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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2/3 October 2021

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE ON THE START OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL FIRST ASSEMBLY

After five years of preparation and consultation we're finally arrived at the moment of the first assembly of the two assemblies of the Plenary Council in Australia; the first Plenary Council celebrated in Australia since 1937.

Because of COVID-19 we've had to postpone this first assembly for twelve months. We're still in the grip of COVID-19 but we decided to go ahead even though now the first assembly will be completely online.

But here in Brisbane, unless we have a lockdown, we will gather as a group of about fifteen in Cathedral House each day. So there will be some face to face, but most of it will be face to screen.

Now, not everybody can be a member of the Plenary Council. There will be about 300 of us online as members and expert advisors and helpers of various kinds, so that 300 will be online.

But in fact the Plenary Council is for the entire community of faith, all catholic people whoever you are, it's for you the Plenary Council.

So you may not be online as a member of the Plenary Council, but you are very much part of the journey of this week and that's why I write to you now.

If you're not online there are other ways in which you can take part; you can follow the live stream sessions each day, not all the sessions will be live streamed, but some will be and you are very much invited to join the live stream sessions*.

Then you can each day follow the updates that will be provided at the end of each day.

So again I invite you, I urge you to read the updates but most of all, to surround the assembly with your prayer; that this is a deep and real and powerful way of you sharing in the experience of this first assembly.

So the call is to all of us members or not the fact is you've been baptised and therefore you are very much part of the journey.

So let's take the road together and may God, who has begun the good work in us with the Plenary Council, bring it to fulfilment.



* A google search for "Plenary Council" will find us at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

The Month of October...

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood. The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross. The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

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The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died - His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

Where Did the Rosary Come from?

The origins of the rosary in the form we pray it today are a bit mysterious. Praying the Rosary beads goes back to the Desert Fathers in the 3rd and early 4th centuries. These counting devices were used for prayers such as the Jesus prayer in Christian monasticism.

St. Dominic (d. 1221) is often credited with its institution, since the first definite historical reference to the rosary as we know it today comes from his life and preaching. Some traditions hold that St. Dominic was asked by Our Lady herself to pray the rosary in his efforts to defeat the Albigensian Heresy in France.

The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary.

Why do we Pray the Rosary?

The foundations of Catholic devotion to Mary can be found in both Scripture and Tradition. The rosary is just one of the beautiful devotions to Mary that we practice. Pope Pius XII once said, "The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel." That is to say, that each decade is dedicated to a single and significant salvation history.



The structure of the rosary, with its well-known, repetitious prayer should not be mistaken for the meaningless repetition denounced by Christ in the gospel of Matthew.

It is instead a format that cultivates mental peace and interior space for meditation on these moments in the life of Christ that encapsulate the mystery of the Incarnation, the person of Christ, and the beautiful relationship that has been built between our God and his creation. So, although the prayers of the rosary are Marian, the devotion is very Christocentric and nourishes our interior and spiritual life in a way that non-meditative prayer does not.

Since the 12th century, the Church has turned toward the Rosary in times of trouble and tribulation.

To sum up, the rosary is a prayer highly recommended by the Blessed Mother herself as well as popes and saints. It has very many levels from vocal prayer, to meditation and is also a pathway to contemplation. The goal is a greater love for God and union with God.

COVID-19 Update for Parishes

The Queensland Government announced that, due to new COVID cases in the community, new restrictions will be put in place effective 30 September 2021 at 4:00pm for two weeks.

Face Masks: You must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including churches and workplaces unless you are alone in an office or meeting room with the door closed, eating or drinking, or it is unsafe to wear a mask.

Clergy and readers must keep their mask on indoors but may remove the mask when they are 1.5 metres away from others.

Parishioners must keep their masks on while indoors unless unsafe to do so.

Choirs and all cantors will be required to keep their masks on at all times.

Face masks must also be worn outdoors when you are unable to stay 1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household, you are eating or drinking, or it is unsafe to wear a mask.

Masses and Gatherings:

1 person per 4 sq metres indoors

OR 75% capacity for ticketed and allocated seating. Ticketed seating means a person is given a ticket with their seat number on it and will remain (as much as possible) in their allocated seat while at the place of worship.

Outdoors: 1 person per 2 sq metres

Weddings and Funerals, when held indoors, will follow the same occupancy noted above but are limited to a maximum of 100 people, whichever number is lower. Masks must be worn.

Food Service: People eating and drinking must be seated. Masks must be worn except when eating or drinking.

Prayers and blessings to Reg and Ann Goves

Our long time dedicated parishioners Reg and Ann Goves, who have over the past 15 years contributed to the successful running of our parish as readers, collectors, counters, Eucharistic Ministers and other ministries, are saying farewell to our community.

