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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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# Spread the Word

**Vol. 34 No. 34 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 September 2019**

## Reflection by Greg Sunter



We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 23 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 24 September

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

#### Wednesday 25 September

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 26 September

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

#### Saturday 28 September

- 7.15pm AA – Library

*Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Margaret O'Brien, Ken Welsh, Joe Bobbermien, Orazia (Grace) Coco and the recently deceased.*

### Daily Mass, Break Open the Word and Ordo 2020

Daily Mass books and Ordo 2020 are now available for purchase. Daily Mass Books and Break Open the Word are \$22.00 and Ordos are \$12.00. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 to order and pay before 15 November 2019.

### RCIA - Interested in becoming a Catholic?

*Do you have burning questions about your faith? Do you have a desire to seek the truth? Have you questioned yourself about becoming a Catholic?* Ask yourself these questions no more and register your interest in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults by calling the office on 33982977 or email us at [sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au). More news about the RCIA program will be released soon so stay tuned.

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with family & friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. As the Archdiocesan Assembly for the Plenary Council has been convened for the date we had previously advertised for this special occasion, the Mass will now be celebrated on **Saturday 28 September, @ 10.00am**. For catering purposes please RSVP to [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 20 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.



### From the Parish Office

For the week of Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September through to Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October the Office will **only be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm on all days** due to short number in staff. Subsequently, the Office will also be closed on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Thank you for your patience.

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



Loose	\$840.30
Planned Giving	\$3,766.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,606.67</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.

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

*GIRM 29*

In Considering the Church as 'the home of the word', attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.

*Verbum Domini (2010) 52.*

### Safe Travels

As you all know, Fr Alex left last week to travel Europe on a pilgrimage with staff of San Sisto and St Martin's. Fr Alex went ahead for a week in France travelling to a couple of different cities, last checking in Toulouse where he visited the tomb of Thomas d'Aquino or as we know him St Thomas Aquinas. The rest of the staff leave today to join him in England where they begin their 2 week pilgrimage. We wish them a safe journey and pray for their safe return.

## THINKING AHEAD

A thought to consider before the readings for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Before becoming Pope, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio gave a speech. In part he said:

*"There are two images of the Church: a Church which evangelises and comes out of herself by hearing the word of God with reverence and proclaiming it with faith; and the worldly Church, living within herself, of herself, for herself..."*

The readings for the upcoming weekend (28 September) ask us to reflect and check in on which image we show in our personal lives.



## PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS

With the release of the six National Plenary Themes for Discernment and the commencement of the Listening and Discernment phase of the Plenary journey.

The Brisbane Assembly aims to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the themes for national discernment, the latest developments and vision casting from the Plenary Council national facilitation team, and most importantly an opportunity to take part in a process of communal discernment led by experienced facilitators.

Participants will also hear from an array of quality presenters on 'Discernment' and 'Effective Communication' to assist with the Listening and Discernment phase. This will aid in empowering participants to engage their own communities with the second phase of the Plenary journey in the lead up to Easter 2020. Who can attend the Brisbane Assembly?: An invitation is extended to all within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please note registrations are likely to fill quickly for this important local Plenary event therefore you are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.

For those unable to attend the Brisbane Assembly, Shalom TV will be providing a live web cast of key sessions for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Video content captured at the Assembly will also be used to create resources to assist local parishes and communities with their contribution to the Listening and Discernment phase. Please also note the Brisbane Assembly is just one of a number of ways you and your community/parish can participate in the Listening and Discernment process. This process can also be run locally using the resources available at <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/plenary/>

Brisbane Assembly Format and Registration for October 4 and 5:

Adult – \$50 (incl GST)

Student/Pensioner – \$35 (incl GST)

Venue: Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College – Sth Brisbane

Before registering please read the following carefully:

Registration includes access to all presentations in ERPAC Auditorium, facilitated Listening and Discernment sessions and meals (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) across Friday and Saturday of the Brisbane Assembly.

Registration opened July 8. Book early as places are limited.

Register for the Brisbane Assembly 2019 For more information please email [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

St. Stephen's Cathedral 5th October 2019.

Rosaries (two mysteries) - 10.30AM

Marian Mass - 11.30AM

Process around the streets approx 12.15PM

(Elizabeth St, Adelaide St, Edward St, Cathedral)

Benediction to conclude at the Cathedral.

## SOMETHING FUNNY



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## CATHOLIC LEADER

**Catholic leaders are available at the back of the church for \$2.**

- *Brisbane Catholic barrister delivers shocking snapshot of abuse, neglect and disadvantage suffered by people with disability in a new royal commission.*
- *Contemplative order Sisters of Mary, Morning Star chooses Brisbane as first Oceania home – lighting up the darkness surrounding the church in Australia with fervent prayers.*
- *Newly-professed Canossian Sister 'brightened' by vows, committing to a life of love and service.*
- *2017 Community Leader of the Year winner and vice-president of St Vincent de Paul society Queensland, Annette Baker lives by a simple motto, 'try and do something for someone every day'.*
- *Contradiction exposed in the 2019 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report – how Australia is ranked in the top-three of the most liveable countries in the world, yet one in four Australians suffer from loneliness.*
- *Emergency services battle more than 70 fires burning across Queensland, sparking the spirit of generosity among volunteers and donations towards the Vinnies fire disaster appeal.*



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