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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 11th November 2018

Readings

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 12 November: 6.30am
Saint Josaphat
Wednesday 14 November: 9am
Thursday 15 November: 9am
Friday 16 November: 9am

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 19th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office



Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "This poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury."

Dear friends,

One hundred years ago today, the First World War came to end. It was called the "War to end all wars", but sadly, it wasn't. Hostilities may have ended on this day, and the guns may have fallen silent, but there were no real resolutions and no meaningful peace. Just over two decades later, war was to break out again in which our fearsome skill at destruction was unleashed anew with even more powerful and efficient technology. The first half of the twentieth century was brutal, bloody and cataclysmic. It is some times said that what we need to bring people back to the church is a "good war". War is never good, and far from eliciting faith, war creates atheists. It should come as no surprise then that the great explosion in atheism came in the second half of the twentieth century. At the heart of such a movement were questions like these: Why would a loving God allow human tragedy on such a violent and massive scale? What is the point of worshipping the Prince of Peace who seems so unable to deliver peace? These are worthy questions precisely because they challenge the premise of our faith.

When I visit war cemeteries, as I have in various parts of the world, I often find myself becoming angry. It is not that I do not honour the bravery of those who have died. They are brave beyond measure. It is not that I presume that there are no conditions under which war is the only unfortunate option. Tyranny always demands resistance, even at the cost of war. It is anger that our human state can lead us into such folly. It is anger that every grave is unique but every story is the same: ordinary people sent into the unimaginable. It is anger that, as St. John Paul II said, "war is always a defeat for humanity". Even those who "win" the war never really win; peace always comes at such a tragic price. When I come away from war graves, I commit myself to the promotion of peace. Perhaps that can be the real legacy of the silent fallen. War is not to be glorified and peace is not to be taken for granted. Keeping the peace is our duty and responsibility, as much as it is a gift. And begins and ends in the quality of our relationships.

Fr. Anthony



TO ALL OUR
WONDERFUL
VOLUNTEERS

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

In the Bible the widow is the woman who is alone, who has no husband to look after her, who has to manage on her own, who survives on charity. The widow in this Gospel passage was a widow who had placed her trust only in the Lord. I like to look at the widows in the Gospel as an image of the "widowed" Church who is waiting for Jesus to return. The Church is the bride of Christ but her Lord has gone and her only treasure is in her Lord.

If the Church remains faithful, then she leaves everything while waiting for her Lord to return.

Clayfield Conversations

This Friday many young people will complete their school years and head into a different phase of life. Br. Damien Price, one of our parishioners, reflects on what wisdom he would like to share with our school-leavers.

This article was published in this week's Catholic Leader.

Remember: Life is a Journey


I was out walking the other day and a jacaranda flower falling from a tree beside Schultz Canal got me thinking. Over the coming days thousands of wonderful young men and women will graduate from Catholic schools all across our land. What could our fragile faith community say to them and wish them forth with? Here is my go at it. As you leave us remember life is a journey; enjoy it. It will have its ups and downs, its twists and turns but value the journey and you will pull through. Some around you will put all sort of value on titles but remember that life's truly great titles are the simple ones; dad, mum, friend, brother, sister, mate and that many a king and leader wished they were remembered for these and not wars or other matters of state. You will make mistakes for no one is perfect but better the risking and the failing than trying not at all. You will be hurt in love but better to have risked love than grown old wishing.

As you journey may you come to know that the Earth is your mother, be gentle with it, caress it, listen to it and learn to love it; if not for your sake then for your children and their children. As you journey you will need a compass; make honesty a compass point. Honesty is often hard and you will be tempted to the easier path but really there is no other way. All around you, you will see those who live by plastic pleasures and you will be tempted to do the same; march to your own drum. Don't die with the music, your music, inside you. You will have times of hurt and anger, disappointment and betrayal, even with those you love but never close the door of your home nor of your heart; it is never too late to forgive.

