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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

**The Season of Creation** is a relatively recent addition to Catholic liturgical celebrations. In 2015, Pope Francis added the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to the Catholic liturgical calendar to be celebrated on September 1st each year. In 2019, the Vatican asked Catholic communities to join ecumenical communities around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation from September 1st to October 4th.

The Season of Creation is a liturgical season dedicated to prayer, reflection, and celebration of God as Creator. It also celebrates and reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation and the mission given us by God to care for creation and respond to its needs and crises today.

The Ecumenical Advisory committee writes: We are in the midst of a climate emergency. Several studies have indicated that the world is nowhere near meeting pledged emission reduction rate targets. The latest IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] report highlights that “only with rapid and far-reaching” transitions in the world economy, on a scale and at a rate without historical precedent, can the 1.5C limit be achieved. It is therefore a time to reconcile ourselves with creation through concrete repentance and urgent action.

The Season of Creation is a time to acknowledge that tipping points are being reached, threatening the lives of the most vulnerable and putting the lives of future generations in jeopardy. As people of faith we are being called to stand up against climate injustice in prophetic ways.

This year, 2020, marks the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis's important encyclical, *Laudato si'* and the Church is using this occasion to join the ecumenical ecological efforts to save the planet with great energy and commitment. We invite everyone to join us. The urgency of the situation calls for immediate, holistic and unified responses at all levels - local, regional, national and international. We need, above all, “a peoples’ movement” from below, an alliance of all people of good will.

The theme of the 2020 Season of Creation is Jubilee for the Earth. The ecumenical steering committee explains the theme this way: Climate change is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God’s Earth. The theme of Jubilee has been chosen for this year’s Season of Creation as it reflects those three interlocking themes. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must make restitution to those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people.

I am glad to let you know, that we as a parish community, we have gone one step forward in this matter. We are planning to install a solar power on the roof of our St Agnes hall which will eventually feed the hall, church and office, moreover an example for the utilization of eco-friendly power resources for our community and for future generations in this Season of Creation.

*I wish all fathers and carers, the blessings and prayers of Father's Day.*

With God's blessings,

Fr Jason

**Readings: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

## READINGS FOR 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

### First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Resp: O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

### Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love all people you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

# Parish Diary

### Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation St Joachim's

### Thursday, September 10th

Mass St Agnes' 9:00am

### Friday, September 11th

Mass 9:00am St Joachim's

### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

### Sunday, Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am St Agnes'  
Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN

### Celebrating Season of Creation

Pope Francis along with Brisbane Archdiocese's Catholic Justice and Peace Commission is encouraging Catholics to mark the Season of Creation – from September 1 to October 4 – with prayer and action.

#### Webinar 1: Eucharist and Integral Ecology

Friday, September 11 commencing 2:00pm

Find out more and register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_d1O-Ps1TQh6XD0MKbA9YnQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d1O-Ps1TQh6XD0MKbA9YnQ)

Other online events will take place throughout the month of September and focus on Laudato Si', the Eucharist and integral ecology, plus, present some concrete ways Catholics can live out the directives presented by Pope Francis.

Upcoming dates will be advertised in the weekly newsletter.



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 Hegal Joseph, Patricia Kennedy and Fr Joe McGeehan. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

#### COUNTERS

Tony's team

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> commencing 3:30pm.

#### SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. 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: **BSB: 064 - 786; A/c No: 3314 91100**

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<https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

#### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13th** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

#### 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>

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
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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.

#### Annual Catholic Campaign

September 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>



*Link video to:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DE3U4WUWQxQ>

Our parish is supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign this year because we know how hard it has been for many in our community. Through prayer and action, we can be a blessing to those in real need. If you are able, and would like to make a donation, you can do so online at: <https://bit.ly/3grCxU>



I hope everyone is doing well. If you haven't seen yet, it's my encouragement for youth to attend Ignite High for the remainder of term, awaiting the launch of our Youth Group in Term 4. Ignite High is held 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](mailto:youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.edu.au)) to confirm that you'll be coming along and get updates.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Abundance Youth Website. It's still being worked on, but I wanted to share a featured blog on their focusing how crazy life is at the moment. Read the blog here:

[www.abundanceyouth.com/mayhem](http://www.abundanceyouth.com/mayhem)

Have a great week! God Bless.

Nick Kelly



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