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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 4th November 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 5 November: 6.30am

Wednesday 7 November: 9am

Thursday 8 November: 9am

Friday 9 November: 9am

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

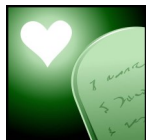
• Monday 5th

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

Readers are reminded that

"BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2019"

will be available for collection on weekend of 17/18 November.



2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

For sale at the Piety Stall
\$9.00 each



Moses said to the people, "The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart."

Dear friends,

Last Friday was All Souls' Day, the commemoration of the Faithful Departed. My experience of funerals has taught me that most human beings lead very human lives. Most people's life contains mistakes, regrets, sadnesses, hurts – some done to us, some done by us. Even though we might have achieved old age, we still might have avoided growing into full maturity as a human person. At the moment of our death, not every loose end will come to a nice tidy conclusion. Not every relationship will be patched up, not every hurt will be healed, not every mistake will put right, not every sadness will be mended. In this world, human life can be very messy. Our inability to love fully does injury to ourselves and does harm to others – usually those whom we love the most.

Dying is such a mysterious business. We have no idea what really happens in a person's heart and soul at the point of death. We have no idea of what's being worked out between the dying person and God. What we do know is that God loves us with a greater love than any human being can ever hope for or imagine. The divine love that has created us, nurtured us, guarded us, sustained us, lead us, and followed us all the days of our life comes to meet us in that last instant. Our lives, our deeds, our regrets, are measured against the great beauty that is God. Purgatory is the process of purification when we meet God's greatness and richness and face-up to our poverty and pettiness. In the light of God, we simply face-up to ourselves honestly and fairly. This way of purification is God's last act of salvation towards us. The presence of God which we have known through glimpses is revealed to us fully, and that moment, we discover the true beauty, richness and depths of our own soul. It is a moment of healing and release. At the moment of our death, God's love reveals who we really are. That's purgatory – that mysterious moment when God's love washes away the memory of our deeds and the shame of our imperfections.

Purgatory isn't so much a "place", it is more a state – an experience. When we die, we are no longer in time and space; we are in God, in God's time, in God's world. Purgatory isn't a heavenly "sin-bin". It is an action of God releasing us from all that is ungodlike within us, so that we can truly love like God. Exactly how this happens is God's business. The gospel teaches us to hope in salvation — always. It is the moment that we come home to our creator and come home to ourselves.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not by joy but rather by the discontent of those whose lives have lost meaning.

How can we fail to realise the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God?

Clayfield Conversations

On 14th October, Pope Francis canonised seven new saints, including St. Oscar Romero of El Salvador. Below is an extract from an article written by Michael E. Lee published in *The Tablet* on Oct. 13th.

From Inquisitor to Saint: Oscar Romero

It was a horrific re-enactment of the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket in 1170. On 24 March 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador was murdered by an assassin's bullet as he celebrated the Eucharist. For the previous three years, he had denounced injustices in his country and defended human rights. Romero had garnered international respect for his efforts, earning a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in 1979. However, he had also sparked vehement opposition from the oligarchy whose economic interests he challenged and the military whose violent repression of any resistance meant thousands kidnapped, tortured, and executed.

Things were no different inside of his own Catholic Church. For while many of the poor faithful thronged to the cathedral to hear his homilies, wealthy Catholics would take out ads in local newspapers declaring him a communist or the Devil's aide. Priests, nuns, and catechists involved in the Church on the ground saw the archbishop as their champion, while members of the Salvadoran bishops' conference saw him as a puppet who was leading the Church into perdition. This division within the Church explains why, in an era that saw more saints declared than in all previous Christian history, Romero's canonisation kept getting delayed.

Officially, the final hurdle was clarifying the nature of Romero's murder. Was it a martyr's death due to "hatred of the faith" or was it merely political? In reality however, the twists and turns of the process revolved around the concern of many in the Vatican not only about Romero himself but about liberation theology and the extent to which he embodied it. Untangling this relationship tells us much about the new saint and how his canonisation represents a de facto landmark recognition of liberation theology as an important way for modern believers to live a faith that addresses the social crises of our times.

