

Reflection by Greg Sunter

‘But you, who do you say I am?’ This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?



Perhaps you’ve never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, ‘Who do you say I am?’ It’s confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It’s confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. ‘Who do you say I am?’ You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn’t ask ‘Who do you say I was?’; it asks, ‘Who do you say I AM?’ The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: ‘Who do YOU say I am?’

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 17 September

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 18 September

- 9.30am Scripture group – Library

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Wednesday 19 September

- 9.30am Wednesday Friendly Group – Hosp.

- 7.00pm Legion of Mary - Library

Thursday 20 September

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Gerald Simento, Steve Mollison, Tony Marmella, Teresa Adams, Jimmy Kempick, Margaret O'Brien, John Clarke, Mary Clarke, Peter Marinan, Matteo Rostangno, Cesarina Tommasini, Edna O'Brien, Reginald Tissera **and the recently deceased** Elizabeth O'Mara and Avelina Catay

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$719.40
Planned Giving	\$3,791.50
Total	\$4,510.90

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.



Wednesday Friendly Group

Join us in the Hospitality Area after 9am mass on Wednesday for a morning tea and a chat! We hope to see you there!

Holy Communion: the more complete form of participation in the Mass by which the faithful...receive the Lord's body from the same sacrifice is strongly endorsed. *Vatican II, SC 55*

Holy Communion has a fuller forms as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father. *GIRM 281*

First Holy Communion 2018

Over the past several weeks, our sacramental children have been learning about receiving communion and this weekend across all masses, they will finally join us as they receive their First Holy Communion. Families, there is one more Sacrament for your children to receive which is Penance. A reminder will be sent out November 2018 and information about the parent evening will come in February 2019.



Congratulations to the following children:

Thomas Allen	Tré Amede
Isaac Anderson	Jai Bloxsom
Luka Boban	Abigail Brooker
Madaline Brooks	Ava Burns
Alejandro Cabeza Moreno	Nicholas Cherry
Stephanie Collins	Daniel Corrado
Emily Cotterill	Eamon Cowley
Isabella de las Heras	Isabella Curtis
Amica De Felice	Milena De Felice
Oriana De Felice	Mia Di Pino
Lucinda Dillon	Charlotte Dudley
Charles Farmer	Veronica Felix
Montgomery FitzGerald	Liam Forsyth
Lachlan Francis	Jasmine Fung
Ava Goldberg	Charlie Granrose
Montana Harrison	Violet Harrison
Niamh Hayden	Halle Heffernan
Sienna Heffernan	Thomas Hellyer
Zara Hende	Antonia Hine
Owen Hoey	Caitlin Holmes
Elizabeth Hultsch	Amelia John
Jaidyn Kane	Charlie Lance
Liam Lazarus	Mia Lopez
Parker Lovell	Thomas Lutton
Lachlan MacKenzie	Sienna MacKenzie
Joshua Maguire	Gabriella Mantini
Joseph Mantini	William McBrien
Alina McCosker	Isaac McCosker
Siena McCosker	Deklan McGown
Darcy McGuckin	Danna Mendoza
Isla Merrotsy	Bridget Mills
Helena Muir	Luca Muscillo
Olena Neale	Kayla Nitins
Holly Nitins	Jack Norris
Thomas Norton	Samuel Pauli
Zevanita Phillips	Charlotte Pook
Bella Ramsay- Hooper	Max Rayner
Nina Reyes	Eleanor Rhodes
Noah Riley	Charlee Rossberg
Jessica Rutherford	Nathan Savage
Paige Schultz	Lee Sharkey
Olivia Smith	Miranda Squires
Quinton Stam	Taylor Swaney
Isaac Terpstra	Sebatian Tomadon
James Toscan	Georgina Turner
Olivia van Gool	Jade van Starrex
Alexandra Villalobos	Liam Vecchio
Mia Wilkinson	Claire Williams
Emma Willington	Dakota Willmot
Dante Zulli	

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

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

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.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



San Sisto Guided Campus Tour

Join a guided campus tour and discover first-hand the unique educational experience at San Sisto College. Tours are held during a normal school day to observe our unique student learning experience.

Date: Tuesday 18 September

Venue: San Sisto College

97 Mayfield Road, Carina

Time: 9 am until 10.30 am

To register go to the link below:

<http://www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/Pages/college-tours.aspx>

CATHOLIC LEADER

Available at the back of the church for \$2

- *Archbishop calls task force in response to marriage crisis*
- *Imogen tells political forum on abortion and disability of her value*
- *ACU provides principals with enriching experience in Rome*
- *Catholic media agencies urged to inspire the world with the saving message of the Gospel*
- *Franciscan Friar urges respect and care for 'God's work of art'*
- *Woody Point's first Catholic school had a miraculous start*
- *Homeless tragedy crying out for action*
- *High school student discovers her faith in the Year of Youth*

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