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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

7/8th Sept 2019

Put Jesus First

Our hearts are nets made of chain. We have ties of tenderness and gratitude, ties of love and dependence, endless ties with everything that touches our feelings. Jesus speaks of ties of consanguinity: father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and of ties with life itself, which in the Semitic mentality is symbolized by blood. But the heart must be free of these ties in order to go to Him and create a new tie that gives life because it gives the person freedom to be his/her authentic self.

Every disciple has but one task: to learn and not to depend. Blood ties create dependence: how often does affective blackmail stop people from building the tower of their existence? How often do the words “If you love me, do this!” or “If you love me, do not do this...?” Life itself can imprison you when it ties you to what does not suit you physically or mentally, thus influencing your complicated story, or when it ties you to what you choose haphazardly by a will made weak by a thousand grids of events and blackmail. The cross does not tie. It urges that all that you have may be shed; blood and water, even to the last drop.

Your whole life as a gift that does not expect any reward. To belong rather than to possess is the secret of the gratuitous love of the Master and of the disciple. Anyone who follows Jesus is not just any disciple who learns a doctrine, but is one who becomes a beloved disciple, capable of narrating the wonders of God when the fire of the Spirit turns him/her into a flame on the candlestick of the world.

(Lectio Divina)

The Catholic Campaign

Jesus says that the way of true liberation is renunciation, even of what we seem to depend upon – family, possessions, even our own life. Our true security is found in sharing the sacrifice of the Cross. This is strange: loss turns out to be gain and death turns out to be life. That's the logic of God that underlies his plan.

The Annual Catholic Campaign takes its place within that logic and that plan. Each year the Campaign invites the Catholic community to help in accomplishing God's plan. Supporting the ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign involves renunciation, even sacrifice. But I ask you to make a calm and reasonable assessment of what you can give and to do so in recognition of where your true security lies, what your life really depends upon. What is also clear is that your generosity will be the answer to someone's prayer, which is again the way God wants it to be.

The Annual Catholic Campaign was intended to reduce multiple Sunday appeals to a single appeal. But the intention behind it goes far beyond that. In the end, the intention is to call the Catholic people of the Archdiocese into the unfolding plan of God – not just to help the needy but to bring to birth a new ordering of human relationships, a society where brothers and sisters can embrace each other in the compassion of God. So I urge you to say yes to that.

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

WE REMEMBER

We remember Ivan Acres, Nancy Reddel, Peter Weightman, Louise Potter, Andrew Craig, Robert O'Connor, Sebastiano, Maria and Alfio Trovato, Florence and Mervyn Jardine, Patricia and Vic Muir and deceased members of the Nash family. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the O'Connell and Gee families as they celebrated the baptism of Landon in the parish last weekend.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Unlocking Your Parish meets again this Tuesday at 7:00pm to watch another Alpha film. Its never too late to have a look. No obligation.

A group of Parishioners will attend a whole day workshop at Springfield Parish on Saturday, September 21 to learn how they have used the Divine Renovation program to change themselves into a missionary parish. Not a maintenance parish. You are welcome to join, let Dot know if you are interested.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

The current Sacramental Program comes to a close this Wednesday with Bishop Joseph Oudeman confirming 70 children.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes' Church - Sunday, September 15th at 9:00am Mass

YULETIDE STREET CARPARK

Please be advised that the car park next the church in Yuletide Street will be closed next week. The car park on Crown Street will be opened for your convenience.

Parish Diary

Monday, September 9th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Funeral Mass – Ivan Acres
11:00am St Joachim's

Wednesday, September 11th

Funeral Mass – Nancy Reddel
10:00am St Joachim's

Confirmation 5:30pm
7:00pm
St Joachim's

Thursday, September 12th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, September 13th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, September 14th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 14th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, September 15th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's
Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Come and Celebrate Spring

The Parish Pastoral Council
invites parishioners

to come and celebrate the arrival of Spring

Saturday, September 14th

6:00pm Mass at St Joachim's Church

Following Mass

*roast a marshmallow at a firepit in the carpark
and try a hot mulled wine.*

All are welcome – invite your family and friends



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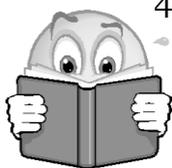
I AM HERE

Is 35:1

Bloom is a collection of Christian books for our parish
4 reading and reflection – something for everyone - adults and children

These books are available in the churches from this weekend. There is a Record Sheet with the books and we ask you to complete the details for the book which you borrow.

If you are interested in purchasing any book/s please speak to Fr Joson or ring the Parish Office.





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Meals on Wheels provide an invaluable service delivering meals to the elderly and needy 5 days a week. Holland Park Meals on Wheels provides for people in the Holland Park and Mt Gravatt area and **is in desperate need** of more volunteers. Current volunteers are declining and clients increasing. Volunteers go out in pairs, either a driver or an aide, from 11:00am for approx. 1 ½ -2 hours. The service is located in Holland Park. If you can spare a little time (even once a month) and see yourself being able to take on this ministry please ring 3397 9150. Maybe one day you will need to call on their service.

LAUDATO SI CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

You are invited to Who Cares? ... for our common home on Monday, September 9th from 7:00-8:30pm in The Aspinall Centre in the grounds of St Bernard's Upper Mt Gravatt. Includes supper. For further information phone 3849 7158.

The Catholic Leader Cost: \$2.00

- A Tamil family has, for better or worse, become the face of Australia's border policies
- Fijian archbishop highlights the impact of rising sea levels on the Pacific islands.
- The 2019 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference social justice statement has highlighted the need for people to make a genuine human encounter in a digital age.
- Australian Catholic University campus ministry is embedded into the university culture and has been busy building new ways to evangelise.
- Call for nominations for The Community Leader Awards 2019



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Continue the journey

“Listening and Discernment” – is a time of prayerful consideration of the “big” questions that have been raised by the faithful.

Six main topics have emerged from the 222,000 people who participated in Phase 1. The desire for a church that is:

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| Missionary and evangelising | Inclusive, participatory and synodal |
| Prayerful and Eucharistic | Humble, healing and merciful |
| Open to conversion, renewal and reform community | A Joyful, hope-filled and servant |

The Parish has invited Carole Danby from Evangelization Brisbane to facilitate a parish group on **Sunday, September 29th after the 9:00am mass beginning 10:30am in the Parish Centre.** The duration of the meeting is about 2 hours. Over the coming weekends there will be Sign-on Sheets in each of the churches to indicate your attendance.

You are encouraged to join with other parishioners in prayerful discernment. We all need to take action in responding to the call for the future of our Church.



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