Oscar Romero was no professional theologian. He did not publish books, nor did he hold a university position. However, in his three years as archbishop, the homilies Romero gave in the cathedral every Sunday – broadcast live on the radio and listened to avidly throughout the country – combined the most honest reports and assessment of what was really happening in El Salvador with a powerful theological vision. The key to that vision lay in his overcoming of the dualisms in the theology he had learned decades earlier. Rather than fleeing the world, Romero discovered that it is precisely in the world where God's presence is discovered. "The element of transcendence that ought to raise the Church toward God," he wrote, "can be realised and lived out only if it is in the world of men and women."

Time and again, Romero would emphasise that human or earthly liberation, though not identical with the full liberation that Christianity preached, was not separate from it either. For this reason, believers need to be active in making the world more just. "Those who want to be co-partners in the promises of eternity," he wrote, "have to collaborate with God in establishing justice, peace and love in this kingdom on Earth." For Romero, the model for how to seek this liberation was Jesus Christ himself. From the Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry, Romero saw three important criteria for the Church's mission in the world. First, it must denounce sin. Of course, this term signified personal failings such as greed and selfishness. But Romero's great realisation was that sin has a social dimension. In light of that "structural sin", the Church, like Jesus, must proclaim a good news, particularly to those who are poor or marginalised. Commitment to solidarity with the poor has to take centre stage in the life of faith. It must make a preferential option for the poor, even if, when the Church does act in solidarity, it endures persecution.

Romero paid the ultimate price for living out his faith. His sanctity and life of prayer resonate with so many of the saints from the past. However, his legacy speaks to our time in a special way. His realisation of the reality of structural sin inspired a profound discipleship dedicated to human liberation. The weakest in society were the guide to his ministry. He did not forge a "middle way" between an oppressive military on one hand and Marxist guerrillas on the other. He committed himself and his Church uncompromisingly to the liberation of the poor, and in that commitment revealed what true faith looks like in the world today.



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES are available from table in church foyer, Piety Stall or Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the Parish Office. The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

NOVEMBER: A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died.

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS please **RSVP** by no later than Monday 5 November if you will be attending the Thanksgiving Mass on next Sunday 11 November. Thank you.

BURNIE BRAE The Burnie Brae not-for-profit community organisation at Chermside is in need of pre-loved clothing items suitable for ages 50+. You can leave your pre-loved clothing items at the Parish Office during office hours or at the Church on the weekend, by the last Sunday of each month. Pre-loved clothing items will then be delivered to those in need at the Burnie Brae "Project Pantry" event which is held on the 1st Saturday morning of each month.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Fr Ray Kearney, Jenni Fogarty, Sr Marlette Black PBVM, Saman Kunan, Richard Harris, Rev James Caley, Cardinal Bravo SDB, Julia Lane, Brother John Dowd cfc,

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Louie Lumbay Limas, Neil MacGinley

Those who are sick:

Val Barrett, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Warwick Jones, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, James Elliott, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Dell McHugh, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

Reminder to let us know when names are no longer required to be shown on the sick list.

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF TYING THE KNOT As part of our centenary at St Agatha's, we are also planning to celebrate 100 years of *tying the knot* at the parish. By sending in your wedding image, you will have a chance to be part of a commemorative poster to mark the centenary. So if you were married at the church or know someone who was, feel free to email your wedding shot (at the church) to stagathasweddings@gmail.com. Please use the following wording in the subject line of the email: "WEDDING - (YOUR SURNAME)". This will make it easier for us to keep a track of the photos. Please also include the names of the couple, their wedding date and a contact number in the email so we can get in touch. Some images may be used on our social media platforms. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ainsley Crutcher on 0417792212.

PARISH CENTENARY RECOLLECTIONS BOOK – DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Commemorating our Parish Centenary is all about the people of our Parish, past and present. We need your stories, memories, photographs, snippets, recipes. We will be collecting your contributions at each of the Masses over the next weeks. All contributions are welcome – even if it is only a few lines!

The Book of Parish Recollections will not be the same without YOUR contribution. Please pass this onto those who have left the Parish – we would love to hear from them too. The Book Team: stagathascenentarybook@gmail.com

Australian CATHOLICS Copies of the Australian CATHOLICS (*Summer 2018 issue*) are now available. Please take a copy home.

