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9am Friday and 8am Sunday
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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

27th August

FIRST READING Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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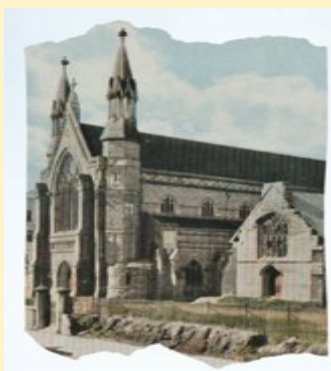
THANK YOU Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF WEDDINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL

All couples who have been married in the Cathedral of St Stephen are invited to a special Mass celebrating over 150 years of Weddings. A special focus will also be placed on those celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) but of course anyone married in the Cathedral or the Chapel is invited to participate. **30th September** Mass at 11.30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd. Email

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3324 3030 by 1 Sept.



If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. There are still envelopes available. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time and generosity.

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

This day God gives me

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, Your ears are list'ning,
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
All that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
Firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 🎵 🎵
You are Peter, The rock on which I will
build my Church:
The gates of hell will no hold out against it.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 🎵 🎵

OFFERTORY

Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, - only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
Throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

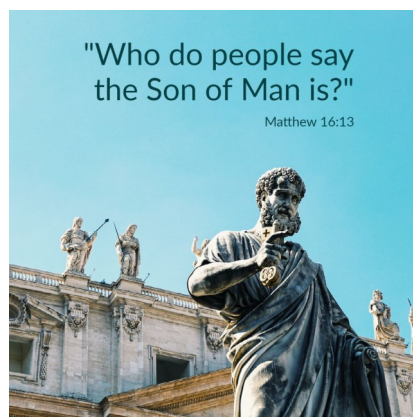
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

RECESSIONAL

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
And you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me.



NOTICES

I Really Should, But.... I think I could write a book, not a large book, just listing the reasons people tell me why they can't manage to get to Mass ("as often as I should"). It has become something of an art form, often very creative and colourful, told with such intensity and earnestness that every so often, I actually believe that they believe what they are saying.

Unfortunately for these people, over the past 40 I have heard nearly every explanation that can be thought up. From the simple and most popular, "I can't seem to find a Mass time that suits me" and "The weekend is the only time I get for a break" to "There is something in your Church that makes me sneeze" and "I haven't been able to understand Mass since they changed from Latin". These excuses seem more a defence of a position or a justification for not doing something that they know they really should be doing. What's the big deal? It's not like we are going to the dentist – and we have to pay for that.

What is so difficult about going to Mass on Sunday? What is it about the dozen or so Masses in three varied locations in our local Catholic community (Buranda, East Brisbane, Kangaroo Point, Fortitude Valley St. Stephen's Cathedral) that is such a demanding exercise that only about 9% of the baptised Catholics in our local parishes attend? Throw in the

FEAST DAYS
Mon - St Augustine
Tue - The Passion of St John the Baptist

visitors from other parishes and localities on any given Sunday and it could well be around 8-9%. Sure, attending Mass requires some preparation. Warming up the vehicle and leaving the comfort of home, getting dressed in something a little bit special, finding a park, then finding the right seat among the hundreds on offer. It also means that we may have to be in the presence of other people and maybe even acknowledging their presence, but so does shopping and sport and the movies, all of which seem to have no trouble gathering a good crowd on a Sunday. So why is it that the acknowledged baptismal commitment to our faith is the first to go when choices have to be made?

I suspect one major reason is that we have all become victims of the need to be entertained and stimulated by every experience we have. If it doesn't excite me in the first five minutes, it doesn't register in my "Must Do" list. We demand a myriad of choices when it comes to television channels, music options on radio and laptops, 30 different forms of sport and innumerable shopping opportunities. We have created a formula for picking the experience that offers highest satisfaction for

the least amount of effort, which can spell disastrous results for something as reflective and spiritual as responsive and committed as Sunday Eucharist. For some people the choices are just too hard, so they opt for that which is the least demanding. No points for guessing what the first to go is.

Before you say "Why is he writing this for us? We're already here." Just remember you are the Church's best advertisement. You are supposed to be the living example of why coming to church makes a difference. When others see how joyful and inspired and enthusiastic and content you are after coming home from Church, everyone will want some of what you're taking (just kidding, but I wish I wasn't). Maybe a word from those who do make the effort and find the experience of Sunday mass fulfilling could throw out a challenge to those yet unconvinced. Our parish Churches are not just a shop front for baptisms, weddings and funerals. They are places where people encounter God in fact and in Spirit.
Fr Peter Dillon PP

Scripture Group meets at St Benedict's Church East Brisbane on the 4th Wednesday each month at 7pm. All are welcome.

AN ANOINTING MASS will be held on the **1st Sept.**
Any changes will be notified via the newsletter.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 11 October at 6pm in St Joseph's Church Kangaroo Point.
Parent/caregiver/child Preparation sessions are on Sunday **10 Sept** at 2pm and Sunday **8 October** at 2pm (including rehearsal). These sessions will be held at St Joseph's church. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all
bow.)*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

*May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.