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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year A****15th/16th February, 2020****The spirit of the law and reconciliation**

Dear friends,

Can you imagine the faces of all the people sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes listening to Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus told them their righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees to go to heaven. In Jesus' day there were many people deeply concerned about righteousness. They were the Scribes and the Pharisees. The Pharisees were the most zealous in a human attempt at righteousness. No one even compared to them when it came to obeying the law and emphasizing righteousness.

All those listening to Jesus must have had the same look on their face as Nicodemus had when Jesus told him no one can enter the kingdom of heaven unless he is born again. The people must have been in shock to hear this. Do you mean our righteousness is to exceed the Scribes and the Pharisees? That is humanly impossible! What is impossible with men is possible with God. All things are possible with God. *Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27.*

Jesus calls us to go beyond the law to a true relationship with God, where we enjoy and experience His love. The emphasis of the Pharisees righteousness is outward and the true righteousness Jesus speaks of is inward.

Jesus shocks them by stating that entrance into God's kingdom was available only to those whose righteousness exceeded that of the scribes and Pharisees. Who, then, could be saved? The problem lay in equating righteousness with external piety, a common understanding of the word both then and now. But the word righteousness throughout the Bible always denotes right relationships - with God and with people around us.

This becomes plain in the illustrations that follow. In Matthew 5:21-26, it is not enough not to murder someone; we must guard against harbouring anger that leads to insults and broken relationships. We may feel anger, but the right way to handle anger is try to resolve conflict (Matt. 18:15-19), not to push the person away with insults or slander. Jesus is clear that a right relationship between you and your brother or sister is so vital that you should forego religious practices until you have cleared the matter between the two of you. Sometime it can be bit hard, but it's where we need God's grace, mercy and courage to bandage our relationships. I think it's all about the process of reconciliation and thus we can build up relationship with God and with human beings.

Fr Jason mcbs

**The Little King's Movement Annual Parish Appeal -- This Weekend**

Today, we will be conducting the annual appeal for the Little King's Movement. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

**Readings: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

## **WE REMEMBER**

We remember Maureen Campbell, Teny Lopez and Nelly Uykimpang. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

## **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

### **COUNTERS**

Cheryl's team.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, February 18th. Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 if you are unavailable.

### **OPENING SCHOOL MASS – ST AGNES' SCHOOL**

Parishioners are invited to join with St Agnes' School community to celebrate the opening of the new school year at the regular Thursday morning mass on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes' Church - Sunday, February 23rd at 9:00am Mass

### **2020 LENTEN PROGRAM**

This year's program will commence on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre.

**Morning Session:** 10:30am    **Evening Session:** 7:00pm

If you are interested in attending either session or would like a book to reflect on at home please indicate on the clipboards so that we can purchase the resources.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

St Joachim's Church    9:00am

St Agnes Church    6:00pm

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Children in Year 5 and above who have received their First Communion are invited to enrol in the Sacrament of Penance program. There are two sessions: Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 7:00pm and Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Attendance at both sessions are required to complete the program. The program is designed to further your child's understanding of God and themselves, through prayer, music and reflection in a group setting. RSVP before March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 to secure your place via [sacpr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr@bne.catholic.net.au) or on 3349 2280.

### **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

Do you have a cot and/or a crib which you no longer need and are looking for a new home? If so the parish office would like to hear from you. There is a young mum in the area who would be appreciative of the assistance given.

## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mass    8:00am

St Joachim's

### **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Benediction    5:30pm

Mass    6:00pm

St Agnes'

### **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Opening School Mass**

Mass    9:00am

St Agnes'

### **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mass    9:00am

St Joachim's

### **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Reconciliation    5:30pm

St Joachim's

### **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass    6:00pm

St Joachim's

### **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass    7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass    9:00am

St Agnes

Mass    6:00pm

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## COMMUNITY

### POSITION VACANT – VICTORIA POINT PARISH

Victoria Point Parish is currently inviting applications for the causal position of Sacramental & Safeguarding Coordinator (Only during school term time starting in March 2020 with approximately 5 to 10 hours per week).

For a copy of the position description and to apply for this position, please visit the below link. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

Applications close 18 February 2020.

### TRYING FOR A BABY? HAVING TROUBLE CONCEIVING?

There is a real alternative to IVF – Billings LIFE. Ring for a friendly chat on 1800 335 860 or 03 9802 2022 Website: [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life) If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our tutors can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally.