We very much appreciate their service to our community and thank them for their generosity of spirit and wish them all the very best in the next chapter of their lives. We will miss their energy, sense of fun and friendship. On Saturday the 9th of October, at the 5pm Mass, let us wish them all the best and offer God's blessings.

Children's Mass and morning tea postponed to Sunday 24 October 9am

Due to the new Covid19 restrictions, the Children's Mass is postponed to Sunday 24 October.

All children in Grade Prep to Year 6 are specially invited to participate in the Children's Mass at 9am on 24 October 2021. At the Mass, children are asked to read, bring the gifts to the Altar, take up collections, Altar serve and welcome people as they arrive. If your child/children would like to participate in any of these activities please email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the Parish office on 3262 2859 by Tuesday 19 October. We look forward to all parishioners joining and supporting our children by attending the 9am Holy Mass.

Community and Mission Council There will be a CMC meeting on next Tuesday 5th October at 6.3pm at the Parish Office, to discuss ongoing Parish matters.

Prayer for Plenary Council



We pray for the Plenary Council Assemblies of 2021 and 2022: that the Assemblies to be held this year and next year will renew the Church making it humbler and hopeful.

Why do people call St Francis of Assisi a "saint for all"?

We celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. He is a saint for all, one of the dearest saints for Christians as well as non-Christians.

His "universal brotherhood" is expressed in his love for his "brothers" – *men and women, rich and poor, sick and healthy, faithful and sinners, believers and unbelievers, for animals and all nature* – and reveals to us a soul in which God is undivided, a soul nourished by the truths of the Catholic faith and abandoned completely to Christ.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Don't forget the Sacrament of Reconciliation

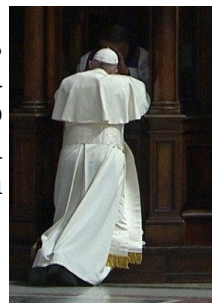
In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we express sorrow for our sins and promise to do our best not to repeat this sin again, we acknowledge our sins before God, we receive pardon (absolution), and we perform an act of penance or reconciliation as directed by the priest. The grace we receive from the reception of the sacrament helps us grow stronger in our faith and our ability to live a Christ-centered life.

Effect of this Sacrament

- ♦ Reconciliation with God is the purpose and effect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- ♦ Bring about a true "spiritual Resurrection"
- ♦ Restoration of dignity.
- ♦ And the blessing of the life of the children of God

"I go to confession every 15 days, 20 days, because the Pope is also a sinner. And the confessor listens to what I tell him, he advises me and absolves me, because we are all in need of this forgiveness".

Pope Francis



Roster for September

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
2/3 October	Julie-Anne Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Eileen Duncan	Matthew Crossley
	Tomos Walter	Karen Birtles	Hannah Dalisay	Giselle Hossinger
9/10 October	Ann Goves	Dianne Eden	Amanda Bel	Max Van Balen
	Annette Riba	Nick Eden	To be confirmed	Joel Perkins

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Carmel Hickey, Maureen Long, Andrea Fren-
do, Denise Chiapello, Bill Rowe

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Agnes Power, Gerard Power, Albert Tesch,
Sally Tesch, May Schuh, Francesco Bruzzese

Those who are unwell:

Neville Goves, Finn Sheppard

The Catholic Leader October 2021 Issue

The October issue is now available at the front
of the Church. Please buy a copy to promote the
Catholic Leader.



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The beginning of the next liturgical year is closing in!

Time to order your Advent and 2022
liturgical resources.



2021 Advent reflection
booklets: \$5.00 each

2022 Columban
Calendars: \$10.00 each



2022 Break Open the Word: \$25.00 each

'Never Too Old'

Mercy Community invites you to come along and celebrate
as a community at our market-style event on the lawn

Lots of things to see and do!

Date: Friday, 8 October 2021

Time: 10:00am - 1:30pm

Venue: 131 Queens Road,
Nudgee (the Lawn)

Cost: Free | All welcome!

This year, Seniors Month is all about celebrating Social Connections,
connecting people of all ages, cultures, and abilities, celebrating the
important and essential roles older people play in our communities.



Next Children's Liturgy is on 17 October, 9am

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

10 October 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 9.00am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

No Adoration

*"I like the silence of a
church, before the service
begins better than any
preaching".*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's
Church is always appreciated.

Ways to financially support your parish:

Direct debit, Place your offerings in the
collection plates during the Mass or Planned
Giving Envelopes

The Parish Giving App.

Hover the camera on your
smart phone over the QR code
and tap on the link to the
Parish Giving facility.

If you are not part of the
Planned Giving Program and would like to
contribute via online internet banking, details
are as follows:

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

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