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20th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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August 13th/14th, 2022

Dear friends

In the 1920s, an English adventurer named Mallory led an expedition to conquer Mount Everest. His first, second, and even his third attempt with an experienced team met with failure. Upon his return to England, the few who had survived held a banquet to salute Mallory and those who had perished. As he stood up to speak, he looked around he saw picture frames of himself and those who had died. Then he turned his back on the crowd and faced a large picture of Mount Everest looming large like an unbeatable giant. With tears streaming down his face, he spoke to the mountain on behalf of his dead friends: “I speak to you Mt. Everest, in the name of all brave men living, and those yet unborn. Mt. Everest, you defeated us once, you defeated us twice; you defeated us three times. But Mt. Everest, we shall someday defeat you, because you can't get any bigger, but we can.” - Today's Scripture challenges us to confront the world with prophetic courage of our Christian convictions.

In today's gospel, Jesus the Prince of Peace invites his disciples, to a holy war against sin and evil forces. The message of Jesus brings love, compassion, harmony, peace. It brings people together so that there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female... But it also of its nature challenges injustice, corruption, discrimination, abuse, dishonesty, and all attacks on human dignity. The saying that Jesus has come to set the earth on fire, and bring division instead of peace, has been understood in several ways by Christians and non-Christians. Fire is the sign of purification. John had promised that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Fire is symbolic of the Holy Spirit and His actions of being a consuming fire as God. The ministry of Jesus on earth included preparing the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier.

The Spirit of Jesus is given to all freely who choose to follow him through baptism. This is a fire planted within us to guide us, to direct our lives. In this sense, the fire of Jesus that lives in each of us helps to mould us and shape us into what we are meant to become, a heat that warms our hearts encouraging us to continue the work of Jesus today.

We should have fire in our hearts. On the day of our Baptism, we have received the light of Christ and instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. “One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair.” Therefore, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith.

With God's blessings,

Fr Jason

Readings: 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!'

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Parish Diary

Monday, August 15th

Feast of the Assumption

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, August 17th CANCELLED

Thursday, August 18th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, August 19th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, August 20th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

21st Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, August 20th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, August 21st

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)

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

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Ray McMahon. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, August 16th.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

There will be no mass this Wednesday evening.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) - AUGUST 21ST



All children are invited to join us for CLOW! on Sunday 21 August during the 9am mass at St Agnes'.

CLOW is a great way for children to get involved in the mass in a child friendly environment.

Parents are very welcome! (children under 4 to be accompanied by a parent)



PARISH LIFE HOSPITALITY GROUP

Following on from The Parish Summit we want to create an active Hospitality group for each mass community to offer regular hospitality after masses. If you would like to volunteer for that please contact Paul on 0407 011 988.



COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHI>

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Saturday 3rd September from 9:00am - 12:00pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre ([267 Wellington Street, Ormiston](https://www.santateresacentre.org.au)) A 3 hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Cost: \$20 Register via this link: <https://bit.ly/3diEF45morningprayer>

SOCIAL MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER - AUSTRALIAN PASTORAL MUSICIANS NETWORK

The APMN promotes the art of Religious Music in the service of the Church in Australia through education, support, networking and advocacy, with a special focus on supporting the use of Australian compositions. Our growing Association is looking for an experienced Social Media/Communications Officer to create and implement communications strategies across our current platforms that will grow our membership and further our Mission. The successful candidate would have an interest in and some knowledge of religious music, proven experience in the communications sector or related fields, as well as excellent written and verbal communication skills. Preference will be given to those who also have experience and skills in Digital Marketing, customer service and online networking.

The position is casual, work from home, on a contracted hourly rate of payment, requiring approximately 2 hours per week, up to 8 hours prior to a major event. ABN required. For a detailed job description, including remuneration please contact secretary@apmn.org.au.

Applications close Monday 5th September 5pm EST

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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.