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FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

25th / 26th November 2017 – YEAR A

THE INWARD JOURNEY

Thank you all for your congratulations and good wishes on my appointment to a wonderful opportunity in Melbourne. I am very excited and look forward to the challenge of a new role, new work place, new city and the unknown! Now that the shock and surprise has subsided somewhat, my family and I have started the process of planning the practicalities of moving interstate. Like all external journeys, we have to decide what to pack, the travel details, future accommodation and mundane things like banking, bills, internet connections etc. In amongst these details I am consciously aware that there is also an inward journey we are each experiencing as individuals. It is a spiritual journey where God's presence is deeply felt by us and we are enormously grateful.

The inward journey I refer to is a journey with God in the spiritual life and through prayer. God is always inviting us to enter more deeply into the kind of inward journey where growth can take place. Scott Peck referred to this as a *Road Less Travelled*. Thomas Merton named it as a movement from the false self to the true self, implying that a person grows in consciousness of her/his relationship with the loving God. It is a movement to integration and wholeness.

The inward journey requires an act of faith, allowing God to lead us to an unknown place. There are conditions necessary to support the journey. Henri Nouwen summarizes these conditions with the phrase "discipline of the heart": standing in the presence of God with all we have and are, listening to God's voice and allowing him to speak to us in every corner of our being. This discipline of the heart allows grace to enter those hidden parts of ourselves. Thus God's word can have its effect through our prayer.

On this journey the words that we ourselves say to God truly matter. "They can rise up to God's heaven like silver doves from a happy heart, or they can be the inaudible flowing of bitter tears. They can be great and sublime like thunder that crashes in the high mountains, or diffident like the shy confession of a first love." If they only come from the heart and if only the Spirit of God prays them together also, then God hears them. He will forget none of these words. God listens to us patiently, even blissfully, as we journey together an entire life long until we are through talking, until we have spoken out our entire life.

Nothing the external journey of life can throw at us can compare with what God wants to bring forth and we will delight in it if we but allow him.

Psalm 119:105: Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Blessings, Helen

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

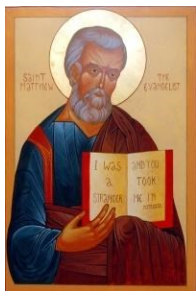
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
Matthew 25: 31-46

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday; St John Damascene, priest, doctor
Wednesday; St Nicholas, bishop
Thursday; St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Friday; The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday; St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit



FAREWELL FROM SR BRIGID FRAWLEY RSM:

This week I relocate to Brisbane where I will be closer to our sisters. A new chapter begins for me!

Thank you all for your friendship and support over the past thirty years. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate both my silver and Golden Jubilees among you.

May God's Blessing surround you as you continue your wonderful work in the parish and wider community.

Sr Brigid

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM SACRED HEART:

Practice for the Children's Choir will take place on **Monday 4th December at 9am** in Sacred Heart Church. All children are welcome to come along and sing their hearts out with all the Christmas Carols. This will be a thirty minute session.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS: 6PM SACRED HEART: The **6pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church** is especially focussed on children and their participation in the celebration. Children are invited to dress up as a Nativity character, sing in the children's choir or contribute as Readers. Further details will be published in the parish newsletter in the next few weeks. If parents or other family members are able to assist with preparation of children then please contact Helen Goldsmith on 5572 5433.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: This weekend we welcome Jacinta and Danielle into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Sunday 9am Mass, Sacred Heart Church. Jacinta and Danielle have been participating in the RCIA process in our parish community for some time. We rejoice with them and pray that the Holy Spirit will bless and strengthen their lives as they give witness to their love and faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Please contact Helen on 5572 5433 if you can assist in any of the following ways:

- ◆ **Projector Operators:** Sacred Heart on **Christmas Eve 8pm, and Midnight Mass.**
- ◆ **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** Sacred Heart **Christmas Eve 8pm, Christmas Day 9am;** and **Stella Maris Christmas Day 8.30am**
- ◆ **Welcomers, collectors, piety stall helpers** all churches and all Masses.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from **7pm this 1st Friday, 1st December to 7am on Saturday 2nd December.** Enquiries: Jim 0424 381 069 or Helen 0421 935 678. All are welcome.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Mt 26:40

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

A special morning tea for all volunteers
This means you in every ministry in our parish.
Please come and join in the fun and
laughter over a cuppa and some beautiful food.