### Brisbane Day Retreats

Bro Johnson is coming for four days:

Thu 20 Feb 6.30 – 9.30pm; Fri 21 Feb 6.30 – 9.30pm

Sat 22 Feb 9.30am – 4.30pm\*; & 7.00 – 9.30pm

Our Lady & St Dymphna's Church, Aspley

Sun 23 Feb 12.30 – 6.00PM\*

St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Marsden 4132

\*Tea / coffee and light snacks will be served

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For more info contact: Vivek: 0405 520 702; Jude: 0420

828 420; Russel: 0410 353 009; [www.jclm.info](http://www.jclm.info)

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

You are invited to "Together for the Glory of God", our Opening Event for 2020 on Sat 22 Feb from 10am – 5pm at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Join us to fast and pray for Revival and Transformation to Australia; to discern and pray for God's desire for CCR Brisbane. Mass celebrated by Fr Leonard Uzegbu. All are welcome. It will be a day of fasting so please BYO appropriate lunch.

Enquiries: Miriam (3103 2400) or email:

[secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au) for more details.

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

COST: \$2

- Western regions rejoice as rain falls on drought-hit lands.
- Maronite Catholic siblings killed in Oatlands tragedy remembered for their devout faith at funeral.
- Faithful flock to pray with the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her saintly parents.
- Susan Pascoe will lead the Church's new Catholic Emergency Relief Australia advisory council, which will help manage disaster response in the future.
- ACBC says there is no need to change liturgical practices in the wake of a few "tightly-controlled" cases of novel coronavirus in Australia.
- A leading Australian ethicist believes the Church has a long way to go in resolving the child sexual abuse crisis, and is hoping a high-level workshop in Rome will help pave a theological approach to the issue.
- Emmanuel Community has relocated its Sunday Mass from Bardon to South Brisbane.
- Brisbane nurse Jess Davis has served aboard Mercy Ships in Cameroon and Guinea and is sharing her stories
- Available in the churches this weekend.

### VILLANOVA COLLEGE - APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 5 AND 7, 2022

#### Year 7 in 2022

Applications for Year 7, 2022 are open (boys currently in Year 5). Applications close on Friday 21 February, 2020. To enrol, visit [www.vnc.qld.edu.au](http://www.vnc.qld.edu.au)

#### Year 5, 2022

Applications for Year 5, 2022 (boys currently in Year 3) will open the week commencing Monday 15 June and will close on Friday 17 July. To join our mailing list to receive an email notification when applications open, please register at:

<https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-registration/>

#### Principal's Tours

College Principal, Mark Stower conducts regular campus tours on Friday mornings. Visit our website for dates and to register: <https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/enrolments/tours/>

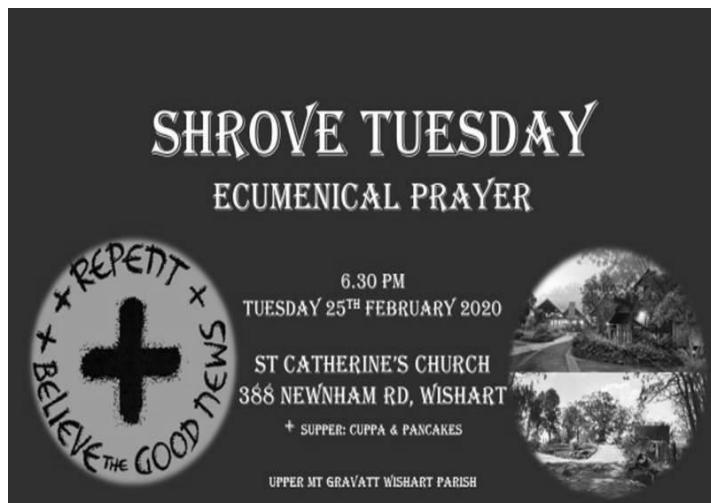
#### 2020 Open Day

The College welcomes prospective families to join us for our 2020 Open Day – Wednesday 27 May. Tours available at 8.30am and 10.30am. To register:

<https://www.vnc.qld.edu.au/open-day/>

#### CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOUR

Friday, 6th March from 9.00am – 11.00am. Presentation in the Auditorium followed by a College tour with our Student Mentors. There is an opportunity to meet with our Principal and members of the Leadership Team. Bookings recommended. To book a space, please visit the College website [www.cvxmck.edu.au](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au) via the Enrolments tab. Any questions please call our Enrolment Secretary – on 3347 9223 or email: [enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au)



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