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19th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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August 6th/7th, 2022

KEEP AWAKE TILL HE COMES

One reality of life is waiting; waiting for someone to show up, for something to happen, for things to change. I do get upset sometimes with waiting, do you? And who wants to be waiting and waiting.... We look for the shortest line at the grocery store and the bank. Sometimes we become impatient, even angry.

Sometimes it seems like life is nothing more than waiting. As children we wait for Christmas, summer vacation, and as we grow up we wait for just the right job, that special someone who will make our life complete, a promotion, retirement. Some people wait for the diagnosis, others for a cure.

Waiting in the future most often brings fear and anxiety about what will happen. Waiting in the past brings sadness, anger, or guilt about things that have happened, or the things done and left undone.

Jesus is teaching us how and where to wait. He's inviting us to listen for the knock, to watch, and to be alert. He's inviting us to be present to the reality of God in each other, in the world, and in ourselves. This is the God who is present in the ordinary circumstances of our lives, even in our waiting. "Be alert," he commands, to be ready, and to be watchful. It is as if Jesus is saying to us, "Be alert, be blessed."

The gospel is all about the act of being prepared or ready for any immediate actions. It tells us that God comes at the most unexpected time of our lives and encouraged us to become more observant towards our surroundings. And when that day comes, I pray for everyone's willingness to answer and serve God when he calls us.

DISCIPLESHIP TO GOD

Mary Mackillop a person of God. The quote 'Many are Called - Few Are Chosen', shows that Mary Mackillop was called by God to do his work. This was extremely difficult as people abused her for the work that she was doing, her church rejected her and she had to go all the way to Rome to get her message across. Mary Mackillop spread the idea of agape through helping the poor, elderly and the sick, building schools for the children who aren't so fortunate and cannot afford or live locally to a school and she also helped abandoned children and others.

Through building her first school for the poor, Mary Mackillop was building God's Kingdom on Earth - a place of equality and justice - and was helping others accept people for who they were and themselves for who they are because they are perfect the way God made them. Happy feast day to all in advance.

With God's blessings,

Fr Jason



Readings: 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes

you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Parish Diary

Monday, August 8th

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, August 10th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, August 11th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, August 12th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, August 13th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

20th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, August 13th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, August 14th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



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Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48)

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

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Aleyamma Jopliin. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, August 9th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

A Youth and Family Mass will be held next Sunday, August 14th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church. This will be followed by hospitality.



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.



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NATIONAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

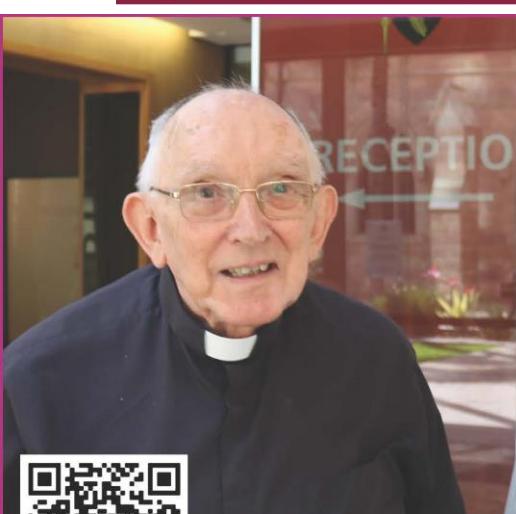
Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page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

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. 22 to 23 October, Contact: M - 0481307821 E - ceebrisbane@gmail.com W: www.engagedencounter.org.au

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2023 Maria Forde Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland (January 1 to January 14, 2023). Enjoy two weeks traversing the Irish countryside of Northern and Southern Ireland in a luxury coach and experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy live Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality, beautiful accommodation, and the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour group. (20 people max). If you are concerned about traveling alone, rest assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, fellow guests, and myself. To view the itinerary, click here - <http://www.mariaforde.com/2023-tour-of-ireland> To book or information, please call Debbie at Emerald Travel on 03 96902123 or email Debbie at debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au Maria Forde has been leading Celtic tours since 2004. Maria is an Education officer - Spirituality in the Diocese of Sandhurst, Victoria, an educator, chaplain, and spiritual director.



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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.