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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

3rd/4th October, 2020

The stone rejected by the builders

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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Readings: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

READINGS FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel,
and the people of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.
God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord;
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

This weekend we welcome

St Joachim's

6:00pm Fr Clem Hodge
7:30am Bishop Brian Finnigan
St Agnes'
9:00am Bishop Brian Finnigan
6:00pm Fr Stephen Kumyangi

Parish Diary

Saturday, October 10th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 10th

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

Sunday, Sunday October 11th

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN



**Consider the Common Good
on October 31**

Pope Francis appeals to us all to start 'a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet'. Climate change is a complex social and environmental problem that the Pope says demands 'an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.'

Will you use your Queensland State Election vote to benefit our planet and all people?

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3bXbb7q>

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.

COUNTERS

Tony's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th commencing 3:30pm

On Saturday 26th September at the society's annual Festival Mass and Retreat 3 members of the local conference received Service Awards for their contribution to St Vinnies. They were Cath Maley (also volunteers for St Catherine's) for 25 years, Trevor Pratt for 15 years and Margaret Bopf for 10 years. Congratulations and thank you for your ongoing contribution.

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 internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST COMMUNION

The parish would like to invite all children in Year 4 and above, who have been confirmed in the catholic tradition, to join us for the Sacrament of First Communion. Places are strictly limited, so to receive an enrolment form and to secure a place in this program, please RSVP to Rachel at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au before 12 October.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry will be held on Wednesday 7th October from 10.45 - 12.15pm in St Stephen's Chapel, following the regular 10am Mass (ring the Cathedral 33243030 to book for Mass). Due to Covid 19 only 34 people are permitted, so please ring 0403002199 or email maureenallison43@gmail.com to book in. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901.

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

A School of Good Samaritan Education. Lourdes Hill College will be holding a Virtual Open Day on Friday, October 9th. For more information or to register go to:

[http://www.lhc.qld.edu.au/Enrolments/Tours_\[and\]_Open_Day_.html#:~:text=Register%20now%20for%20our%202020,the%20comfort%20of%20your%20home!](http://www.lhc.qld.edu.au/Enrolments/Tours_[and]_Open_Day_.html#:~:text=Register%20now%20for%20our%202020,the%20comfort%20of%20your%20home!)

OCTOBER – MONTH OF OUR LADY

Oz Rosary – Saturday 10th October commencing 3.30pm. Come together to pray the Rosary over Brisbane from the Mt Gravatt Lookout. Afternoon tea will be provided from 3.15pm but we ask you to bring your own thermos of hot water. Have your Rosary beads ready for a 3.30pm start. Contact Santo on 0401 136 606.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Queensland Churches Together and the Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations invite to join them on Tuesday, October 20th commencing 7:30pm via Zoom. Guest speaker is Dr Sara Gehlin, University of Helsinki speaking on Pathways to Peace: Ecumenical Formation in a Conflict-Ridden World. Register in advance at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpc-2trD0sHdRt8STiyhSFjsCirnGpI9Fr>

NEW LIFE RETREAT ONLINE

The Latin American Catholic Community of Brisbane invite you to register for this retreat commencing 8:00pm on October 31st to Saturday, November, 7th. Guest speakers include Dcn Peter Pellicaan, Dcn Adam Walk, Sr Samuel Angleys, Dcn Ivan Ortiz and others. To register go to: <http://bit.ly/NewLifeRetreat2020> For more information phone 0434 491 161 or 0401 926 614.

PALMS AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION COURSE – JANUARY, 2021

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an **Orientation Course in January 2021**. If you are interested in learning more, please visit

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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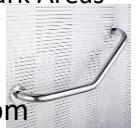
“...the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

If we do not honour the call from God, to produce a bountiful harvest, to bring good fruit into the world, we do not honour the promises of our baptism or our confirmation. This year, parishes across the Brisbane Archdiocese, including ours, are being invited to support the missionary work of the Church in Cambodia, on the weekend of October 17/18th. This is when the Universal Church marks World Mission Sunday so it is fitting that we join other Brisbane Catholics in responding with our prayers and donations.

On behalf of the people of Cambodia, including those affected by disabilities caused by landmine injuries, we give thanks for all of you who choose to embrace “the servants from the vineyard” – the missionaries like Bishop Kike – and make it possible for them to Reach out and Bring Life.

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