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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 6th / 7th OCTOBER 2018

LESSONS LEARNT WHILST LYING LOW!

Since so many wonderful people have been enquiring about my health progress, I thought I should supply an update on my progress. Without too many details, my surgery required a tendon replacement and some re-alignment of my heel bone. Not sure what I did to require it, but the term "flat feet" was mentioned somewhere along the line, but that sounds far less glamorous than a "sporting injury". Suffice to say, the operation went well but the rehabilitation is tedious. I have discovered I am not a very patient *patient*, with the simplest of tasks requiring a great effort. While crutches seem a helpful health aid, they are definitely more suited to the young and trim. When the doctor suggested "no heavy lifting" I think he must have been referring to my body weight.

While it's easy to think of all the negatives around being confined to bed, I am learning lots of valuable lessons that I hope stay with me long after the plaster cast has been removed. Firstly, it is rather overwhelming just how generous people can be. Fr. Paul and the parish staff have now become dedicated nurses and pastoral carers. My every whim is satisfied immediately. I've stopped short of having the newspapers read to me, but I'm sure if I asked it would be done. I realise now how the dependence on others creates a sense of guilt that maybe we are asking too much or too often. It's quite surprising how little we really do need materially when we can't get it for ourselves. Of course when we are really busy at work we dream of being idle, reading, watching TV, generally wasting time, but when that idleness is thrust upon you unexpectedly, it's not quite as alluring as you imagined. A little bit of free time each day is a treat. Free time all day is a burden.

Over the past few days I have developed a deep fondness and newfound respect for my other three limbs, not limited by heavy bandaging. My left leg has had to do the work of two, with little or no complaint. Trying to balance a considerable weight on those rare occasions when I leave the bed. Not to mention my formerly weak arms that have saved me on several occasions from falling flat on my face when pride assures me I can manage unassisted. Like some quiet and reliable parishioner, whose true value is unknown until they are no longer able to continue with their valuable contribution to the parish, forgotten until you really need them. While crutches are a wonderful invention, they account for nothing without two compliant and previously unacknowledged arms. From now on no body parts, however insignificant they may seem to be, however small a task they perform, will get full recognition when next they seek attention with the slightest twinge.

I am also a little surprised that the parish has not collapsed and closed down during my two week absence. How could they cope without me? It is actually gratifying to know that while we might be an important player on the team, the crew can actually manage to keep steering the ship when you're not there all the time. Healthy parishes are ones that know how to adapt to changing circumstances and fewer resources. Our parish has evolved well into adjusting when circumstances over the past few years haven't gone exactly to plan. It's one of the reasons that parishes are so like families. They work best when all members are participating, but they can also cope, and cope well, when they have to deal with bumps in the road.

I'm hoping that this present "bump in my mobility road" will flatten out over the next few weeks, but it will take as long as it takes. Big lesson: just because I want it doesn't mean it will happen when I want. I am so very grateful to you for your many offers of prayers and good wishes. While I'm not always sure what you were praying for, if it was that I would be content and worry-free and that the doctor would fix up the right bits, then your prayers have been heard and answered. Now you can concentrate on more important issues.

Sincere thanks, Fr. Peter.

READINGS THIS WEEK: Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30.

FEAST DAYS: Tues 9th: St Denis, bishop, martyr & companions, martyrs (optional) & St John Leonardi, priest (optional); Thurs 11th: St John XXIII, pope (optional).

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Madeline Muller of Emerald Lakes, for the week of Monday 8th October. If you would like to take part in the weekly Rosary with Our Lady, please telephone Pat & Maxine Sela 5539 9539.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Centacare Pastoral Ministries will conduct a
Pastoral Care Training Course
on the Gold Coast in January 2019

Parishioners interested in training to become
volunteer pastoral carers

at the Gold Coast and Robina hospitals
are invited to attend an information session on:

Thursday 22 November, 10am – 11.30am

at the Sacred Heart Parish Hospitality Centre,
Clear Island Waters.

Parishioners currently providing pastoral care in the
hospitals and in aged care/nursing homes are very
welcome to attend

For more information, or to register for the
information session, please email:

adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au

or call Judy Norris on: 33243193

RSVP by 19 November

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: The Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane explains, "After First Communion, the parish will offer a fuller preparation for the Sacrament of Penance to bring the children to a better understanding of God's mercy, so that they may confess their sins and receive forgiveness in the first rite of reconciliation."

In Surfers Paradise Parish, children who have already received the Sacraments of Initiation namely Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are invited to join in the preparation for and experience of the Sacrament of Penance over two weeks. Firstly, at our **Preparation Workshop (at Sacred Heart Church, October 18th, 6pm)** the children will learn more fully about the examination of conscience and the greatness of God's mercy. On the **Celebration Evening (at Sacred Heart Church, October 25th, 6pm)** children will experience individual confession and absolution (forgiveness) through the First Rite of Reconciliation.

