



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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3rd/4th August 2019

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Catholic Education Week - Many Voices One Spirit

Pope Francis tells a story of flying a kite in his neighbourhood when he was a child.

“There was some moment when the kite would begin making a figure 8 and then began falling. In order to keep that from happening you must not pull the string. The kids who knew more than us and would scream, give it some slack, it is wobbling.”

Flying a kite resembles the approach you need to take regarding a young person's growth: sometimes you need to give them slack because they are wavering. In other words it is necessary to give them time. We have to be able to set limits at the right moment, but other times we need to know how to look the other way.

Since the first Catholic school opened in Elizabeth Street in Brisbane in 1845, hundreds of thousands of students have enjoyed the benefits of a Catholic education before going on to make their mark in the wider community.

During the week all the catholic schools in Queensland celebrated and promoted their distinctive mission and ethos. It is important that we first celebrate who we are. This vocation should transform us into better followers of Christ. It is important that we acknowledge the hard work that we do and the outcome that we achieve for our students.

Dr Lee-Ann Perry, the executive director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission said, “For the catholic schools to flourish we need to ensure that our schools are part of the broader education system focused on the mixture of our students and their capacities to achieve their potential and contribute to our community.”

The Catholic school should put Christ at the centre of everything it does by integrating the teaching of the values of the Gospel and the teaching of the Catholic Church into every aspect of learning, teaching and the total experience of school life. As a Catholic Christian community we educate all to live the gospel of Jesus Christ as successful, creative and confident, active and informed learners empowered to shape and enrich our world.

While catholic schools and colleges were established to ensure the faith could be handed on, they have always been an attractive choice for families for whom that was not necessarily a key motivation. It is a shared journey, and that is really what makes a holistic lifelong education. I appreciate parents for sending their children to our Catholic schools for human and faith formation which is our vision. I want to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, commitment and sacrifice of our teachers and staff members in the journey of transformation of our young friends in our Catholic schools and colleges.

Next Thursday, on the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, I will be celebrating mass with the staff of St Agnes and St Joachim's Primary Schools and Seton College.

God bless you,

Fr Joson

Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

WE REMEMBER

We remember Tomas Macaranas, Doug Hansen and Frank Connolly. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Five parishioners and Fr Joson have done some reading. We only need two sessions to cover the main message so the initial reading groups will finish this week. If you would like to read the book, we have copies to lend you. You can get the gist in the first four chapters. A recent Pope said "the Church exists in order to evangelise; it is her deepest identity". This book offers a way to start evangelising. If our Parish is going to live up to the Church's deepest identity we will need people to offer their talents and time.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORKSHOP - CONFIRMATION

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

COUNTERS

Tony's team.

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.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE READING

Monday, August 5th 6:15pm in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish will be held on Monday, August 5th commencing 6:45pm in the Parish Office.

MASS OF THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

On Wednesday, August 7th all volunteers are invited to the 6:00pm mass at St Agnes Church in recognition of all they do for the parish. You are invited to stay afterwards for supper.

Safeguarding Requirements

I would like to thank all volunteers for completing the Volunteer Data requirements, undergoing Police Checks, applying for Blue Cards, undergoing Level I training on-line and attending Level II Training sessions as required, depending on your ministry.

There are still a number of volunteers who need to go on-line and complete the Safeguarding Training Level 1 video. If you have done so but have not returned the Confirmation of Completion form could I ask that you return this to me as soon as possible. Without the form I will not know that this requirement has been completed.

For those who have been unable to access the video on-line I am planning to hold a session in the Parish Centre. I will advertise the date once it is arranged.

The Safeguarding Training Level II session held in our Parish recently was well attended. A number of our people also attended the session held at Sunnybank. If your ministry requires you to complete Level II and you still need to do so below are details of the upcoming sessions.

