



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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27th/28th July 2019

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Bring Your Confident, Persistent Prayers to God

If we're inclined to think that someone might say no to a request we make, we're probably less likely to even bother. If we'd really like to have a sleepover at a friend's house, but figure Mom and Dad would shoot down the idea, we might just keep it to ourselves. If we're sure the boss is going to reject our request for a raise or an increase in budget, we might just keep our desires to ourselves. After all, why go through the hassle and heartache of rejection if we know it's coming in the first place?

As Jesus' disciples came to him asking them how to pray, he not only gave them the words that has become known to us as the Lord's Prayer, but he gave them the attitude with which they should pray. You and I, when we pray to God, we should come confidently and persistently because we know that God is not going to reject us, but he will hear and answer our prayers in a way that is best for us.

Jesus made a habit of praying, and doing so in a way that people knew that's what he was doing. He set aside time in his day to speak with his heavenly Father in the way that we might schedule time to touch base with our spouse, children, or co-workers. For Jesus, prayer was vital, not just in difficult times, but always, for keeping his perspective set where it needed to be.

Be confident and persistent in your prayers, knowing that no matter what you ask God for, he's going to answer according to his will. Be persistent, knowing that God wants you to trust that he's going to work for your good. Be joyful, knowing that come to a God who loves you, has forgiven you, and will provide for you now as he's provided for you eternally—perfectly.

That confidence means that you can be persistent. We saw an example of that in Abraham's pleading with God in our First Lesson from *Genesis*. He did not relent but kept confidently coming to God knowing that God would answer in a way that was to everyone's best eternal good. That's the kind of confidence and persistence you can and should have when you pray to your heavenly Father. You know that when you ask for bread, or a fish, or an egg, he's not going to give you a rock, a snake, or a scorpion. He's going to give you what you need, even if you don't recognize immediately that you need it.

(Gloria Dei)

Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

WE REMEMBER

We remember Tomas Macaranas and Rita Hickey. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Last Monday evening two parishioners joined the book reading and it was excellent with great conversation prompted by the book. You are welcome to come to any session or suggest a different time. Readings will take place at the following times and places:
Saturday 5:00pm St Joachim's
Sunday 5:00pm St Agnes Monday **Cancelled**
If you would like to suggest another time to meet or to find out more information please call Paul on 0407 011 988.

9:00AM MASS HOSPITALITY

Stay for a little while after the mass and enjoy the fellowship of fellow parishioners.

COUNTERS

Tony's team.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE READING

No gathering this Monday

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, July 31st at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

On Thursday St Agnes' School will be celebrating Catholic Education Week at our regular 9:00am mass. All are welcome.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

Mass on Friday, August 2nd will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORKSHOP - CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Workshop will held on Sunday, August 4th from 2:00pm-3:30pm at St Agnes' Church.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, August 5th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship from 10:00am at Kafe Me in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre. All welcome. Contact Nancy Reddel 3349 7272 or just come.

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

THE PARABLES PODCAST - NEXT EPISODE JULY 31.

The Parables Podcast is a fortnightly series featuring Archbishop Mark Coleridge's insights and reflections on the parables of Jesus. You can listen to these podcasts by subscribing to our channel "Archdiocese of Brisbane" on your preferred podcast app, or at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/ep-1-introduction-to-the-parables/> and <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/the-parable-podcasts-5-the-labourers-and-the-vineyard/>

ECUMENICAL PEACE ACTION INVITATION - FRANCISCAN SCHOOLS AUST

God calls us to love your neighbour as yourself. This calls us, as people of faith to choose peace. In light of recent events in Christchurch and Sri Lanka and the discord of world tolerance for 'the other', FSA together with Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Aboriginal elders and elders of world religions invite you to a peace action event in which we can promote harmony, reconciliation and advocate for peace. We see the event as an opportunity for leadership, compassion and love. The invitation to the Ecumenical Thirsting for Peace Action on Wednesday 07 August at 5:20pm at Brisbane City Hall is open to all. This is a free event however registration via the FSA website is critical so that we have some idea of numbers. Please book at: <https://www.fsa.asn.au/ecumenic>

ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS

Sunday, August 25th - 2:30pm - St Stephen's Cathedral.

Parish Diary

Monday, July 29th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 31st

Benediction 5:30pm
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday August 1st

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, August 2nd

Includes Anointing of the Sick

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, August 3rd

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 3rd

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, August 4th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Sacred pastors should instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species... However, at the same time the faithful should be instructed to participate more readily in this sacred rite, by which the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is made more fully evident.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...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.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ECUMENICAL ANTI-EUTHANASIA GATHERING

At SPEAKER'S CORNER (next to Parliament House), there is an 'Anti-Euthanasia Appeal' planned on Saturday 3rd August 2:30pm - 3:15pm. All who seriously want to appeal to God for His help are welcome!

BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6th and the topic is - "*Fr Bernard O'Shea and the Beginnings of the Catholic Education*" presented by Fr Jim Browne. The Society meets at 5.30pm in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, besides the Cathedral of St Stephen. Annual Membership is \$35 per person / family. NB - Please note August 6 has been flagged as another day for throwing a spanner in the works of the CBD.

DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA

How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to build local capacity. Find out how Guida Cabrita assisted educators and students in Timor Leste, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. Discover Palms Australia: Sunday August 11th @ 1pm Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room

ST ITA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY

There will be Mass on Sunday, August 11th at 9:00am which will be followed by a community Day.

SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA ANNUAL LOURDES HEALING MASS

St Paschal's Church, 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights on Saturday, August 17th commencing 10.00am.

BRISBANE CITY POPS ORCHESTRA ANNUAL CONCERT

Friday, August 23rd commencing 7.00pm at St Paschal's, 30 Warraba Avenue, Wavell Heights. "Tripping around Britain" conducted by Neil Flottman and featuring guest soloist Lindsay Gaffney. Special appearance by the OLA School Choir under the direction of Debbie Todhunter. Tickets \$35.00 includes light supper. Tickets on sale from the parish office from now. Phone sales with credit card available also. Proceeds will go towards much needed refurbishment to the parish hall. Enquiries to Kerstin Knot, 3359 0239.

ST LAURENCES' COLLEGE OLD BOY MEMORIAL MASS

St Laurence's College and the Old Boys' Association extends an invitation to all members of community to attend the Old Boy Memorial Mass on Sunday, August 25th commencing 10:00am at the Chapel of St Laurence O'Toole, St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane. This mass provides a moment for guests to come together, remember those from the College community who are no longer with us and to celebrate their stories with a full communion mass.

WOMEN OF THE WAY RETREAT - Come, Listen, Drink, Live!

23rd-25th August 2019 at the Watson Park Convention Centre, Dakabin. Two International Presenters. Weekend includes Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and prayer ministry. For info phone Rosa 38861661 or email: wowqld@gmail.com

LORETO COLLEGE PUBLIC LECTURE - DR ELAINE McDONALD

Thursday, August 8th @ 7pm in Cruci, Loreto College "Bearers of a Dangerous Memory: The Prophetic Legacy of Mary Ward". Dr McDonald is the Head of Policy and Practice at Dublin City University and a great proponent of the vision of Mary Ward and the educational legacy of the Loreto Sisters. Elaine is undertaking a speaking tour of Australia across July/August including public lectures, visits to all eight schools and involvement in the LML Boards' Colloquium in Adelaide. In each state Elaine will deliver a lecture and all friends of Loreto are invited. She will explore some elements of the life of Mary Ward that mark her out as a prophetic leader and introduce us to the resilience of the followers of Mary Ward in keeping alive her memory and vision. In doing this Elaine hopes that we will uncover parallels between the landscape of Mary Ward's life and the landscape of our lives as 'bearers of a dangerous memory'.

Booking link: <http://bit.ly/DrElaineMcDonald2019>

Enquiries: Nicole Earley; community@loreto.qld.edu.au

DATE CLAIMER - ALL SAINTS ARTS CONFERENCE

Saturday August 31; 8:30am - 3:30pm. Approved by BCE as 5 hrs PD for Accreditation to teach RE in Catholic Schools.

PARISH REFLECTION DAYS - CALL TO HOLINESS

Saturday, August 31st or November 30th from 9am-4pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost: \$30 All parishioners are invited. Any enquiries regarding this event or registration, please contact Mary-Anne Cullen: eb@bne.catholic.net.au; 3324 3440.

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION ENOGGERA - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Remember your old school days at OLA Primary School? On Sunday, 18th August a 100 year celebration of OLA Catholic Primary School will be held. We would like to invite as many Past Pupils & their families as well as anyone who has had a connection over the years. To assist in compiling an Invitation List (as well as for catering purposes) forward names and contact details to: barbaraBowers103@gmail.com or phone 0423 617 012, including years of your attendance.

CELTIC WINTER WONDERLAND TOUR

From November 27- December 11th you will visit spectacular destinations throughout Northern and Southern Ireland. The tour group is small and we are offering a three-day optional visit of the Christmas markets in Germany from December 11-14th For an itinerary go to www.mariaforde.com, call Maria on 0411158593 or Debbie, Emerald Travel 03 96902123

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

COST: \$2.00

- Fr Tom Duncan ordained for Toowoomba diocese
- Catholic leaders denounce our offshore detention policy
- Catholic Education Week begins on July 28
- Presbyteral Jubilee Mass commemorates many priests
- Vinnies Shop West End is blessed by Capuchin Father Lam Vu, 'starting off the store on the right foot'
- NET Ministries' Luke Schaefer ran away from his family's faith when he was 17 years old and now he travels the world evangelising

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