Parents and Caregivers please email **Cathy Anderson** (Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish Sacramental Team) at AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au Include in email: your Child's Full Name and Date of Birth.

MOTHER TERESA SHRINE OPENING DAY: 13 OCTOBER:

The day **starts at 9am** with morning tea, then a procession to the shrine and prayers, followed by Mass and finally lunch, concluding at 1pm. Bishop Ken Howell will be celebrating Mass.

All are welcome. Full details on the website: www.motherteresashrine.com.au. Marian Valley is at 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren, not far from Canungra.

FATIMA DAY: On Saturday 13th October 2018 we will be celebrating **Fatima Day at the Marian Valley** and would love for you to join us. The bus will pickup at Palm Beach & Nerang Rail Station then Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. You can secure your seat with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

The topics which the Alpha Sessions raise as conversation starters about Jesus are exciting ones.

On our shelf displays in the Library we have put out books about these questions. Look out for the Red Alpha Logo! For example, "Who is Jesus?". Try the easy-to-read books by William Barry "Who Do You Say I Am" or Joseph Girzone's "A Portrait of Jesus". For a more theological development N.T. Wright's "Who was Jesus" and Michael Casey's "Fully Human, Fully Divine" are recommended.

The "why and how" of prayer and Bible reading have who sections with rich offerings in our Library. Come in and take a look at what we offer. Remember you can access the Library at weekend Masses with a Librarian to help; or borrow during office hours by obtaining the key from the Parish Office. Welcome to a wonderful journey of faith and love for Our Lord.

GOLD COAST CHRISTIAN MEDITATION REFLECTION

MORNING: Praying with Creation. Saturday October 27, 2018, in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Bookings/Inquiries: **Judith Keller 0448 188 937**. World Community for Christian Meditation wccm.org

FERTILITY CONFERENCE PUBLIC FORUM: As part of the National Fertility Conference to be held at the Mater hospital, all parishioners are invited to attend the free public forum "Towards the Complete Practice - The Australian Experience of Restorative Reproductive Medicine" on Friday 20th October 2018 from 7pm-8:30pm, with free nibbles and drinks provided from 6:30pm. This year's Fertility conference is themed "Towards the Complete Person" and will showcase the BioPsychoSocial and Spiritual aspects of human reproduction and relationships. Free registration and information is available at: www.nationalfertilityconference.com or NFC@airm.org.au

ATRIUM: CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

The Atrium is currently **in recess** and will resume for **Term 4 on 15th October for Monday sessions and on 19th October for the Friday sessions. Monday and Friday sessions run from 9:30am to 11:00am.**

THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00



VENIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS: Veniré is back for Term 4! We're breaking open some big questions and looking at who God is and how exactly do we know he exists? Open to all high schoolers, Venire is a space to grow deeper in your faith and meet other young people who are on the same journey. Filled with fun games, free dinner, discussion, prayer, small groups and more! You're welcome to join us. **Friday 19th of October 6:30-9pm in Casey Hall.**

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We're journeying through 1 Corinthians and you are welcome to join us! This Bible Study group is a great way to connect with other young adults, and grow in faith and knowledge of scripture. All are welcome. Monday 8th of October. Youth Office. 6:30-8:30pm.



menALIVE Scripture Journaling Group gatherings Monday and Thursday morning from 7 am to 8 am (Monday) or 9 am (Thursday inclusive of Eucharist). For further information contact **Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828.**

All men of the Parish and visitors are most welcome.

STEWARDSHIP: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." GENESIS 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

MASS FOR QUEENSLAND MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to a Mass to celebrate Queensland Mental Health Week on **Friday 12 Oct at 1.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley** (corner of McLachlan and Morgan Streets). Light refreshments will follow Mass. Parking available in church grounds. All people are welcome to attend.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mario Zamparutti, Tadeusz (Ted) Szczesny, Maria Nazari, Noeline Davies, Nanette Caldwell, Maureen Phyland, Margaret Hvass (nee Symons).

