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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

January 28th/29th, 2023

BEING IS GOOD

To understand Beatitudes properly, we should realize that they're all addressed to each one of us. The Beatitudes have what theologians call an eschatological meaning, that is, they promise us definitive salvation not in this world, but in the next.

The poor in spirit... This has more to do with an attitude of neediness and of humility towards God than with material poverty. The person who is poor in spirit looks to God, not to himself, for salvation, trusting in God's mercy. "Unless you become like this little one..."

Those who mourn... We are blessed, Jesus tells us, when we suffer and bear our suffering with love and a spirit of atonement. We are also blessed when we are genuinely sorry for our sins, or are pained by the offenses of others. The Spirit of God consoles us when we weep for our sins, and gives us a share in the fullness of happiness and glory in Heaven: these are the blessed.

The meek... We are meek when we patiently suffer unjust persecution; when we remain serene, humble and steadfast in adversity; when we don't give in to resentment or discouragement. Our irritabilities often stem from a lack of humility and interior peace.

Who hunger and thirst for righteousness...? We are righteous when we sincerely strive to do God's Will by obeying the commandments, by fulfilling our responsibilities to God and each other, and by entering into a life of prayer. Righteousness, in the language of the Bible, is what we today would call holiness. And so Jesus is asking us not simply to have a vague desire for holiness; rather, we should hunger and thirst for it.

The merciful... Mercy isn't just a matter of charitable giving, but also of accepting other people's defects, overlooking them, helping them cope with them and loving them. Mercy means rejoicing and suffering with others. It's the practical application of the 2nd of the great commandments: love your neighbour as yourself.

The clean of heart... When we speak of a person's heart, we refer not just to his emotions, but to the whole person in his loving dealings with others. To be clean of heart is a gift of God. It's the capacity to love, in having an upright and pure attitude to everything noble.

The peacemakers... Those who foster peace, in themselves and in others, and therefore try to be reconciled and to reconcile others with God. Being at peace with God is the cause and effect of every kind of peace.

The persecuted... Blessed are those who are persecuted because they are holy, or striving to be holy, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus blesses those who suffer persecution for being true to Jesus, those who suffer patiently and joyfully.

Circumstances arise in every Christian's life that call for a sort of heroism – situations where no compromise is possible. We either stay true to Jesus Christ whatever the cost to our reputation, life or possessions, or we deny Him. Leading the Christian life is never easy, and suffering always tests our faith. But we know we can always trust in God's help, and in his mercy and forgiveness.

(Taken from the reflection of Deacon Dana USA)

Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

READINGS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, 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 protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.
It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers and sisters, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Parish Diary

Friday, February 3rd

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, February 4th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 4th

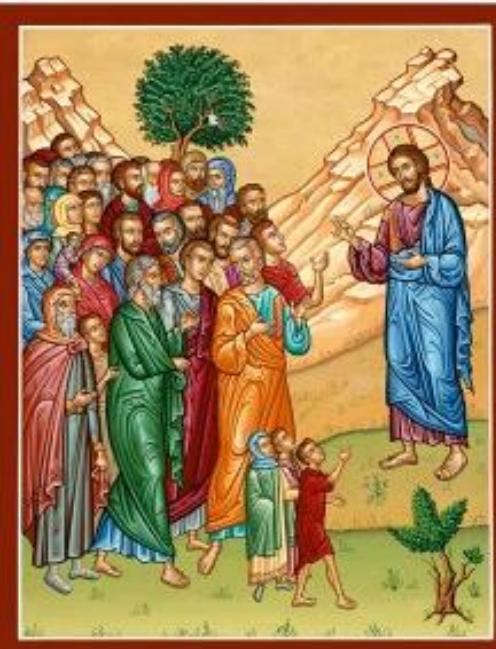
Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, February 5th

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 REMEMBER

We remember Doreen Brooks. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be **NO** masses on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday this week. Friday mass will be held as normal.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday February 3rd will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 9:00m mass next Sunday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



All children are invited to join us for CLOW on Sunday February 5th at 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 5 to be accompanied by a parent).

CLOW is held at the 9am mass at St Agnes' on the 1st Sunday of the month during school terms.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, February 6th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of 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.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM – 1ST EUCHARIST

Preparation for the sacrament of First Communion begins in February. The program is open to all children in Year Four (4) and above who have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

To secure your place or for more information contact Rachel at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au registrations close 13 February 2023.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Last year Judy Milverton, wishing to be baptised, began the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process in the parish. As you know, this baptism will take place at the Easter Vigil. Judy celebrated the Rite of Acceptance this week and so enters the period of the Catechumenate ...the time of the learner.....a learner of the faith. Judy and her husband Zac have been attending the 9.00am mass at St Agnes so do make them welcome and please pray for Judy especially as she prepares.

Kerry Mar, who also attends 9.00am mass, is already baptised but is preparing to complete her initiation by celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist in the near future. Please keep Kerry in your prayers also.

Sr. Mel



RECRUITMENT OF NEW MINISTERS

On the weekend of February 4th and 5th we will be holding a recruitment drive for new liturgical ministers.

We have lost a number of our longstanding ministers over the last twelve months from all masses across all ministries ie. Mass Coordinators, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Data Projectionists.

Training and support will be offered prior to you prior to commencing.

We need you to give serious consideration as to what you can do to assist with our weekend masses.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SPIRIT OF HOPE CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

St Stephen's Chapel, on **Wednesday 1st February 2023** (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass for Praise & Worship, & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our Guest speaker is Len Aireys. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

ST JAMES' COLLEGE, SPRING HILL

A progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. The college reintroduced Year 5 and Year 6 in 2023 and welcomes students from all backgrounds and abilities so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential.

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Enrolment Information Evening will be held on Monday, 6 February from 6.00pm. Enquiries to MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au, 3230 8600 or visit www.jta.link/SJC.



TRAVEL WITH ST PETER'S (ROCHEDALE) PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS

We will be travelling with *Harvest Pilgrimages* from the 4th to 20th October 2023. If you'd like to receive an itinerary with indicative prices please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com. As we need to provide registration forms and deposits to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.

4-DAY LENTEN MISSION WITH BRUCE DOWNES, THE CATHOLIC GUY

St John Vianney Parish, Manly is pleased to present the all new W 4-day Lenten Mission with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy on February 23rd/24th and 27th/28th. Sessions will be held at 9.30am and repeated at 6.30pm; you choose which time best suits you on the day. Each session stands alone. You do not need to attend all four days. Be inspired! Be refreshed! Be renewed!

It is amazing what God can do when you pause and listen to Him! Inspirational, Prayerful and will help you in your spiritual walk this Lent. This Faith Enrichment opportunity is FREE (Donations gratefully accepted). Tea/Coffee and Biscuits provided For more information, please email: svsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au



FAREWELL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Parishioners are invited to attend a farewell for Sr Kari on Tuesday, February 14th at the Cathedral of St Stephen. It will commence with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm which will be followed by refreshments in the Hanly Room.

If you would like to attend please rsvp by Wednesday, February 8th to rsvp@cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030.

Cathedral car park will be available.





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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.



We are committed to the
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SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**