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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

19th/20th October, 2019

Will not God see justice done? Never lose heart

Luke's community lives at a time when hope for an imminent return of Jesus is fading. The initial enthusiasm of faith is wearing thin with the constancy of living in a society where Christian values are odd. The parable is an encouragement to be persistent in faith. Don't give up.

The images in the parable are strange. The community is presented as a helpless widow; a woman with a male provider would be the most powerless in the patriarchal society of that time. God is portrayed as a judge having neither a religious nor a social sense of responsibility. The judge eventually gives in to the widow out of concern for himself, as the translation reads, "She will worry me to death" (literally, "punch me in the face"!). The reasoning is that if this unjust person will do the right thing for someone he doesn't care about, then surely we can trust that a loving God will do the right thing for us. Even though prayer seems to go unanswered, don't give up on God.

The images point to the humanness of prayer. A woman wants justice. A judge wants peace. Prayer is a simple activity we can take part in anywhere and anytime. I often pray when I'm out walking or driving for in these times of solitude it is easy to begin a dialogue from my heart and let God know my current concerns. There's no need to save up prayer until you're in a holy place, or a prayerful position. Bring God into your daily activities and discover God as a friend.

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Sundays under the Southern Cross

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.

Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

WE REMEMBER

We remember Winifred Craig. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Klein and Gore families as they celebrate the baptism of Isobel and Imogen in the parish this weekend.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH - ALPHA

The small group watching the Alpha films will meet Friday night this week to experience the Day Away. Anyone who would like to join them is welcome, let Paul know at 0407 011 988.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our conference visited 24 families in the last 2 weeks. Most of the volunteers go out every week, including our Conference President who belongs to another Parish. More volunteers are welcome. If you would like to assist contact the office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

Children in Year 5 or above who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. There will be two sessions which are designed to further your child's understanding of God and themselves. These sessions will be facilitated by suitable adults and parents are welcome to come along and assist. Sessions will be held at St Agnes' church, starting at 5pm, on Friday 15 November and Friday 22 November. Children will need to attend both sessions in order to receive the Sacrament of Penance. RSVP to sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au before 1 November.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

On Friday, November 1st a mass will be held at St Joachim's Church commencing 9:00am. This mass will include an Anointing of Sick.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Traditionally, November is the month when we, the Church, celebrate and remember those family and friends who have gone before us. Our annual Mass of Remembrance for all who have died will be held on Saturday, November 16 commencing 10am in St Agnes Church. Mass will be followed by morning tea. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months and would like to have their name included with those to be read out please notify the parish office. All parishioners are invited.

COMBINED SCHOOL MASS

At the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, November 17th we will be welcoming members of the St Agnes' and St Joachim's Schools and Seton College communities for a combined School Parish Mass. This will be followed by morning tea.

All Nations Multicultural Mass

The parish will celebrate its annual All Nations Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 24th at the regular 9:00am mass. This will be followed by morning tea in the area adjoining the church. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to wear the national dress of your ancestors and to bring a plate of food from that country.

DATE CLAIMER - PARISH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

On Friday, November 29th Fr Joson will be hosting a concert by Brothers James Singers in St Joachim's Hall, light lunch to follow. Full details will appear later.

Parish Diary

Saturday, October 26th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 26th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, October 27th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

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the noticeboard

If interested
please ring the Parish Office

FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

UNPLANNED - AN AUSTRALIAN & NZ EXCLUSIVE - CINEPLEX

In an Australian and New Zealand first, the pro-life movie *Unplanned* will be screened as part of regular programming in a Brisbane cinema chain. Cherish Life was honoured to facilitate a connection between *Unplanned* distributors and Cineplex management, which resulted in Cineplex deciding to show the film. There will be a special fundraising event for "Pregnancy Crisis" on Sunday, October 20th (TODAY) at 4:00pm at Balmoral Cinemas, Oxford St, Bulimba. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.cineplex.com.au>

This movie really does have the power to move hearts and minds on the issue of abortion.

HIS EYES" PHOTO EXHIBITION FOR CATHOLIC MISSION

October 23rd - November 3rd at Percolator Gallery, 134 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington from 10am to 4.30pm.