ANNIVERSARIES: Claro Bayrante, Liam McEvoy, Francesco Di Losa, Enzina Mellino, Veronica & Alan Bond, Phillip Capon, Margaret Corney, Mary March, Muriel Rasey, Leo Brennan.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Eileen McCarthy, Brian Pinard, Evleen Waters, John Thomas, Joanne Mooney, John Sattler, Maria Vandermost, Alicja Paciej, Jan McArdle, Sr Elvira Sesta, Helen Walker, Ron Perry, Barry Moray, Judy Alexander, Steve Gallagher, Suzanne Galloway, Tamara Davis Kurt & Betty Hillesheim, Terry King, Dennis Burton, Terry Cook, Iris Ware, Lucena Liwag, Brandon Watson, Judy Marshall, Patrick Sena, Nathan Young, Claire Keefe, Ralph Grandville, Emidio Restall, Duncan Dawson, Yvonne Lofthouse, Luke Sullivan, Joanne Parks, Mary Kerr, Janora Senders, Anne Gavaghan, Gus Reeves, Gina Dalagan, Nigel Tomlinson, John Robinson, Kurt Stubbs, Rosa Michael, Paul Kiely, Ellani Gonzalez, John Ashby, Julianne Conway, Shirley Ryan, Dr Alex Sharah, Janina Kraus, Terry Scott, Therese Lloyd, Mary Busuttill, Margaret Needham, Kevin McCormack, Leah Mackay, Rosemary Jamieson, Miriam Buttisal, Ryan Lloyd & family, Joanne Burge, Monica Bailey, Rosa Maria Santos, James Daly, Fr John Milliken, Diane Hill, Shaun Van de Reede, Michelle Krijnen, Jooy & Madison, Michael Dwyer, Joan Maher, Michelle Macdonald, MaryAnn Boehme, Angelina Elsey, Bernadette Lewis, Gerald Theron, David Conway, Rachel Raines, Francee Beckman, Joanne Mahoney, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena.

FREE INFORMATION SESSION MAKING LIFE'S CHOICES:

White Lady Funerals in conjunction with Retirement Care Solutions, On Your Own Two Feet and Cornerstone Law Offices, invite you to our upcoming **FREE** information session. **MAKING LIFE'S CHOICES** 10am **Wednesday 24th October 2018.** Information on Financial Matters, Retirement Solutions, Legal Matters and Guardian Plan (Pre-paid Funerals). Light refreshments and Lucky door Prize provided. To be held at White Lady Funerals **2140 Gold Coast Hwy, Miami.** For more information contact **5526 6960 Raelene Williams.**

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: This year our **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** will be held *from 24th November to 9th December.* We need your help with obtaining prizes. You could either provide cash or vouchers or purchase a suitable item and donate that to our prize pool. We appreciate your past support and look forward to your on-going assistance this year. Your gifts can be left at the Parish Office during business hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

FAIR TRADE FAIR FREE EVENT, Elanora Uniting Church, M1 Exit 92. Western side off northbound exit, Saturday 20th October, 2018, 9.00 am to 1.00pm: Jewellery, crafts, toys, homewares, bags, tea coffee, chocolate, fashion and much more. All goods are fair trade Coffee cart. Information: John Martin 0408 115 210 revj@aapt.net.au

YOGA AT THE PARISH: Each **Tuesday at 10.45am** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters with Ruth Gurner. Ph: **0421 338 110 / 5528 0917 for more information.**

divinaQYOGA Thursday 6am - Vinyasa Flow. For more information contact divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga or find us on **Facebook.com/divinaQyoga.** \$10 per session.

OVER 50'S EXERCISE TO MUSIC: Senior's Fitness and Strength class for *men & women in Casey Hall 9am each Tuesday.* Please contact Rochelle for further information on **0438 333308. \$7/session.** Come along, make friends & get fit.

SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB: BRIDGE sessions are on Mondays at 12noon and Wednesdays at 1.00pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. For information contact Cheryl Ph **5538 881**

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8TH OCTOBER	9TH OCTOBER	10TH OCTOBER	11TH OCTOBER	12TH OCTOBER	13TH OCTOBER
7.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	7.00am	RECONCILIATION
ST VINCENT'S	SACRED HEART	STELLA MARIS	STELLA MARIS	ST VINCENT'S SACRED HEART 9:00am	4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART <small>Please allow Priest time to prepare for Mass by adhering to these times</small>
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church
Fr Bernard Bednarz C/- 3252 2200

Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass, 4th November at 12noon at Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will continue at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church
Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart **3394 4994**
St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 9am-12noon in Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday **16th October** 12 noon

BRIDGE: Monday **12 noon** & Wednesday **1pm** PHC

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays **8:30am** SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: **18th October** Hospitality Centre.

SPCL: Next meeting **Tuesday 13 November** in the PHC.

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session

YOGA: Each Tues **10:45am** \$10/Per Session **PHC**

divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays **6am** PHC Mob 0435 721 258

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays **9:15am** Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

Marriages: (Min 6mths notice required) Phone 5572 5433

Benediction: 1st Friday 7:30am St Vincent's Church

Care & Concern: Parish Transport to Medical Appts:
0474 211 908

Children's Liturgy: Sacred Heart Church: **Every** Sunday 9am

Christian Meditation: Tuesdays **10am** Parish Office Prayer Room
& **6pm** (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life:
Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC
Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 21st October 2018**

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: **Monday & Friday** 6am; **Thursday** 9:00am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:00am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;

1st Fridays 8pm; **Friday 7pm 2nd Nov to 7am Sat 3rd Nov.**

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Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and
Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

Veniré Youth Mass: 28th October 2018 at 6pm Sunday Mass

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

Registering in parish Sacrament enquiry Youth Prayer request

Roster availability Other: _____ To commence parish planned giving program

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.