

***Reflection by Greg Sunter***

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.



The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 3 September

- 7.00pm PPC Meeting – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 4 September

- 9.30am Scripture group – Library
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm Social Justice - Library

#### Wednesday 5 September

- 7.00pm Legion of Mary - Library

#### Thursday 6 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

#### Friday 7 September

- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – AQ Room

#### Saturday 8 September

- 3.00pm CRL - Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick John Andersen and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Tony Bibo, Petra Hellwig, Zina Catalano, Mavis Steele, Ron Steele, Chas Steel, Emilia Lamonaca, Domenico Pizzica, Steve Jugovic, Mona Knight and the recently deceased Elizabeth O'Mara, Avelina Catay, Dr John Farnworth and Jo-Anne de Wolf.**

### Happy Father's Day



Happy Father's Day to all our fathers in the church!

*God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who*

*have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Last Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Loose	\$666.00
Planned Giving	\$3,227.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,893.00</b>

### 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.

### Volunteers needed for FHC 2018 weekend

Short on time to volunteer? Interested in one-off volunteering? 30 minutes is all it takes. Over the weekend Masses of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September, more than 100 children will make their First Holy Communion. I am looking for one or two volunteers for per Mass, who are willing to be at the Church 30 minutes prior to Mass commencing, and assist me greet and seat Sacramental families when they arrive. Contact Shelly at the Parish Office for more details.

### Sacramental Program FHC 2018

This weekend concludes the Family Sessions for those children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on the weekend of 15 and 16 September 2018. Families, you will need to have booked in for the FHC mass **NO LATER** than Monday 10 September, 3.30pm. For those children who attend St Martin's, there will be a practice session during school hours. For those who do not attend St Martin's, there will be a practice on 11/9 at 3.30pm. Thank you.

### Join a Ministry... Today!

Hi everyone, we would like to recruit more people for various ministries and we want you! You don't have to have any experience just commitment. We are currently looking in the following ministries:

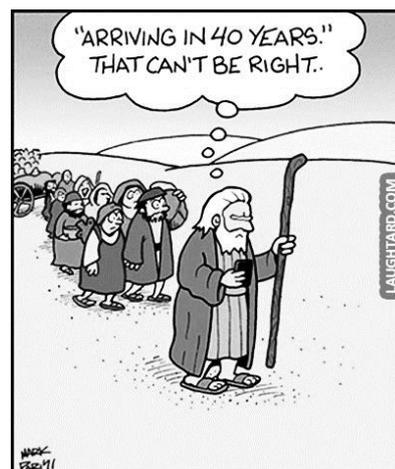
- Data Projector Operator
- Ministers of Communion
- Readers
- Musicians
- Altar Servers
- Cuppa n Chat

These ministries are so easy and only require a once a month commitment. Contact the parish office for more info.

### 500 Card Group

The 500 card group meet again in the Aquinas Room on Friday 3 August at 7.30pm. Contact Josephine at [josephinecoyne@hotmail.com](mailto:josephinecoyne@hotmail.com) for more information. All welcome!

## SOMETHING FUNNY



## Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Brisbane East Deanery (BED)

### Evening Session

**Date: Wednesday October 31, 2018**

**Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Location: Our Lady of Graces Parish,  
Dominic Centre,  
100 Mayfield Road, Carina, 4152**

**p: 07 3398 2977**

**e: [carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:carina@bne.catholic.net.au)**

### Daytime Session

**Date: Wednesday November 14, 2018**

**Time: 10am - 12 noon**

**Location: Regina Caeli**

Parish Hall

81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill, 4152

**p: 07 3398 3697**

**e: [reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au)**

For registration & further details contact parishes of Our Lady of Graces Parish & Regina Caeli respectively. Please note, this face-to-face training is only applicable to those registered volunteers who are:

- **providing services for children & vulnerable adults**
- **engaging in activities mainly with children & vulnerable adults**
- **in a leadership/council/finance position also employed by their parish, faith community or the Archdiocese**

For all other volunteers, there will be a video released at the end of this year in which you will be able to watch at home.

*..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.

## CATHOLIC LEADER

### Available at the back of the church for \$2

- \* *Papal letter condemns clerical sexual abuse and cover-ups*
- \* *Kerala flood disaster hits home*
- \* *St James creates pathway to inclusivity*
- \* *Vinnies helping struggling farmers through drought relief appeal*
- \* *Refugees still in dire need of aid in Uganda*
- \* *Nun 'nudged' Church to act on Aussie's sainthood cause for Eileen O'Connor*

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### 2018 – 2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and St James Coorparoo Social Justice Forum invite you to the launch of THE 2018 – 2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT "A Place to call home". This year's Social Justice Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops considers the issues of homelessness and housing affordability in Australia. Guest Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, CEO, Catholic Social Services Australia on Wednesday 12 September 2018 at 7:00 PM cuppa for 7:30 PM start. It will be held in St James' Parish Hall 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Light refreshments will be available before the launch. Parking is available in the church and school grounds. RSVP: Monday 10th Sept 2018 – for catering purposes please email parish office [osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3397 1671. Gold Coin Entry – Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul Society

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2018

Next weekend, our Church is delighted to be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time of year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for elderly priests when they are no longer able to serve our parish, helping families access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community.

You can find out more information by reading one of the brochures provided at the back of the church!

### Our Church, our community. Doing good.

Next weekend our parish will do a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, to support the vital ministries in our Church.

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**Please consider a thoughtful gift.  
It will be the answer to someone's prayer.**



**Support the good works of the Church.**

Give today: 07 3324 3200 or  
[catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)

**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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