Join the Brisbane Team of Catholic Mission at a photographic exhibition to mark the Extraordinary Month of Mission, as declared by Pope Francis for October 2019. For information phone 3352 4560 or email: info@percolatorgallery.com.au

EAST TIMOR PROSECUTIONS PUBLIC FORUM INVITATION

East Timor Prosecutions Public Forum (The witness K and Bernard Collaery Prosecutions) on Tuesday, October 29th from 5.30 for 6pm start at the Ithaca Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall.

Format : Chair – Stephen Keim SC. Speakers – Brett Walker SC, Sister Susan Connelly and Professor Clinton Fernandez.

(15-20 minutes each speaker then a panel question and answer discussion). Vote of thanks by the Honourable Peter Murphy SC (retired Judge of the Family Court of Australia).

Followed by: drinks and canapes. Cost: \$20, Concessions \$5 (Note: this event has been heavily subsidised by Robertson O'Gorman Solicitors). To book go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-timor-prosecutions-public-forum-tickets-73219101303>

"PRECIOUS IN FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE

"God speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base....."

Friday, December 13th from 6pm - 3pm Sunday, December 15th at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter in to quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection in the beauty of God's good creation. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries). Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets. For more information contact, Grace at on 0409 524 283 or email grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

BE PART OF THE MEDIA APOSTOLATE

If you can comfortably commute to the Cathedral parish at least once every 3 months and would like to become a volunteer webcaster, please phone 3324 3227 or email communications@bne.catholic.net.au. This service is an invaluable assistance to people who are infirmed or shut-in.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

NOTICEBOARDS

There are lots of interesting things happening in our community. Please check the noticeboards for details.

COMMUNITY

A NOUWEN NETWORK

The presence of a mental illness does not mean that a person cannot enjoy 'flourishing' mental health. Similarly a person does not have to have a mental illness to have low mental health. Our coffee gatherings are health focused rather than illness focused. We are not a 'support group' in the usual sense, we do not engage as 'consumers', 'carers', 'support workers' or 'clients'. We will be meeting at **Kafe Me** in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre, on Wednesday, October 23rd from 12:30 – 2:30pm. Anybody is welcome.

SOUTHSIDE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Wednesday 23rd October at St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt from 6.45pm. Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry & Reconciliation, Mass 7:30 pm with an Anointing of the sick after Homily. Celebrant Fr. Stephen Kumyangi. Coffee and Fellowship. All Welcome. Hosted by Beside Restful Waters Prayer Group. Contact: Filomena 0407 987 859, Maureen 0403 002 199.

VILLANOVA PLAYERS – LADIES IN BLACK

October 26th – November 10th in The Ron Hurley Theatre, Tallowood Street, Urban Village, Seven Hills. Matinee and evening sessions. Adults: \$25, Online: \$23, use Codeword "website, Concession: \$20, Students and Children: \$15, Groups of 10 or more: \$18 each. For times and to book visit: www.villanovaplayers.com

JESUS HEALS

You are invited to a Healing Mass and experience the healing touch of Jesus for the body mind and soul on Wednesday, October 30th at Our Lady of Graces Church, Carina from 6:00pm - 8:30pm..

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE PAST PUPIL'S REMEMBRANCE MASS

10:00am Saturday, November 2nd in the College Chapel.

SHALOM RETREAT BRISBANE

A Retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing! **November 15-17th**, 9:00am to 5:00pm at St. Gerard Majella parish hall, Chermside West. Fee \$50pp incl lunch. Register at Shalommedia.org/retreat/Australia. For more information, contact Vipin 0425 621 994 Rasin Augustine 0470 345 103 Antony 0434 286 384 email: antonyk@shalomworld.org

MISSION ADVENTURE? PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Contact Palms and find out how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Apply by November 1st to start your adventure in 2020. Call 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au

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THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- March for Life floods CBD with 2000 people
- St John Henry Newman was canonised last weekend.
- Maryborough witnesses to devotion to Mary with public square rosary on the weekend.
- Seminarian and former intern at The Catholic Leader Adi Indra was ordained a deacon in St Peter's Basilica.
- Centacare celebrates 1000+ clients transitioned to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- Hanar Keka spent her 30th birthday deep in prayer at St Stephen's Cathedral and reflected on 29 years of life. Available in the churches this weekend.



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