CENTENARY MERCHANDISE SPRING SALE - Make this Christmas a little merrier

Wine, Sparkling or Port \$20 a bottle | Hessian bags \$10 | Tea towels \$10 | Shopping lists \$2
Pens \$1.50 | Keyrings \$2.50 | Fridge magnets \$1.50 | or a combo of pen, keyring, fridge magnet \$5
Order forms are available at the back of the Church. Please complete and email or drop off to the Parish Office.

LIFE TEEN MASS - EVERY SUNDAY 5.30PM Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. If you would like to help with music or singing just talk to the musicians. Enjoy food and friendship after Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month (supper) and the 3rd Sunday of each month (drinks and nibbles). Helpers eagerly accepted. Phone Anne O'Connor: 3256 6013 or 0419796988.
Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us at one of the Parish Plenary Council discussion groups:

After 9am Mass this Sunday 4 November (10.00am - 10.30am) - Parish Office
Evening 7.00pm - 7.30pm Monday 5 November - Parish Office

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending one of the discussion groups.
At the meeting we will reflect on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia –
using the three questions below as a guide:

- * *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*
- * *What questions do you have about the future of the Church in Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?*
- * *What stories would you like to share of your experiences of faith or of the Church?*

You are also invited to submit your own responses to these questions online – go to the official website:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

You are welcome to form your own discussion group with family or friends.

Please contact the parish office for more information and resources.

PARISH ROSTERS

- Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

3/4 Nov

Jack Williamson
Marian Nolan

Sr Cecily Foster
Aleira Egan

Cate Barrett
Dan Butler
Jane Arkininstall

Life Teen Mass

10/11 Nov

Katrina Murphy
Volunteer

Anne O'Connor
Annette Riba

Thanksgiving Mass

Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

3/4 Nov

Ann Goves

Volunteer

Amrita Moss

Life Teen Mass

10/11 Nov

Edward Foley

Paulette Archer

Thanksgiving Mass

Life Teen Mass

"HOME" COMMUNION MINISTERS:

4 Nov

Tom & Jeannine Treston

11 Nov

Karen Birtles

ORGANISTS:

3/4 Nov

Volunteer

Volunteer

Josephine Warda

Life Teen Mass

10/11 Nov

Volunteer

Volunteer

Robyn Cuming &
Paul Fiumara

Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

3/4 Nov

Xavier Coorey
Dominic Coorey

Volunteer/s

Joy Kordic
Sofia Iannarella

Caitlin Marshall
Alex Oliveri

10/11 Nov

Billy Crutcher
Dash Crutcher

Lachlan Hinneberg

Max Elliott
Daniel Benjamin
Bart Marino Cebulski

Sophia Lazzarini
Max Lazzarini

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

4 Nov

Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos

11 Nov

No Children's Liturgy

SANCTUARY CARERS:

17 Nov

Beverley O'Brien

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

BAPTISMS

We celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL

St Agatha's School Clayfield has limited vacancies in Year 5 for 2019.

Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary:
wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au
or phone: 3326 9222

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18 - 40 years old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you!

Date: Saturday 24 - 25 November 2018

Time: 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday

Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." MARK 12:33

VINNIES SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours spare on a Friday or Saturday and want to give back to your community? Why not volunteer at your local Vinnies shop? We currently need volunteers to help at the Eagle Junction Centre. All skill levels suitable. Vinnies shops are a treasure trove of donated goods, sold to raise funds so the St Vincent de Paul Society QLD, can help the community in a variety of ways. Clothing is also available for those in need. You can be a part of this great organisation by volunteering your time in a Vinnies shop. We need people who are friendly and reliable and want to make a difference!

For more information, contact Barbara on 0439 455 856 or drop in to our Eagle Junction Store (281 Junction Road, Mon - Fri 9 to 5pm, Sat 9am to 4pm).

menALIVE Weekend for Men

What are you doing on the 10 and 11 November?

Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia.

Now, A QLD menALIVE weekend is being organised in St Kevin's Parish Geebung, conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Australia Team. Enquiries; Chris Scharf 0411 127 576 or Brendan Scarce 0432 148 025 or email: menalivegeebung@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Readings - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 November 2018

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

