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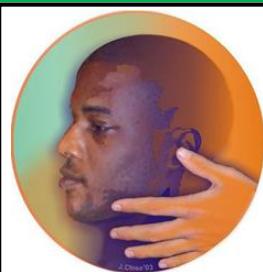
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

September 5th/6th, 2021



Be Opened.....

In this reading, Jesus gives a man who cannot hear or speak the ability to do so. Jesus takes a man who at this point in time is often cast out of society for being “different” or “unable” and sees the value in him despite social stigmas, understanding that he too is created in God’s image. After

Jesus allows the man to be “opened,” those who witnessed the results are amazed and spread the news.

I find some comfort in this reading. I am reminded of Jesus’s power and desire to help those who seek him – even those who feel that they are incurable. For me personally, it is easy to feel like I’m not doing enough to deepen my faith. I could definitely make the effort to spend more time with God, to trust in His plan, and to deliberately seek His counsel, but this is easier said than done.

When I feel like I need to open my ears to God and speak of His goodness, I often go to visible spaces to try to rekindle my faith, like going to Mass, or by leaning on other people for support. While groups and communities can certainly help me find a sense of peace, this reading challenges me and suggests that sometimes what is really needed is time alone with God. For instance, in this particular reading, Jesus took the man away from the crowd and into a more private space to work the miracles. I say “work” miracles instead of the commonly used “perform” miracles because Jesus didn’t need an audience. This makes me think that I too can “be opened” by God by spending time alone with Him without the presence of an “audience.” We all can benefit from forming a personal relationship with Christ away from the crowds. This reading is commissioning us to change for Christ by allowing ourselves to be opened in the privacy of our own soul.

By Julia Callahan

I wish all our fathers and fatherly figures a very blessed father’s day.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, with Bishop Ken Howell on Wednesday night. I would also like to thank Rachel Marchesini, our Sacramental Coordinator for the work she did in preparing the children for this occasion.

With God’s blessings,
Fr Jason

Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2: 14-18

Mark 8:27-35

First Reading

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for
joy;

for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Praise the Lord my soul.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are
oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are
bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the
wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord,
with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose
a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring
on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you
take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best
seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the
floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different
standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt
judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world
that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which
he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the
sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a
deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay
his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put
his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then
looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is,
'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue
was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one
about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their
admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he
makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Isaiah 35:4-7

Parish Diary**Monday, September 6th**

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, September 8th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, September 9th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, September 10th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, September 11th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Saturday, September 11th**

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, September 12th

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

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

COUNTERS

Vince's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, September 7th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre

60TH ANNIVERSARY WINE GLASSES

The wine glasses have arrived and we still have a number available for sale at \$10 each. They are a nice memento of the occasion and would even make a lovely gift. Please ring the office to buy.



ABUNDANCE YOUTH

Hoping you are all well, and happy Father's Day to all of the Fathers in our Parish! Our special Youth Mass last weekend was such a great night, thanks for everyone who was able to make it. We are having a quick turn around this month, with our next Youth Mass happening as usual on the second Sunday, the 12th of September at 6pm at St Agnes Church. I would like to especially invite those that have recently celebrated their Confirmation. A light dinner will be provided, can't wait to see you then!

Nick Kelly

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

The Queensland Parliament, will soon be debating and voting on controversial laws to make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal in the state. These laws, if passed, will overturn foundational principles that have underpinned our medical and legal systems for centuries – the ethic of 'do no harm' and the prohibition on killing. We need to do all we can to protect Queenslanders rather than assist them to die. Euthanasia and assisted suicide laws undermine the fundamental relationship of trust that should exist between a patient and their doctor. They have the potential to put vulnerable Queenslanders who are elderly or terminally ill at risk of wrongful death, including placing pressure on them to take their own lives so as not to be a 'burden' on their family and friends. We have seen this occur in countries overseas which have gone down this path.

I am asking you to take two important steps today.

First, I ask you to sign this petition to the Queensland Parliament, asking them to reject this euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. The petition is sponsored by HOPE, a single-issue coalition of groups who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Petition link: https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_qld

Second, I ask you to email your Queensland State Member of Parliament and urge them to oppose the introduction of these laws. Send an email to your MP link: https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

This matter is now urgent.

Vulnerable sick and elderly people in Queensland need your help to ensure these lethal laws are not passed in this state. I urge you to sign the petition and email your MP today, and ask friends and family to do the same.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
5-11 September 2021



The Parish of Holland Park Mt Gravatt and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAN THE FLAME TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE OCTOBER 2021

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' Mark 7:31-37

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002")

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to participate in 'Finding New Life in the Spirit' each Friday evening for five Fridays at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon commencing on Friday, 10th September at 7.30pm. Mass will be celebrated on 1st October with personal prayer during Mass. Contact Len Airey on lenpatairey@gmail.com or 0421977849 for more details.

MARCH FOR LIFE BRISBANE

Urgent - please join us in saying NO to the Qld euthanasia & assisted suicide Bill on Saturday 11 September, 2021. Meeting at Speakers' Corner, Parliament House, corner Alice & George Streets, Brisbane

at 2:30pm for COVID check-in & to collect signs. Rally starts 3pm.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, GREGORY TERRACE PAST MOTHERS' MASS

All mothers of Terrace old boys are invited to join in mass and morning tea on Sunday 12th September from 9:00am – 12noon in the Chapel of the Holy Family, St Joseph's College. Cost: \$25 includes morning tea. RSVP: Thursday 9th September

Booking Link: 2021TerracePastMothersMassandGathering.

Spring Hill, 12th of September | Humanitix

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments will not be offered. Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** and can be made by telephoning the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or via the link: <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au>

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE – INSPIRING YOUNG WOMEN

Inviting enrolments for Yr 7 in 2024 (current Yr 4) and 2025 (current Yr 3). For info visit: lhc.qld.edu.au. For enrolments email enrolments@lhc.qld.edu.au or telephone 3399 8888.

ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS

Sunday 26th September 2021 from 2:30pm – 4:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese as we unite in a colourful display of the celebration of the Eucharist at the annual Multicultural Mass. The Archbishop will celebrate the Mass alongside our priests ministering to cultural communities. Cultural dancing, performances and coffee in the cathedral grounds will follow.

Register: <https://annualmulticulturalmass.eventbrite.com.au>

GRACE OF BAPTISM RETREAT DAY

A retreat day to discover how precious you are in Christ, receiving the healing touch of God and experience the Power of the Holy Spirit in your life. All are warmly invited on Saturday 16 October from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Church of the Twelve Apostles, Jindalee. Contact Chris Guyler on 0414 481 506 or email: gemnkris@gmail.com Details are on the noticeboard.



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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.

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**EVERY CHILD
IN EVERY COMMUNITY
NEEDS A FAIR GO**