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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

*I am restless, but in You there is peace; in me there is bitterness, in You patience." Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

We carry that complex world we live in within ourselves. The wheat and the weeds dwell within us. They are the contrasting affections, the dark impulses that move us and that we have trouble identifying. If the weeds take over the fields of the world and the contexts of our daily lives, we cannot allow them to take over hearts. The enemy plants weeds in our hearts. Jesus says in his explanation that the weeds are everything in contrast with the words of the Gospel; God wants to push us towards happiness, and the weeds are everything that wants to keep us away.

Like the servants of the parable, the first reaction is to distance oneself from the evil we find in ourselves. We look for someone to blame: Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? The blame is always laid on someone else. The servants don't ask themselves if they have been vigilant enough.

The master invites us to be patient, because when the grain and the weeds sprout, they look very similar. In the same way, what sprouts up within us is not initially easy to identify. We have to wait and see what brings life and what takes it away.

Sometimes we are too hasty, it's true, but other times we risk waiting too long. There is a moment when we can see a clear difference between the weeds and the wheat, and when we do we have the responsibility of intervening. This is the time of judgment.

We need to take our time, like the mustard seed needs time to become like a tree and the yeast to make the dough rise. We need honesty in order to recognize that the weeds also grow in our own hearts. We need courage to make decisions when things have become clear.

Those who turn to us often need to be listened to, but even more so, to listen to themselves. They need to pull out the confused world they have inside so that they can see it better. We are hasty even with ourselves. We don't give ourselves time. We are always rushing to reach a conclusion.

We do so when we are confronting our inner world, but also when evaluating the contexts we live in. We often ask ourselves how it's possible that we belong to the same Church, the same community, to the same party. One of the most worrying aspects of today's culture is its polarization: every time someone expresses an opinion they are immediately labelled by the media and people take sides for or against. It seems impossible to express an opinion without being in favour of or against someone. It is a sign of a violent culture that over-simplifies everything, destroying the possibility to think. Thinking and deciding require time.

The Gospel of Matthew speaks of this truth from the reality of the first Christians: a community full of contrasts and conflicts, where some thought of themselves as more just and better than the others and had difficulty living with those who were judged to be false and impious.

God acts with patience and meekness. He does not love hasty judgments and He does not attract attention. He acts invisibly. He loves to take His time. God is the exact opposite of our rushed and narcissistic culture.

Fr. Gaetano Piccolo

**Readings: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

## READINGS FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

### First Reading      Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

### Second Reading      Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel      Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

## PARISH NEWS

### SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

***The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you.*** Your continued support of the Parish is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

### WE REMEMBER

We remember Allan Brooks. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

### WE REJOICE

With the Leidig and Connors family and the Hancock family as they celebrate the baptism of Max and Blayke in the parish this weekend.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, July 21st.

### YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the 6:00pm mass at St Joachim's.

### PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/>

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

#### LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

Press Ctrl and click on [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

#### MASS ON TV – CHANNEL 10

Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

#### EVANGELISATION BRISBANE – DAILY REFLECTIONS

For a theological reflection on the gospel of the day go to:

Press Ctrl and click on

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

#### CATHOLIC LEADER – COMMITTING TO ACCESS OF STORIES

If you haven't already done so, [you can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here.](#)

#### CORRECTION: BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKERS CLUB

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Mt Barney Mass near the base of the mountain on 12 August. For details contact [bcbc.barneymass60@gmail.com](mailto:bcbc.barneymass60@gmail.com) or Graham on 07 3371 9623.

#### CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE 2020 WINDOWS TOUR

Live Virtual Tour, Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:00am. To register please go to [www.cvxmck.edu.au.](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au.)

## Launch of Our Youth Ministry Program

On the 8th of August, the parish is hosting a special event to which the youth and families of the parish are being invited to attend the 6:00pm Mass at St Joachim's. Following Mass there will be a BBQ dinner and drinks, offering an opportunity to socialise and celebrate together as a parish.

Please book as usual on-line or through the parish office. There are 2 booking sites, one for the youth and one for general parishioner bookings. Please select the correct session.

I am looking forward to meeting parishioners and introducing our young people to Abundance Youth.

Nick Kelly

Youth Coordinator

<https://www.facebook.com/Abundance-Youth-114497676854096/>

## Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until the government advises that contact tracing is no longer required. **For those who are coming to mass without a booking I ask that if you cannot complete a booking online please ring the parish office.**

#### WEEKEND MASSES

From this weekend we are offering the Sunday evening mass. Saturday evening mass will recommence on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We continue to offer the two Sunday morning masses commencing 7:30am at St Joachim's and 9:00am at St Agnes'. St Agnes' Church can accommodate 48 people and St Joachim's can have 63.

Bookings will still need to be made prior to attending Mass and registrations **must** close at 4:00pm on Fridays. At this stage we still need to social distance so the number of places available for each mass will still be restricted.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am.

Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass. Registrations must close at 4:00pm on the Wednesday and Thursday respectfully.

#### HOW TO BOOK

A TryBooking page has been opened to facilitate the booking of masses. All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking:

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

If you do not get a confirmation email or you have difficulty making a booking please the parish office. We will assist you. **If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.**

#### WHEN YOU ARRIVE

*I ask you to arrive at the masses early to give yourself time to sign in and find a seat so that masses can start on time.*

Please sign the registration sheet at the front door. You must sit in the section which you chose or was allocated to you.

If you have forgotten it will be noted on the sign-in sheets. Please sit between the crosses and remember to social distance within the pew.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also being made available to anyone who is interested.

With god's blessings

Fr Jason



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