the other to extend hospitality to the one who seeks it.

How would the disciples be greeted in our world today if they arrived in a country or town with no food, no possessions and calling on the hospitality of the place in which they had arrived? Does this sound familiar? There are refugees and asylum seekers who arrive on our borders and seek the hospitality of our country. They are fleeing inhospitality – often starvation, war, persecution, poverty – and they ask for welcome and hospitality. Unfortunately, in the culture of fear and intolerance that has developed, they are not met with welcome and hospitality; they are met with obstacles, rejection and ill treatment.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 16 July

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 17 July

- 9.30am Scripture group – Library
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Wednesday 18 July

- 9.30am Wednesday Friendly Group – Hosp.
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm FHC Family Session 1a - Church

Thursday 19 July

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Two Hearts Prayer Group – Church

Saturday 21 July

- 3.00pm CRL – Church

Sunday 22 July

- 3.00pm FHC Family Session 1b – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Annamaria Pizzica, Ivan Novak, John Mackinnon, Alma Mackinnon, Winnie Sutherland, Teresa Simento, Gerald Simento and Alejandra Mantilla **and the recently deceased**

Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

The Missionary Sister of St Dominic were asked to work with Burmese Refugees in Thailand. One of the ministries they took on was the establishment and running of an orphanage in the north-west of Thailand.



Over the last 7 years, Fr Alex has been travelling to Mae Sot to give retreats to the sisters and to work with the children. This year, he will also be baptising 5 of the older children who have expressed that they wish to be baptised, the fruit of the Sisters work.

Parish communities have supported the many different projects for example, new solar panels for power supply, water tanks and a baker.

A few years ago, a weaving workshop was built in which some of the beautiful products produced will be sold this weekend. You may also like to help with the work of the sisters by donations. There will be envelopes provided in the pews this weekend. All money from the sale of the weaving items as well as any donations will go directly to the sisters. Thank-you.



Wednesday Friendly Group

Are you looking for a nice group to socialise with? Are you a fan of morning tea? Well we have an answer for you, The Wednesday Friendly Group! The group meet once a month in the hospitality area for a cuppa and some scrumptious morning tea while chatting away. The next one will be held on Wednesday 18 July at 9.30am. If you would like to join bring a plate. All welcome!

Volunteers Needed!

Over the past year, we have seen the number of people across all ministries depleting. This is due to a number of reasons, the older generations are ready to step down for a number reasons. Volunteers are what keep the clockwork of the church turning.

We rely on volunteers over the weekend to participate in the many ministries to ensure the smooth running of a mass. We also have other ministries and committees outside of mass. There are many groups that you can also join!

So with that being said, we are now holding our first Parish Expo. This event will be aimed at finding more people to get involved across the many ministries, committees and activities that our Parish has to offer. Please come along and check it out, you might find that there is a ministry or committee that you would like to join or a group that you might be interested in.



We hope to see you there!

OLOG Parish Expo 2018!

Come along to our Parish Expo which will be held across the weekend of 28/29 July after all masses!

There will be information on the many ministries in this Parish that need your support!

If you already belong in a ministry and wish to help out, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental Program – Eucharist 2018



Now that the holidays are just about over, we now start preparing the children for First Holy Communion. The first session starts on Wednesday 18 July at 3.30pm in the Church. For all parents who have not booked in your sessions or have not been in contact with the office, now is the time to do so. Whilst we do not impose a compulsory Mass attendance component of the program, parents are encouraged to support their child's understanding through attending Sunday Mass, and discussing all the questions this might raise. That requires hearts and minds tuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We ask that everyone keep these children in their prayers as they begin their next step in their Sacramental journey.

For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers (in Australia), the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted.

Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose		\$708.35
Planned Giving	Additionally, Yearly and Half-yearly contributions of:	\$3,242.25
Total	\$4525	\$3,950.60

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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Bayside Forum

To anyone interested in developing confident communication skills a Public Speaking Course is being held on 25 July at the Wynnum Library from 7pm to 8.30pm. If you are interested please phone Elaine on 3824 8659 or Nera on 0449 511 956 or email west.mel@bigpond.com

Youth Mass - St Peter and Pauls Bulimba

In this Year of Youth, the Parish of Sts Peter and Pauls invites you to join with other youth (high school age and above) in the parish to celebrate a Youth led Mass on Sunday 22nd July at 5.30pm. Stay after Mass to enjoy a \$5 pizza and drink supper. RSVP by 17th July 2018 to the Parish Office bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au for catering purposes would be very much appreciated.

Youth and Vocations Expo

"The annual Youth and Vocations Expo invites young people to explore their call. It's also a valuable opportunity for youth to engage with other Catholic ministry organisations across Queensland and Australia that can empower them to help make a difference in their community and deepen their faith. The expo will begin with 12:00 Youth and Vocations Mass at the St Stephen's Cathedral and celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge."

Date: Sunday 5th August 2018

Venue: St. Stephen's Cathedral Precinct
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane QLD 4000

Time: 11:00 stalls open, 12pm Vocations Mass, 1pm – 2:30pm 2018 Vocations and Youth Expo

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 NEWS

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed.



In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years.

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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