August 22nd - 6:30pm - 8:15pm. Holy Spirit Church, 16 Villiers St, New Farm. **Website Link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/520679>

Invitation Code: central

September 19th - 6:30pm - 8:15pm. Star of the Sea Hall, 53 Passage St, Cleveland. **Website Link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BEFNP>

Invitation Code: bayside

Recently the parish was selected to take part in an Archdiocese external audit which was requested by Catholic Professional Standards Limited. We still have a couple of things which we need to address but overall the auditor was pleased with the protocols we have in place.

Safeguarding is a community effort and once again I would sincerely like to thank you for your time and patience while we completed the requirements.

Check out our Safeguarding Hub at: www.safeguardingaob.com.au

Dot

Parish Diary

Monday, August 5th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, August 7th

Benediction 5:30pm

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday August 8th

Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, August 9th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, August 10th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 10th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, August 11th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'



COMMUNITY NEWS



As part of Catholic Education week, this week we celebrated with Lesley Van Trier, a much loved parishioner and teacher at St Agnes'. Lesley received a highly regarded and much deserved nomination from Catholic Education for her outstanding contribution in her role as a teacher. Please join us along with the school community in congratulating Lesley on this wonderful achievement and to thank her for all her hard work and dedication in our parish.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, August 6th and the topic is - **"Fr Bernard O'Shea and the Beginnings of the Catholic Education"** commencing 5.30pm in the Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral precinct. Annual Membership is \$35 per person / family

ECUMENICAL PEACE ACTION INVITATION - FRANCISCAN SCHOOLS AUST

Ecumenical Thirsting for Peace Action - Wednesday, 7 Aug 5:20pm at Brisbane City Hall. Please book at [tps://www.fsa.asn.au/ecumenic](https://www.fsa.asn.au/ecumenic)

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

DISCOVERING GLOBAL MISSION WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA

How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people; volunteers are needed to build local capacity. Find out how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. Sunday August 11th @ 1pm Brisbane Library 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.

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 29th annual QCMF will be held Thursday evening 15th - Sunday 18th August at Villanova College & St James Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from all over Queensland perform in choirs, bands, and ensembles. Festival Passes, available at the door, are \$10/Adult and \$5/Concession. For more information, visit www.qcmf.com.au

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION ENOGGERA - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

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.

SAY NO TO EUTHANASIA

'LIVING, DYING AND THE POWER OF PRESENCE'

Come and hear Canadian filmmaker and anti-euthanasia activist Kevin Dunn. His documentary film "The Fatal Flaws" looks at how euthanasia has expanded beyond its original intent in Holland Belgium and the US State of Oregon. Mr Dunn will conduct a public presentation at Brisbane City Hall on Thursday, August 22 commencing 6.00pm for 6.30pm start, concluding 8:00pm. The event is free and open to all, but for catering purposes, please RSVP your attendance to communications@bne.catholic.net.au

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. Proceeds will go towards much needed refurbishment to the parish hall. Enquiries to Kerstin Knot, 3359 0239.

ARCHDIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS

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

ST LAURENCES' COLLEGE OLD BOY MEMORIAL MASS

St Laurence's College and the Old Boys' Association extend an invitation to all members of community to attend the Old Boy Memorial Mass on Sunday, August 25th commencing 10:00am in the College Chapel.

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

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 Details on the noticeboard.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

COST: \$2.00

- Moorooka Salisbury parish celebrates 2 anniversaries
- Catholic religious advocates seek lost wages for exploited workers underpaid by a Queensland labour-hire firm
- Key Plenary Council 2020 topics emerge from the final report of the council's Listening and Dialogue phase
- Sr Rose Patrick O'Connor enters novitiate with the Sisters of Life, taking on her new name and full habit
- Australia's 'doctor death' Philip Nitschke is about to embark on a nationwide tour promoting his latest
- Vanessa Comninos is fired up for evangelisation and walked away from her dream job to work full-time in her Brisbane parish
- Mindaugas Cerniauskas was a married entrepreneur, now after more than 20 years of discernment and discovery, he is a poor missionary priest called Fr Mary Elias

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