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

Year B

September 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Jesus calls for tolerance**

This Sunday, Jesus teaches us about tolerance. Tolerance is often associated with being permissive. Being tolerant or permissive is suspect; it has to be checked if it could lead to abuse of freedom or to violent consequences. A mother, who is not able to correct her children's bad behaviour early in life, is being tolerant in a wrong way. Tolerance could also be right in other cases. In fact, it would be a big mistake to view tolerance in its negative value only.

In the gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to be tolerant. If tolerance were not good, why would Jesus require such from his disciples? As narrated, it started when after the disciples 'saw someone driving out demons' in the name of Jesus, they prevented him from performing exorcism because he did not belong to the followers of Jesus.

We could only surmise what were in the minds of the disciples. Were they jealous because the man could also cast demons though he was not one of them? Were they angry because they have assumed that the power to exorcise demons was a privilege given only to the followers of Jesus and not to any other person? The disciples were confused. Suddenly, what they have thought to be their exclusive right was no longer their own alone.

Jesus had his reasons: 'Do not prevent him,' he said, 'there is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.' With these words, Jesus has taught his disciples about tolerance more as an exercise of Christian humility and charity.

This teaching is so relevant for us today. We should not think that salvation is reserved only for us who were baptized and who believe in Christ. Membership to his Church, faith, and the sacraments are still considered the ordinary ways to receive salvation, but this does not exclude the possibility that God could offer other ways of bringing people to encounter the 'paschal mystery of Christ' in their lives. Like the outsider who performed exorcism in the name of Jesus, we have to understand that it is really Jesus who is the true source of salvation; the rest is just his medium.

Jesus calls us to religious tolerance, as long as it is not against him and his teachings. It is prudence perhaps that sometimes makes us doubt whether something or someone should be tolerated or not. However, Jesus challenges us towards religious tolerance so that individually we also learn to discern about the faith we have received: what is truly to follow Christ, how is it really to belong to him, what does it really mean to be a Catholic? In the answers our salvation is found.

(Taken from a reflection of St Ignatius Catholic Community Baltimore)

Catholicism is the largest denomination of Christianity. All Catholics are Christians, but not all Christians are Catholics. A Christian refers to a follower of Jesus Christ who may be a Catholic, Protestant, Gnostic, Mormon, Evangelical, Anglican or Orthodox, or follower of another branch of the religion.

A Catholic is a Christian who follows the Catholic religion as transmitted through the succession of Popes. The Pope is the leader of the Catholic church. The Catholic church is the largest of the Christian churches - about 60% of Christians are Catholic.

**Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Times**

**Genesis 2:18-24**

**Hebrew 2:9-11**

**Mark 10:2-16**

## READINGS FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

### First Reading

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

### Second Reading

James 5: 1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting; your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

Make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

## Parish Diary

### Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

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

### Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### PRAYER FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup>

*Please pray for the success of the Plenary Council  
and for its delegates*

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



### Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our Pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

## Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

### PARISH NEWS

#### WE REMEMBER

We remember Mui Nguyen. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be **NO** weekday masses for the next 3 weeks as Fr Jason is taking his annual leave. He will be away from Monday, September 27th to Friday, October 15th.

#### COUNTERS

David's team.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' team's next roster day is Thursday, September 30th. Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

#### COFFEE AND CHAT

Due to Monday, October 4th being the Queen's Birthday public holiday Coffee and Chat will be postponed for a week to Monday, October 11th.

#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY WINE GLASSES

There are still a few available for sale at \$10 each.

#### DATE CLAIMER

On the weekend of October 23rd/24th Bishop Ken Howell will be making a Parish Visit. He will be meeting with the Parish, Finance and Liturgy committees and making pastoral visits on the Saturday. He will then celebrate the mass on Saturday evening and the two Sunday morning masses. Hospitality will follow the Saturday mass and the 9:00am Sunday mass.

I invite all parishioners to mark their calendars with these dates and join with me in welcoming Bishop Ken to our Parish.

Fr Jason

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN supports the *Catholic Radio and Television Network* which provides programming to networks in developing countries which do not have the means to buy or produce Catholic content. Can you help ensure that the faith is available in every corner of the world? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/media](http://www.aidtochurch.org/media)

#### MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6:00am each Sunday on Channel 10 and WIN. Let family and friends know that they can pray at home if they are unable to attend their local parish church.

#### ENGAGING WITH LAUDATO SI': CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

A workshop for all Catholics to learn about the environmental challenges of our time and place, the biblical foundations of Laudato Si', the theology and spirituality of Laudato Si', and what the forthcoming Laudato Si' Action Platform will offer you. The workshop will be via Zoom on Saturday 16 October, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Registration is essential. Full details are available on the noticeboards.

#### CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE WINDOWS TOUR

Great Learning - Great teaching - Great People

Friday, October 8th from 9:00am – 10:30am. Please contact 3347 9275 for more information or email [enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au)

#### CENTACARE MENTAL HEALTH HUB

Seeking better mental wellbeing and would like a pleasant morning with a caring and supportive group in a faith setting. You are most welcome to join the folk at the Centacare Mental Health Hub, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, any day Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm (Mass at 12 on Fridays with a pizza lunch afterwards). For more details, please call 3324 3193, or just come along and you will be most welcome.



Through the Listening and Dialogue phase, along with the Listening and Discernment phase, parishes and faith communities right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Please remember to wear a mask to comply with COVID requirements.

A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:

Opening Mass on Sunday 3 October at 12 noon <https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Closing Mass on Sunday 10 October at 10.00am <https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

May the Spirit lead us and inspire us.

**The Holy Spirit will Teach You**

*John 14:24-39*



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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

#### **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY**

*... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.*

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.