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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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February 12th/13th, 2022

BLESSED ARE YOU...

Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did.

Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, power and influence are not the source of true happiness. Luke's version of the Beatitudes challenges our consumer oriented society today. While wealth, power and fame are the sought-after prizes of our world, the treasures of God's reign are love, selflessness, compassion and generosity.

In freeing ourselves from the pursuit of the things of this world, we liberate ourselves to seek the lasting things of God.

Jesus is speaking to the economically poor who were reduced to begging. The richer members of the community failed in their covenant with God by not coming to the rescue of the poor. When this happened, God sided with the poor and spoke on their behalf.

Blessed are the poor... and woe to the rich: the poor are not blest because they are materially destitute. Rather, they are blest because they are able to place their trust in God in the midst of poverty. The rich are not cursed simply because they are materially well off, but because of their failure to come to the rescue of the poor by generously sharing with them. Blessed are the hungry, ... woe to the full: Jesus says we are blessed if we can keep trusting in God in empty/hungry times.

It is also a blessing if we are hungry for God's love. It is a curse if our "plenty times" lead us to ignore God. Blessed are you if weeping, ... woe if laughing: it is a blessing if we mourn for the injustices in our world. It is not a curse to be happy. But it is a curse if our laughter is at the expense of others; or to become rich at the expense of others. Blessed are you if people hate you... woe if people speak well of you: we are blessed if society rejects us because of our love for Jesus. Poverty, hunger, tears and rejection are not to be sought after. But if they come to us as a result of our following Jesus, then they are blessings because we turn to God and follow his ways. Jesus challenges us to embrace his new life vision: to seek the common good, to bring compassion and forgiveness to others, to seek the lasting things of God. We are called to respond to the challenges of the beatitudes in our daily life.

Fr Tony Kadavil

Readings: 7th Sunday Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

First Reading

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.'

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Parish Diary**Monday, February 14th**

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, February 16th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, February 17th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, February 18th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, February 19th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, February 19th**

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, February 20th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



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

PARISH NEWS

WE REJOICE

With the Nolan and McDonnell, Hansen, Donsky and Tincknell and the Park families as they celebrate the baptism of Angus, Leo, Hannah and Bridget in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST

This year's Sacramental Program for First Communion begins in February. The program is open to children in year four (4) and above who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. **Registration will close on 14 February and SPACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED.** To secure your place or for more info contact Rachel at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, February 15th.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST PARENT SESSIONS

There are 2 sessions and parents must attend one these for their child/children to participate in the program.

Wednesday, February 16th @ 6:30pm in St Joachim's Church

Thursday, February 17th @ 6:30pm in St Agnes' Church

The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am.

Attendance is via ticketed seating only. A limited number of places will be available for online bookings from Tuesday 15th February to Friday 18th February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be made available on Tuesday 15th on the Cathedral website <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/>

Please do not call the Cathedral office to register – tickets will only be available through Eventbrite and will not be available before Tuesday 15 February.

If you are unable to attend you will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Please keep Bishop-elect Tim in your prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.



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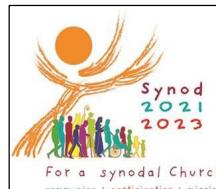
HEALING MASS AT BARDON

Are you in need of healing? Come to the Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, Bardon, Friday, 4th March, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Joe McKay will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered during Mass. COVID requirements will be followed. For further info contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or lenpatairey@gmail.com

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Saturday 26th February from 9am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Last year Evangelisation Brisbane launched A Morning's Prayer, a 3 hour, Saturday morning retreat with several opportunities spread throughout the year. There was enthusiastic uptake from individuals and parishes alike, so this year we are again making available opportunities to get away and spend some quality time with God. A Morning's Prayer will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. It aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome



Pope Francis wants to hear from us!

Until **27 February 2022**, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church.

All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church *globally*.

Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kf0>

You can make your submission here:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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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.