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28th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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October 8th/9th, 2022

How to Respond to God's Blessings

A story is told of a man who was lost in the woods. Later, in describing the experience, he told how frightened he was and how he had even finally knelt and prayed. Someone asked, "Did God answer your prayer?" "Oh, no," the man replied. "Before God had a chance, a guide came along and showed me the way out."

Like that man, many people are blind to the many blessings that God daily showers upon them. They awake to see the sun shining, and do not give thanks to God. They hear the birds chirping and see beautiful flowers and trees, but they don't give it a moment's thought that God has given those blessings and given them the senses to enjoy them. They grumble about having to eat the same old cereal, forgetting that many would gladly exchange places with them and eat anything for breakfast. They complain about their jobs, forgetting that many would be grateful just to have a job or even to have the bodily strength to go to work. They complain about their lack of money, forgetting that they spend more on entertainment each month than many around the world earn as their total income.

Whether you are a believer in Jesus Christ or a person who does not even believe in God, the fact is, God has blessed you far more than you realize and far more than you deserve. It is important to understand how to respond properly to God's abundant blessings. The only proper response is to glorify Him from a thankful heart. These two responses, the proper and improper, are illustrated for us in this story of Jesus cleansing the ten lepers. Only one of the ten responded properly. He teaches us that ...We should respond to God's blessings by glorifying Him at Jesus' feet from thankful hearts.

Jesus proceeding toward Jerusalem He is traveling somewhere along the border between Samaria and Galilee, where He enters a village and encounters ten leprous men. According to the Law, they keep their distance but they recognize Jesus and cry out to Him for mercy. Jesus simply instructs them to go and show themselves to the priests. There would be no point in such action unless they were cleansed of their leprosy, but only one of the ten, a Samaritan, turns back to glorify God and give thanks to Jesus for His great mercy and power. The strong implication is that the other nine were Jews. Luke seems to put this here to show the increasing rejection of Jesus by the nation Israel, whereas this foreigner receives not only healing, but also salvation. Thus he is showing that the way of salvation is open to all who call upon the Lord.

Clearly, Jesus was pleased with his expression of thanks and grieved at the absence of the other nine. Dear friends every day we should be filled with gratitude for all that the Saviour did for us specially when we were spiritual lepers before Him.

(Steven J. Cole)

Readings: 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Luke 18:1-8

READINGS FOR 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke: 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Parish Diary

Monday, October 10th

Mass 8:00am
St Agnes'

Wednesday, October 12th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, October 13th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, October 14th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Saturday, October 15th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Agnes'

29th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, October 15th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Sunday, October 16th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



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Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19)

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

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Juanita Massang and Liberata delos Santos. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Mays, Kaurila, Corbett, Brosnan and Giannasco families as they celebrate the baptism of Thomas, Parker, Alexander, Jack and Alessia in the parish this weekend.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality this weekend after both 6:00pm masses.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Please join other parishioners this Monday for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.



UPDATE ON ST JOACHIM'S CHURCH

The work on St Joachim's Church has not progressed as first planned and it is now expected to finish by October 19th.

Masses will continue with the current timetable.

We will give you another update closer to the time as well as the date which we expect to resume masses in St Joachim's.

I thank you for your understanding and patience.

Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022 Multi-faith service

St John's Cathedral
373 Anne St, Meanjin/Brisbane
Thursday 13 October 8am



This multi-faith service supports the launch of an open letter, signed by senior faith leaders, that calls on the PM to end new coal and gas projects.

We invite people of all faiths or none to join us in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples in their struggle for climate justice.



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The Sacrament of Penance

The parish would like to invite all children in year 5 and above who have received their First Holy Communion to join us in preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

Where: St Agnes' church

When: Saturday 29 October

9.30am - 11.00am OR 11.30am - 1.00pm

*Children only need to attend one session

This program is for children/candidates only. Parents are not required to attend.

Please **RSVP ASAP** to secure your place.

sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au or ph:3349 2280



The St Agnes School P&F Presents

The Merry Markets

Live Music

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Kids Activities

Join us for a festive afternoon of Christmas shopping, live music, local eats and free face painting. Everyone welcome!

When: Saturday 12th November

Address: St Agnes Primary School -

Tudor Street, Mount Gravatt

Time: 2pm - 6pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$4

October Issue available in the churches this weekend.

- Church joins housing talks
- Parishes, schools, groups invited to help refugees
- Important discussions ahead for Australia

QUEENSLAND FAITH COMMUNITIES INTERFAITH PANEL

HUMILITY, WHERE DOES IT GET YOU?

Thursday, 27th October @ 7pm in Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen Precinct.

Instead of perpetuating a fractured, isolated society which is damaging our mental health, let's explore humility and find our common humanity! In this interfaith panel conversation, our guests will discuss the role of humility in our personal development and in building stronger relationships.

If you've never been to an interfaith event before, this is a great place to start. There will be time for chatting with those of other faiths (and finding out how much you have in common), yummy new foods to try, and the panel conversation itself.

Queensland Faith Communities would like to extend a particular invitation to young adults who have never attended an interfaith event before. Please share about it with your network.



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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.