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MASS TIMES:

Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday to Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

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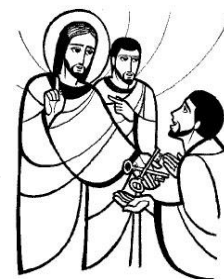
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2020

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah. When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer? Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.



Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Graces Parish

- Book online via the home page of www.carinacatholicparish.org.au. **Bookings open each week on Monday morning.**
- Parishioners who do not have internet access may contact the parish office to make a booking.
- Registration for Sunday Mass closes each Friday at 12 noon. This allows for the registration lists to be finalised and printed on Friday afternoon.
- The front door of the church is opened 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- We ask parishioners to book a seat each week for Sunday Mass. Please do not rely on space being available and just turn up at Mass. Registration will ensure that a space is available for you.
- Parishioners may need to be flexible, in that their preferred Mass Time might already be full with 100 people attending.
- Experience is that Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9am Masses reach the booking limit of 100 people each week. The Sunday 7am & 5.30pm Masses usually do not reach the booking limit of 100 people.
- *Note: All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation.*

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 23 August

- 10.00am Baptism Preparation – Library
- 1.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 2 – Church
- 3.00pm Confirmation Family Activity 2 – Church

Monday 24 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 25 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

Wednesday 26 August

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 27 August

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 11.00am BED Scripture Group – Library
- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church
- 7.00pm RCIA – Library

Saturday 28 August

- 10.00am Baptism – Church
- 2.30pm Wedding – Church

Sunday 30 August

- 12.30pm Baptisms – Church
- 3.30pm 1st Holy Communion Session 3 – Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Olivia Joses and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Anna Maria D'Souza, Jo-Anne de Wolf, Ron & Mavis Steele, Harry Kirkman and the recently deceased Paul Kinh Le, Pat Schatz, Pat Zemek, Timothy Owen, Marie Jones, Norma Shanks, Patricia O'Connor, Richard Schmiede.

Rest in Peace: Pat Schatz

On Thursday of this past week, the Funeral Mass for Pat Schatz was celebrated. Pat and Kenneth (decd.), raised four children, Chris, Terry, Jo and Paul. Pat lived in Allambie Street Carina for many years.

OLOG Diners Invitation

A few parishioners and OLOG Diners have mentioned that it might be good to meet up again. It has also been suggested that, during this COVID time, meeting for lunch when it is quieter rather than dinner at night is another option. If meeting at the Carina Leagues Club, there would be socially distancing and sitting at tables of 8.

All parishioners are most welcome and if you are interested in meeting either for lunch or dinner, please contact Josephine Coyne 0418 153 053.

How Can We Better Serve Our Parish?

Thank you to those parishioners who came along to the COVID-19 Connectedness Meeting on Tuesday evening. There was much discussion and brainstorming by our 'brains trust'



Wall of Remembrance

In 1998, a Wall of Remembrance was established behind the church as a way for parishioners to have a permanent memorial for their loved ones. Spaces cost \$70 and basic plaques are currently \$75 (*subject to normal cost increases*). For further information, please contact the parish office.



Private Prayer in the Church

The church is open during parish office hours for private prayer. Entry into the church is via the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation currently is only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Current COVID-19 Restrictions

Based on the current restrictions of one person per 4 square metres rule, 100 people can gather in Our Lady of Graces Church at one time.

As part of our COVID Safe Plan, we need to comply with the following:

- Stay at home if you are vulnerable or unwell.
- Appropriate physical distancing of 1.5 metres.
- Record the contact details of those who attend for contact tracing. These are kept confidentially and securely for 56 days and then destroyed.
- Cleaning protocols after each gathering.

Temporary Changes due to COVID-19

- Holy water fonts remain empty.
- No passing around of the collection boxes. There are two boxes located inside the church for you to place your offerings.
- The Sign of Peace should be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- No Communion on the tongue or from the chalice

Monday-Saturday Morning Masses

- The front door is opened 20 minutes before Mass
- We have an attendees list of parishioners who regularly attend Daily Mass.

Contact details for once off attendance are collected at the door when you arrive for Mass.