In all that you do, be gentle with yourself; the hardest journey is the journey inward and the hardest hurdle to forgive yourself – but both hurdle and journey are worth it – one step at a time. As you journey you will see violence and war and many will reach for the gun as the solution but remember that the Gospel reminds us that the open hand will always win out over the clenched fist. Many a war and conflict is fuelled by fear of difference. Fear not difference, for it is the bearer of wisdom and your enemy is just the friend you have not met yet. Wrap your life in simple pleasures; too many are lost living someone else's life or dream. As you journey you will meet the bitter and the twisted but never mock love; the cynic and the bully crave its company. Your feelings are a compass too - do not shackle feelings; neither be afraid to cry nor to laugh. Trust friendship before the share market and integrity before false pleasure.

Judge no one, for your ego will always look for battle when there is none to be won. Value self – just as you are – and leave the rat race, appearances and status for the shallow and the lost. Set yourself high goals that stretch your inner self and you will always have a bounce to your step and a sparkle in the eye. Share a beer or wine with friends but let the reason always be the sharing and the friendship. Don't waste too much time looking for answers; live life and enjoy the questions. Put family before promotions, friendship before perks, relationships before envy. I lost my dad when I was 17 and I was not there by his bed – so – never leave unsaid what needs to be said, nor leave undone what needs to be done; you will not come this way again. On your journey when you are in doubt risk and hug and love.

Nurture self-discipline and remember balance; balance in all things. Honour your body and the bodies of others; you truly are the temple of God's Holy Spirit. Cultivate compassion and make the hallmark of your life how you treated others; especially the poor, the weak and the vulnerable. Never buy an "if only" T-shirt and better the crazy look of adventure over a mildewed mountain of cash. But in all of this – as you journey – always remember that you never, never walk alone. No matter what you do or fail to do your God is there walking beside you – the God who is awe, joy, love, peace and hope, and that God will always, always, always love you. Oh and don't be a stranger – this broken, fragile and yet beautiful faith community needs you and your dreams – as does this beautiful world.

 **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.

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.

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! Saturday 24 – 25 November 2018
Time: 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday | Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Oxley.
For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Eileen Clarke, Gavin Paul, Fr Ray Kearney, Jenni Fogarty

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Bridget Brumptom, Eric Brumptom, Jack McBride, Doreen Haine, Bill Lim, Louie Lumbay Limas, Neil MacGinley

Those who are sick:

Bryan Weaver, 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, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

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

A Requiem Mass for Gavin Geoffrey PAUL
will be held at St Agatha's on Monday 12 November at 11.00am.

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: stagathacentenarybook@gmail.com

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.

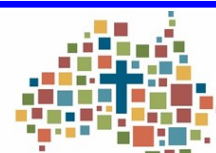
Visit Aggies Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>



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POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY Applications are open for a position at the Beaudesert Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish administration assistant for 15 hours a week Monday, Thursday and Friday. Applications close 16 November.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

For sale at the Piety Stall \$9.00 each

Readers are reminded that "**BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2019**" will be available for collection next weekend 17/18 November.

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

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

10/11 Nov	Katrina Murphy Ann Goves	Anne O'Connor Annette Riba	<i>Thanksgiving Mass</i>	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Nov	Phil Zammit Cate Barrett	Kirsty Stevens Mark Burton	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Don Macpherson	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

10/11 Nov	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	<i>Thanksgiving Mass</i>	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Nov	Jan Zammit	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

11 Nov	Karen Birtles
18 Nov	Geraldine Swindells

ORGANISTS:

10/11 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Robyn Cuming & Paul Fiumara	Life Teen Mass
17/18 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	Josephine Warda	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

10/11 Nov	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Lachlan Hinneberg	Max Elliott Daniel Benjamin Bart Marino Cebulski	Sophia Lazzarini Max Lazzarini
17/18 Nov	Eve Ryan Claire Ryan	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Ella Shepherd Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

11 Nov			<i>No Children’s Liturgy</i>	
18 Nov			Michelle Wille & Naoko Leotta	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

17 Nov	Beverley O’Brien
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“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.” MARK 12:43-44

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

Blessings Fr Anthony

Fr Anthony celebrates his 21st Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Monday 12 November. *Blessings Fr Anthony on your Special Day!*
Best wishes from your parish family!

