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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

17 September

FIRST READING Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might

be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked serv-

ant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

A PASTORAL STATEMENT ON THE REFERENDUM.....continued

In response, we need first to see the truth of the suffering of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the disadvantage many experience today as a result. Justice demands that we seek to rectify this disadvantage and its consequences.

We also need to listen to the Indigenous peoples, in order to learn from them and learn to love them, not see them as "the other". Pope Francis has said of the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon, and how best to engage with them on issues particular to them: "They are our principal dialogue partners, those from whom we have the most to learn. Their words, their hopes and their fears should be the most authoritative voice at the table. Otherwise, the result would be, once again, 'a plan drawn up by the few for the few'." The same could be said of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

A full copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Statement on the Referendum is available at the front door of the church. As requested, more copies have been printed for this weekend.

ENTRANCE

Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain:

Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in his ways.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

A Trusting Psalm

Refrain:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord
Is faithfulness and love.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing
We have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in God.

**MASS TIMES HAVE CHANGED AT
ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH EAST BRISBANE
Wednesday 8.00am from 4 October.
Saturday 5.00pm from 7 October.**

THANKSGIVING:

Our Supper Invitation

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means;
Walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

RECESSIONAL

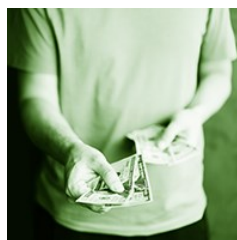
Though the Mountains May Fall

Refrain:

Though the mountains may fall
And the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all
Who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child
He will not abandon you.

Should you turn and forsake him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from him,
He will always take you back.



NOTICES

A Grain of Truth

Recently it has occurred to me that whenever someone voices their opinion on any topical issue to me, my first tendency is to find in what way I might disagree with them, in what way they might be wrong. Almost everyone feels that their own opinions are good ones; otherwise they wouldn't be sharing them with us. Usually when someone else's opinion does not fall into line with ours we either dismiss it or find fault with it. I am now starting to wonder how many good opinions have I dismissed, how many chances to learn and grow have I passed over, simply because I needed to protect my own judgment or point of view.

Jumping to the negative or defensive position before considering the alternative viewpoint is only the beginning of a prevalent contemporary attitude that seems to encourage people, particularly the young, to think "If you think or do things differently to me then you must be wrong".

This defensive and isolating perspective of "it's my way or the highway" is at the heart of nearly all bias and prejudice, and is usually fed by a fear that our own

FEAST DAYS

Tue - St Januarius
Thu- St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

perspective may not stand up to scrutiny or counter-argument should someone wiser or more committed than myself engage with me in some way. We end up trying to defend an approach that we are either not fully informed or convinced about. I'm not suggesting that we might not be right in our opinion, but we need to know why we are right and allow our viewpoint to stand on its own merits.

Perhaps it's not such a new attitude. It was Jesus' acceptance of the excluded and marginalised that so frustrated the Pharisees and his communing with those considered unacceptable to society that threatened the scribes. It seems that Jesus at least stayed open to the truth that may have been at the foundation of those whose lives were different. Maybe he discovered more about himself by finding out about them.

Perhaps we might practice looking at the situation from a viewpoint different from our own. We

could read a book or an article that might be contrary to our own opinion or not automatically disagree with another's argument simply because we always have. We might learn that not all that is true and right is to be found in 'my' way of doing things.
Fr. Peter Dillon

A MULTICULTURAL MASS will be held on Sunday 24th September, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. The Mass is held annually in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees, and will this year highlight the 2023 theme - Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay? Sunday 24 Sept at 2:30pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen. RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23 Mass will be followed by cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds. Everyone is welcome to come along.

A new look newsletter is coming!
Watch this space :)

Scripture Group meets at St Benedict's Church East Brisbane on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The next session is on Wed 27 Sept. All are welcome.

AN ANOINTING MASS will be held on Friday **6th Oct at 9am**. 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. The next Parent/caregiver/child Preparation session is 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.

If you are a Parish Volunteer or working in the parish the onus is on you to comply with all Archdiocesan policies. Safeguarding training & registration is available online - www.safeguardingaob.com.au Your Safeguarding Representative is Catherine Goldsworthy 0467775862

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.