**RSVP 8th December for catering purposes
5572 5433**

thank
you

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE NURSING HOMES:

We are needing more **Ministers to take Communion** to our parishioners who are in Nursing Homes. Your usual commitment would be once per month. At the moment our most pressing needs are for **Merrimac Park Private Care on a Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm** and **Hillview House on a Friday at 10.30am.** All training will be given and you will be in the company of another person at all times. **Please phone 55725433.**

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Dot Empen of Broadbeach Waters for the week of Monday 27th November. If you wish to take part please contact Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539.

VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS:

Expressions of interest for training as a volunteer hospital pastoral carer are being sought for training in 2018. Centacare Pastoral Ministries offers scholarships for training in return for a one morning per week commitment for a minimum two year period. Pastoral care teams in hospitals are highly valued by patients, staff and management. Pastoral care is a very rewarding volunteer role and if you would like to know more please contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au (Ph: 3324 3193) or look for the brochures available in your parish. Expressions of Interest close **15 January 2018.**

BREAK OPEN THE WORD: Please collect your ordered book from the church vestries. Cost is \$10.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:



Our celebration of Advent began with the changing of the colours from green to purple and the children enjoyed processing around the Atrium while we sang "Come, Lord Jesus! Come and be born in our hearts!" The

prayer table was decorated beautifully, and we enjoyed a lively discussion about the Light. (Is 9:2)

These are our Atrium Sessions new schedule:

Monday sessions: 9:00am to 10:30am. (First group)

11:00am to 12:30am (second group) (Vacancies available)

(Friday sessions: 9:30am to 11:00am

We need volunteers to help us with the catechesis – if you are interested please contact the Parish office. To learn more, please email atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS: Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people. **Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413**

ADVENT FAIR AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. STEPHEN:

St Stephen's Cathedral Choir is holding their annual fundraising event ADVENT FAIR on **SUNDAY, 3rd December**, the 1st Sunday of Advent, **from 9 a.m. in between masses, at the Cathedral Precinct.** There will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, fresh homemade cakes, sweets, savouries and many more delectable food items. This will be in cooperation with COSSAG who will have their Christmas Market at the same time throughout the weekend, featuring all the gifts and decorations you will need for Christmas. There will be FREE Tea and Coffee throughout the event. There will be Aussie Sausage Sizzle for the duration of the Fair. The Guides and Welcomers will be there to offer tours of St Stephen's. Come in the spirit of Advent and enjoy festive music!

TRAVELLING TO ITALY? WANT TO LEARN ITALIAN?

7 Week Course. Absolute beginners. **Tuesdays 6.30pm** or **Fridays 10am** to be held at Dante Alighieri Society, 18 Fairway Dr, Clear Island Waters, just behind the Italo-Australian Club. If you are interested please phone **Giovanna 5539 5528** or **Rita 5527 0797.** www.dantegoldcoast.com.au

VENIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Thursday 6-8:30pm in the Hospitality Centre
RSVP to Steph **0411 669 876.**

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY:

Next Bible Study: **27th November**

Unpack the Bible with us and connect with others 16-25 Meet in the youth office on Monday night from 6:30-8pm.

FR MAC'S PUDDINGS are on sale now at all Churches.
Enquiries to **Pat 0404 805 819.**

RELIGIOUS GOODS: Buy your Christmas Cards, 2018 Calendars, Little Blue Books for Advent, 2018 Daily Mass Books and Year B Sunday Mass Books from the Piety Shops at Sacred Heart and St Vincent's Churches.

'GOD'S WORD' Liturgical Diary for 2018 which contains the daily readings plus reflections on the readings. It is designed to help you keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. From the Piety Shops.

