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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

22nd/23rd August, 2020

Christ's Church Will Not Fall

One of the most heartbreaking things to me is the sight of a vacant church all boarded up. Worse yet, is seeing a church converted into something like an indoor skateboard park. Over the years, many churches have closed and have been torn down as well. The ones that remain require constant upkeep and maintenance, like front step projects which have gone on way too long or new water heaters. All churches are built and dedicated to the glory of God, but they're all susceptible to fire, decay, and ruin. Jesus today speaks of a different type of Church, a church that will always prevail and will never succumb to the ravages of time or anything else.

When we think about the church, we usually think about this building or the services we hold here. In His discussion with Peter and the rest of the disciples, Jesus gives us another definition, one that can include the buildings we see around us, but not necessarily. Jesus asserts, **"On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."** The rock that Jesus is talking about is the belief behind the confession of Peter, **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** The Church is found wherever Jesus is clearly proclaimed as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Sadly, not all churches faithfully proclaim the fullness of this confession, but this confession must be the foundation of any church if it is to be part of the Church.

This is our confession and you must make this confession every day. You daily confess that Jesus is more than a nice man, more than a good man, more than a teacher or a magician. If He's nothing more than a good teacher, He does nothing for us. But as the Son of the Living God, He is more than a prophet. He's the Savior. We confess Jesus as the Savior because it helps us remember who He is. It's easy to lose sight of Jesus and what He's done for us. It's easy to push Him into the background. So instead we voice our confession in our prayers and conversations. We proclaim who Jesus is, to tell others and to remind ourselves.

Christ's Church will never fall because it has an important task, the most important task since the one Christ took upon Himself, it must use the keys to the kingdom. It must proclaim the forgiveness of sins. Jesus says, **"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

This is why the Church proclaims the full extent of God's Word. We don't leave the parts we don't like out. We don't change what Jesus teaches or what we believe about Him. We preach the Word of God and use the authority that Christ has given us. We preach the Law which condemns sin and sinful behavior, and we preach the Gospel which forgives all sin and sinful behavior. Those who are heartbroken for their sins, those who can't forgive themselves, those who admit that they are sinners, find forgiveness in Christ.

Dear friends the Church belongs to Christ. Christ's authority belongs to the Church. So it is here in this local church and in community of Christian faithful that you can see the gates of Heaven being opened by Christ Himself. The Church of Christ, founded by Him, watched over by Him, and guided by Him, will always survive. The gates of Hell couldn't stop Jesus and they sure won't stop His Church. His Church will never be collapsed because it confesses, because we confess, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

(Taken from Donald Peterson's reflection)

Readings: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

READINGS FOR 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-30

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Resp: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge
– and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever
be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To
him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this
question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And
they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you
say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are
a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to
you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and
on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can
never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in
heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that
he was the Christ.

Parish Diary

Thursday, August 27th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Confirmation St Joachim's

Friday, August 28th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, August 29th

Baptism St Joachim's

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 29th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, August 30th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN

LIVING gospel

Who do YOU say I am?

The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.

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

WE REMEMBER

We remember Fr Joe McGeehan, Hegel Joseph, George Alappattu and Keith and Helga Dwyer. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Molinari and Mott families as they celebrate the baptism of Axel in the parish this weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, August 26th commencing 3:30pm.

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

With the commencement of the new Planned Giving program for the coming 12 months we would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times.

There are a number of ways which you can contribute. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by or would like to change the way you are currently giving to Direct Debit or Credit Card or would like to arrange a set of envelopes please contact the Office.

If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are:

A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt parish **BSB:** 064 – 786 **A/c No:** 3314 91100

The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. It allows you to complete your giving on your mobile phone via Android, Apple or Web app. Download the app by going to <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

HOLLAND PARK MEALS ON WHEELS CELEBRATES THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

50 years of delivering meals, comfort, news, company and connection and the call for their services have increased in 2020. It has been difficult to celebrate properly due to the impacts of COVID -19, however Joe Kelly, local member for Greenslopes is inviting the community to come together to celebrate this wonderful community organisation on Saturday, 29th August @ 3:30pm at the Holland Park Sports Club, 49 Abbotsleigh Street, Holland Park. For more information or to RSVP call 3414 2100.

ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN DAY – 10:30AM SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Experience how our community supports and inspires young women to be confident in a life of faith, compassion, learning and leadership, ready to step forward and make a difference in the world. Register now at www.ahs.qld.edu.au/virtualopenday.

SEASON OF CREATION – ATTENTION: PHOTOGRAPHERS, WRITERS AND ARTISTS

From September 1 to October 4 Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. More information is available on the noticeboards or at www.fb.com/QCEnvNet

NATIONAL EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut, *Aid to the Church in Need Australia* is running a national emergency appeal to support the people of Lebanon. To help visit www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call 1800 101 201 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm AEST.

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE 2020 "WINDOWS" TOUR

Online virtual tours will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd from 10:00-11:00am. To register go to www.cxmck.edu.au via the Enrolment tab or ring the Enrolment Secretary, 3347 9223.

POSITION VACANT

The Education Officer is responsible for supporting the delivery of education programs for Liturgy Brisbane. A new challenge will be to embrace the opportunities provided by electronic media and to expand online technologies in delivering Liturgy Brisbane education in liturgy and the sacraments. This role will report to the Director, Liturgy Brisbane and be based in the CBD. For further information please find a copy of the position description via

<https://catholic.sharefile.com/share/view/s90122f1cb614b639>

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays
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>

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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.

Please remember social distancing at all times.



Big thanks to everyone who came along to the Youth and Family Mass

last week, we were so grateful for the support we received from the Parish, especially Fr Joson, Paul, Rachel, Francois, the Parish Council and everyone else who chipped in to make it such a success of a night.

For Youth, I want to encourage our young people to attend Ignite High, each Friday night at the Jindalee Jungle (32/160 Sinnamon Rd, Jindalee QLD 4074) from 7-9:30pm. Please email me (youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.edu.au) to confirm that you'll be coming along and get updates.

Stay tuned through the Abundance Youth Facebook page at facebook.com/Abundanceyouthbne.

God Bless
Nick Kelly



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