Handmade Face Masks

A teacher at St Martin's School is making handmade material face masks. These face masks are washable and have an insert for a replaceable filter. This filter can be a cut out piece from your old environmental shopping bag, a piece of paper towel or a coffee filter.

We have a limited number of face masks for sale at the parish office for \$5 each.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Celebrate the Season of Creation

Parish Reflection Day

When: Saturday August 29 (9:30am-3:30am)

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Cost: \$30 (includes box lunch and baked morning tea)

Hosts: Rob Cosgrove and Lisa McKerr

RSVP: Friday August 21

In the beautiful environment of Santa Teresa overlooking Moreton Bay, this is an opportunity to reflect on God's creation and to nurture the soul. There will be brief input sessions followed by periods for personal reflection and prayer.

Maximum participants: 20. (Covid safe protocols)

Register by ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au or phone: 33243440.

Pastoral Ministers Association Gathering

11 September 2020

Attention parish sacramental coordinators, musicians and liturgy teams:

The Pastoral Ministers Association is hosting their next Gathering Day on Friday 11th September in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct. The presenter will be local composer, teacher, performer and liturgist, Michael Mangan. Michael's sessions will cover *Let the Children Come: Towards more child and family friendly liturgy*, and *We Believe: Using the Arts – especially music in the celebration of the Sacraments*.

Date: Friday 11th September, 2020

Time: 9.15am — 2.30pm

Cost: \$10 per person for member parishes
\$20 per person for non member parishes

RSVP: by Friday 4th September

(please advise diet requirements)

Email: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au / phone 3324 3440 or contact one of the Executive team.

All Hallows' School Virtual Open Day

We warmly invite you and your family to discover the difference an All Hallows' School education will make in your daughter's life at our virtual open day, premiering at 10:30am, Sunday 30 August. Register now at www.ahs.qld.edu.au/virtualopenday

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Prioritising the poor isn't political, it's the Gospel: Pope

Church teaching on giving priority to the wellbeing of the poor and marginalised is not a political or ideological choice; it lies at the very heart of the Gospel, Pope Francis said yesterday.



The preferential option for the poor, which includes feeding the hungry and drawing close to the excluded, "is the key criterion of Christian authenticity," he said during his weekly general audience.

The principle also would include making sure that any vaccine developed for the novel coronavirus helps everyone, he added.

"It would be sad," he said, if priority for a vaccine "were to be given to the richest. It would be sad if this vaccine were to become the property of this nation or another, rather than universal and for all."

During his audience, livestreamed from the library of the Apostolic Palace, Pope Francis continued a series of talks on the principles of the Church's social doctrine as a guide for healing and building a better future, particularly as the world is struggling with a pandemic and its negative effects.

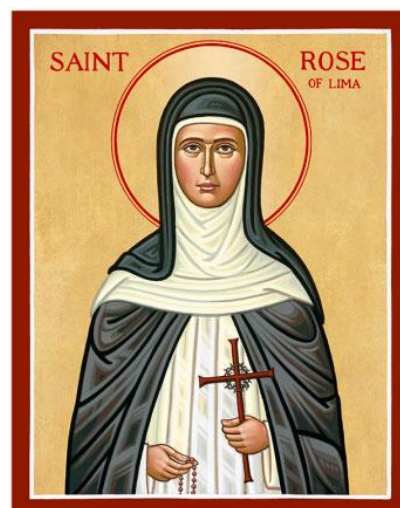
In fact, he said, a proper response to the pandemic is twofold:

"On the one hand, it is essential to find a cure for this small but terrible virus, which has brought the whole world to its knees. On the other, we must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation and the lack of protection for the weakest," the Pope said.

"It would be a scandal if all of the economic assistance we are observing – most of it with public money – were to focus on rescuing those industries that do not contribute to the inclusion of the excluded, the promotion of the least, the common good or the care of creation." *Published CathNews 20 August*

Saint Rose of Lima (Lay Dominican)

Lived at the same time and in the same town as St Martin de Porres and St John Macias. Died in 1617. Her feast day is Sunday 23 August.



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