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: The **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** continues this weekend giving you the opportunity to win one of the **10 WONDERFUL PRIZES.** Prizes will be chosen in order of tickets drawn and the draw will take place on **Sunday 17th December at Sacred Heart Church after the 9am Mass.** Prizes can be collected from the Parish Hospitality Centre **from 4.30pm on Monday 18th December.**

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY: If you are a regular visitor to the Library at Sunday evening Mass you will know **Dr Paul** well. He has been a faithful volunteer in this slot for longer than most of us can remember! Thank you Dr Paul for your Ministry - and for choosing our latest **HOT READ!** It is **"God Near Us"** by **Joseph, Cardinal Ratzinger.** A collection of the Cardinals writings before he became Pope Benedict XV1 in 2005.

This is what Paul has to say about this book: "Cardinal Ratzinger dispels myths and gives a clear exposition of the place of the Eucharist in the Christian Faith. Strongly recommended". You can borrow the Hot Read now from our Library.

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

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ Open Monday to Friday 7.00am to 3.30pm. Phone Divina on **0435721258.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fadoul Kazzi, Ralph Mclver (Sydney), Bettina Stewart (nee Dunn), Anne Weston, Janusz Wcislak, Effie Elizabeth Clark.

ANNIVERSARIES: David Valencour, Fr Owen Oxenham, Fr Neal Shannon, Joan Enright, Mary Wylie, Percy Felsman, Aurora PB De Farias, Jose De Farias, Veronica Gonclaves, Esmeraldo Couto, Maria Giacomo, Thomas Mullahy.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Dianne Lovelock, Carmen Buttigieg, Dr Alex Sharah, Tony Wienand, Janina Kraus, Terry Scott, Dillon Butler, Therese Lloyd, Brian Lloyd, Mary Busuttill, Pat Thomson, Margaret Needham, Chris Farrell, Sheryl Higgins, Elaine Neethling (Capetown SA), Leah Mackay, Rosemary Jamieson, Miriam Bousetel, Ryan Lloyd, Joanne Burge, Monica Bailey, John O'Leary, Sarah Clancy, Rosa Maria Santos, James Daly (Capetown), Shaun Van de Reede, Murray Downes (NZ), Bob Francis, Michelle Krijnen (NZ), Fr John Milliken, Anne Zappa, Jooy & Madison, Tony Bui, Betty Hillesheim, Michael Dwyer, Joan Maher, Michelle Macdonald, MaryAnn Boehme, Angelina Elsey, Bernadette Lewis, Gerald Theron (Capetown), David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Imelda Rundell, Joanne Mooney, Julie Stapleton, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Kevin McCormack, Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, David Weldon, Dr Michael Tracey, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia,

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 27th November	TUESDAY 28th November	WEDNESDAY 29th November	THURSDAY 30th November	FRIDAY 1st December	SATURDAY 2nd December
7am ST VINCENT'S	9am SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 10am	9am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5pm Saturday Evening 6pm Saturday Evening 6pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7am & 8.30am Sunday 9am & 6pm Sunday 8am & 10am	

MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

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

Italian: Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support and
General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass is **3rd December 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
Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

GROUPS:

ART & CRAFT: Each Wednesday 9am to 12noon in PHC

BOOK CLUB: In Recess till February 2018

BRIDGE: Mondays at 12noon Parish Hospitality Centre

SPCL: Tuesday 6th February 2018

FRIENDSHIP DAY 15th February 2018

CHOIR PRACTICE: 8.30am Saturdays SH

PLAYGROUP: Wednesdays 9.30am Casey Hall, Fairway
Drive, Clear Island Waters. Parish Office 5572 5433.
Playgroup is Volunteer based. Each parent needs to sign an
attendee sheet at each session.

YOGA: Tuesday 10.45am \$10/Session. Parish Hospitality
divinaQ: Thursday & Friday 6am on the Lawn next to Sacred
Heart Church.

ZUMBA GOLD: Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and
Intermediate. Susana Pozzi 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

Children's Liturgy:

Sacred Heart Church: Sunday 9am Mass (during School Term only)

Stella Maris Church: 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am & 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**

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: Monday & Friday 6am, Thurs 9.45am

Sacred Heart Church: Tues 9.30am, Friday 7pm-9pm

1st Friday - 8pm Friday 1st December to 7am Sat 2nd December.

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC,
CIW Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575.

Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sunday 7.15am and

Monday & Friday 6.25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesday & Friday 8.25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesday 8.25am, before Mass

Venire Youth Mass: 6.00pm Sunday—Date to be advised

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 5572 5433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**