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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 20 October 2019 Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO 6.30am Mass on Monday Wednesday 23 October 9am Thursday 24 October 9am Friday 25 October 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

5.00pm Saturday (1st Rite of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm) Sunday 7.00am 9.00am 5.30pm Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

OCTOBER Tuesday 22 Community and Mission Council Meeting 7pm Parish Office Monday 28 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office **NOVEMBER** Saturday 2 All Souls' Day - Mass 9am



ST AGATHA'S PARISH will be conducting the 2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN next weekend 26/27 October

FEAR for I am with you



This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of Catholic Mission in Ghana, through programs designed to rescue babies and children who are vulnerable and foster their personal development for a brighter future.

The theme of the appeal comes from Isaiah 41:10, 'Do not fear, for I am with you".

The theme reflects the uncertainty that children who are vulnerable face and confirms God's love and presence in their lives even during difficult or desperate times.

Under traditional customary beliefs in some communities in Ghana, behaviour considered to be abnormal can be linked to the spiritual world and children may be accused of witchcraft if they exhibit such behaviour. Children born with a disability or where the mother dies during their birth are also at risk under these beliefs.

Distressingly, these children are often rejected by members of their family and community; some are killed as they are seen as a bad omen. The Church and the Ghanaian government are making great strides in educational programs in an attempt to change these beliefs; however, as Bishop of Yendi Vincent Sowah Boi-Nai says, "old habits die hard."

The Nazareth Home for God's Children in the Diocese of Yendi in Ghana is a haven where children of all ages are loved and cared for unconditionally. Sister Stan Therese Mumuni has dedicated the last decade to running this home, which currently cares for 78 boys and girls, giving them safety, nutritious meals, healthcare and education.

Sister Stan ensures the children receive quality education so that they may one day gain employment and provide for themselves. Her dream is that they will return to their home community and show how the love and support of the Church has empowered them to develop and reach their goals.

The Nazareth Home for God's Children is one of the many critical initiatives established by the Catholic Church in Ghana to save and nourish the lives of the country's most vulnerable young people. Without the tireless efforts of Sister Stan and other religious and lay missionaries around the country, many children will lose out on all that life has to offer.

However, the survival of these programs, and the children and young people who benefit so greatly from them, relies so much on the support you can provide today.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scriptural context

Since chapter 9 of this Gospel, Jesus has been making a steady journey towards Jerusalem and the events of the Passion that await him there. This whole second half of the gospel is a series of teaching moments as Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples to continue his ministry after he has gone. Remembering that the gospel is written 50 or more years after the events described, the gospel writer has also deliberately structured these teaching moments for the audience of believers struggling day by day to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. As such, these teachings are just as important for modern audiences.

Different View – Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God... *Liturgy Help*



2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church = Our Mission = Our Community

26-27 October

Holy Spirit Seminary

Your gift prepares young men for priestly service ministering to your parish for generations to come.

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Give today: 07 3324 3200 catholiccampaign.com.au

2020 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS Columban Calendars are now available and for sale at the Piety Stall for \$9.00 each. *Ideal Christmas Gift*

SWOOPING BIRDS

For the safety of our parishioners, students, teachers and staff, signs are displayed throughout the premises to be on the alert of swooping birds. Please be aware as they have been known to cause serious injuries.



With great joy we welcome *Mackenzie Bach, Fletcher Haines, Oliver Haines and Frederick Mackay* who will be baptised this weekend.

St Agatha's School Clayfield has limited vacancies in Year 6 for 2020. Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary: wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone: 3326 9222

CHRISTMAS CARDS Available for sale at the Piety Stall Packet of 8 for \$5.00

YOUTH GROUP COORDINATOR | **The Bracken Ridge Catholic Parish** is seeking applications for the casual position of Youth Group Coordinator. Hours are estimated at 10 hours per week over 39 weeks of the year. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating and supporting youth programs and activities including:

Facilitating Youth Groups in the Parish (Blitz for years 4-6 and Rock for Years 7-12)

Supporting the Parish Priest in parish pastoral activities and liturgies

Plan spiritual growth programs, activities and events

Promoting additional faith development opportunities for young people including retreats, camps, youth conferences and Deanery/Archdiocesan events

Commencement Date: 29 January 2020. Applications close: 7 November 2019. Information, including a position description can be obtained from Bronwyn Venzke on 3261 3670 or <u>bridge@bne.catholic.net.au</u>. Applications should be submitted via email with a current resume and covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to Fr Gerry Hefferan, Parish Priest at <u>bridge@bne.catholic.net.au</u>.

Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. 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.

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Berenice Feltoe, Stan Morris, Benito Bucag, Jenny Tarranza, Fr Peter Daly O.M.I

<u>Those whose anniversaries occur about now:</u>

Norrie Brennan, Louie Limas Mick Treston

<u>Those who are sick:</u>

Vireda Akhil, Dhirend Akhil, Jenny McKeon, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, Eugene Gaynor, Lauren Carney, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, Joseph Tam, Bryan Weaver, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, 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, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Mel Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

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



FEAR for I am with you

Reach out. Give life. Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations.



children rescued from life-threatening situations. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial

mission. Today you have the oppo

Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON CHURCH PEWS. A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER THE PRESENTATION. Please feel free to take envelopes home and return next week and place in the normal parish collections or drop into the Parish Office.

October







115 Turner Rd, Kedron - 3357 7028 <u>www.delamoreretirement.com.au</u> Discover Kedron's Best Kept Secret. Open House – Every Thursday from 10.00am – 12.00pm



Some of the topics that people talked about this theme:

- Greater inclusion of all people
- Outreach to the wider community
- Baby Boomer generation to listen to young Catholics
- Modernise Church teachings
- Better communication of what the Church does
- Better interface between parish and school
- New leadership & Governance model
- Better selection/ formation of candidates to priesthood
- Lay-led parishes
- Communion for all
 - Greater involvement of laity and greater role for women

Read more of the topics for this theme: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

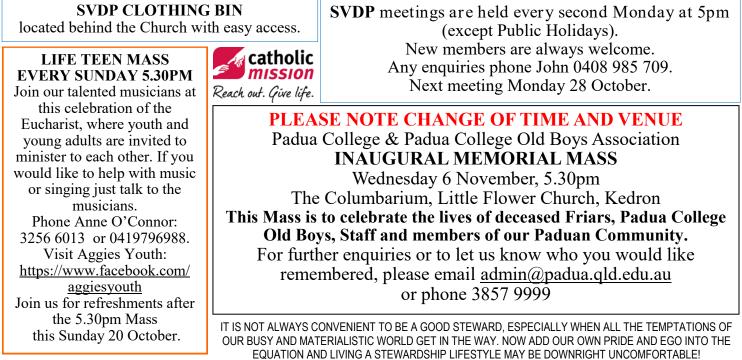
Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January $4^{th} - 12^{th}$ Orientation Course. You must apply now for a <u>position</u> beginning any time in 2020.

Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au



<u>PA</u>]	<u>RISH ROSTERS</u> - 5.00pm	 Please arrange a subst 7.00am 	itute if you are unavailable (9.00am	on your rostered day. 5.30pm
<u>READERS:</u> 19/20 Oct	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Sr Cecily Foster Kirsty Stevens	Chanelle Simpson Clare Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
26/27 Oct	Jack Williamson Ann Goves	Dianne Eden Nick Eden	Dan Butler Ryan Smethurst	Life Teen Mass
COMMUNION	MINISTERS:			
19/20 Oct 26/27 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i> Christine Iannarella	Volunteer Volunteer	Amrita Moss Chanelle Simpson	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
	MUNION MINISTERS:			
20 Oct 27 Oct	Tom & Jeannine Trest Paulette Archer	on		
ORGANISTS:				
19/20 Oct 26/27 Oct	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Robyn Cuming <i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass Life Teen Mass
ALTAR SERVE	RS:			
19/20 Oct	Billy Crutcher Dash Crutcher	Volunteer	Bridget Birchley	Caitlin Marshall
26/27 Oct	Volunteer/s	Volunteer/s	Chelsy Waller	Bart Marino Amelia Marino
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BAPTISMS at St Agatha's are celebrated on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.



REMEMBER, GOD DIDN'T CALL US TO BE COMFORTABLE. HE CALLED US TO BE FAITHFUL.

TWO-MINUTE HOMILIES Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now. To view or listen (at your leisure) to a podcast please visit http:// brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minutehomilies/

Readings - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 27 October 2019 1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Gospel: Luke 18:9-14