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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C **9th / 10th February 2019**

SOMETHING SCARY!

Some recent greeting-card philosophy suggested that each day we should try to do something that scares us a little. No doubt the idea is to move us out of our steady reliable comfort zone so that we don't become stuck and bland. After dismissing the more extreme activities like bungee jumping and crocodile wrestling, what things do scare us, or disarm us or put us on our guard or, at the very least, make us feel uncomfortable. How could facing these fears enrich our lives?

For most of us, the things of our faith which cause us discomfort are the things we don't know or misunderstand; things like an opinion different from our own or fundamental belief that is so rigid, so intransigent, that there is no space for variety of perspective. Confronting the obvious injustice of a situation can be a fearful and threatening thing to do, challenging the opinion or actions of those who follow values contrary to what we believe to be right, can expose us to ridicule and rejection. It certainly did for Jesus, and I suspect that his need to challenge others may have scared him at times. It is not unreasonable to think that there were times when he felt uncertain about how best to confront that which was contrary to what he knew to be the truth. When it came to those times of confrontation, I expect that he asked himself, "Am I saying or doing this because I believe beyond doubt that this is the right thing to do?" and "Am I doing this because I genuinely love the person whom I am confronting?" If this is the case, then he must have loved the Scribes and the Pharisees deeply because those guys seem to cop it all the time.

The gospels create a picture of Jesus doing and saying things which must have scared him or made him feel quite fragile in the face of strong adversity. His directness, and his striking at the heart of the matter, certainly made those who heard him feel uncomfortable. Despite these fears he grew in understanding and wisdom. Being a little scared is a part of the Christian condition, a condition that finds its strength in the acceptance of the truth on which it is based. A truth which is not accepted or appreciated by all who encounter it.

Sometimes the scary thing is to listen to another opinion, another's point of view, to stand face to face with plurality. Having more than one approach, more than one solution, more than one idea, could allow us to put that which scares us behind us. If our concern is that we might lose the foundation of our beliefs if we listen to another insight, then what we had was not too strong in the first place. Hearing the truthfulness of an issue should be liberating not oppressive. Truth does not close us off, but opens us up to even more opportunities to know God better, if in fact that is what we want to do. For some, even to know God better brings with it a certain fear. Fear of facing the fullness of God's love.

Fr. Peter Dillon

ARCHDIOCESAN FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL FOR TOWNSVILLE: Please support flood-affected families in North Queensland. The flood that is devastating North Queensland is affecting the lives of many families in the Diocese of Townsville. You can make a tax-deductible gift online or by calling the Catholic Foundation on **3324 3200**. Your donation will be designated to individuals and families in hardship situations whose homes and businesses have been affected by the floods.

URL: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/how-we-help/flood-relief-appeal/>

READINGS THIS WEEK: Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 - 20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26.

FEAST DAYS: Thurs 14th: Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, bishop.

ATRIUM NEWS: CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:



Support Urgently Required! We are very happy to inform you that the **Level 2 course for 6-9 year olds** successfully began in Term 4 last year. The session is **scheduled at 3.30pm on Monday after school**. Children are welcome to have their afternoon tea in the Atrium garden **from 3pm onwards under supervision**.

As a consequence we are in great need of completing the 2nd room of the Atrium to accommodate the shelving and materials for this level. Thanks to many generous parishioners in the past, a great deal of work has been done but now we need to bring it to completion.

So, if you are crafty in any way, including sewing & woodwork, please offer your assistance by contacting us through the parish office. Phone 5572 5433 or send an email to atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

REMEMBER - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE AND A FRIENDLY GUIDE TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

If you are interested in this but think, because we have started, you are not welcome – then think again – you are most welcome to come along to our next sessions which will be on the following dates:

Tuesday nights on a **fortnightly basis from 7pm to 9.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre at Clear Island Waters – 19th February 19, 5th March 19, 19th March 19, 2nd April 19, 16th April 19, 30th April and 14th May 19** - please ring the Parish Office on 55 725 433 to let them know you will be attending.

The two books that you need for these sessions cost \$50.00 and would appreciate if you could reimburse us for this at some point.

The main purpose of these sessions is to deepen our personal relationship with God by discovering the story in the Bible, making the complex simple, and coming to understand the love story of God reaching out to you. It is a heart journey and not a head trip!

Blessings and looking forward to welcoming you to the group – so far it has been an inspiring and reflective journey. **Robyn**

DATE CLAIMER: Sunday 24th February Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, at St Thomas' Church, Stephen St, Camp Hill, Bne, **commencing with Mass at 11am**. Info Paul 0417 104 460.

ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY PREP ENROLMENTS
Prep enrolment applications are now being accepted. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2020 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted by the end of February. We will be contacting families in the coming weeks.



LAY CARMELITES: The monthly formation meeting of the G.C. Lay Carmelites will be held in the **Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters at 10.30 am Sunday 17th February**. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for a light shared lunch. For any enquiries please contact **Selem Petrovic** on **0468 401 161**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Our RCIA candidates, who have commenced their journey to becoming a Catholic, will be presented to the Catholic Community and receive their Bible/Gospels this weekend at the **6pm Sunday night Mass**. We wish them every blessing as they continue their journey.

PLENARY COUNCIL - LAST DAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

What Do You Think God Is Asking Of Us In Australia? In October 2020 the Catholic Church is gathering to make plans and decisions for the future. Your voice is needed to help create the agenda. What are your experiences of God in your life, your faith and the Church?

Visit www.share-the-story.com for more information and to share your story.

LENTEN PROGRAM—COMPASSION, Reflecting, Sharing, Living the Good News: This is the new Lenten Program for 2019. If anyone is interested in joining a Group or starting a Group please contact the Parish Office on 5572 5433 as we need to order program resources shortly.

TUESDAY PRAYER GROUP welcome any new participants for the Lenten Program "Compassion". We meet on Tuesday morning at **10am in the Parish Office Prayer Room**. Books are **\$7** each available at the group. **Commencing Tuesday 5th March**.

LIBRARY NEWS: We read that **Sr Wendy Beckett** went to join her Lord on December 26. This hermit and religious sister, who continued to wear her traditional habit, was also a public figure on TV, a renowned art critic and a wonderful humane spiritual writer! Our **Hot Reads** for February features her books and videos. If you are not yet a fan we urge you to take a look at our display.

Also in the news is the centenary of great Catholic poet, **Gerard Manley Hopkins**. His poem "Pied Beauty" is a favourite but his other poems, letters and the sonnets (in which he wrestled with his faith) will repay a reading. We feature Christian Poetry in our "Prayer" section (242). Remember to check out our display of New Books too, on your next visit to the Library. (Open nearly all the time!)

SACRAMENTAL NEWS: 2018-2019 Sacramental Program:

(For children who have been baptised and were confirmed in 2018 or earlier)

If your child was confirmed in 2018, you **do NOT** need to re-enrol, as you will receive an **email in March** to remind you of upcoming dates for your Workshops. If your child has come from another parish or was confirmed prior to 2018, you will need to enrol via the parish website: www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

2019-2020 Sacramental Program:

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane Confirmation is celebrated before Holy Communion.

Eligibility: Candidates must be 8 years of age or older; in Year Three or higher and have already received the Sacrament of Baptism. Please enrol via the Parish Website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

Confirmation (2019)

Compulsory Introductory Parent Information Session for 2019 - 2020 Sacramental Program:

Either: Monday July 22nd 2019, 7pm - **Sacred Heart Church**

Or: Tuesday July 23rd 2019, 6pm - **Sacred Heart Church**

Rite of Enrolment – Presentation of Mass Book

Either Saturday August 3rd 2019 – **Sacred Heart**, 6pm

Or Sunday August 4th 2019 - **Sacred Heart**, 9am

Confirmation Workshops (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: Monday July 29th, 7pm or Tuesday July 30th, 6pm

Session 2: Mon August 5th, 7pm or Tuesday August 6th, 6pm

Session 3: Mon August 12th, 7pm or Tues August 13th, 6pm

Presentation of the Creed (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Saturday 10th August 2019 at 5pm

Or Sunday 11th August 2019 at 9am

Celebration of Confirmation (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Friday 23rd August 2019 at 5pm

Or Friday 23rd August 2019 at 7pm

A VOCATION VIEW: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Yr C

God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful. Come and follow him.



ART AND CRAFT NEWS: Our group is looking forward to a great 2019. We are hoping to welcome new members to our four groups: **Rosary Bead making; Knitting; Sewing and Art using water-colours and oils**, and for many other activities still in the planning stage e.g. **Easter Raffle and Stalls**.

We look forward to meeting you at the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters on **Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to 12.30pm**.

Co.As.It. COMMUNITY SERVICES 34 Thomas Drive, Chevron



Island will host free computer and technology classes for people over 65yo **starting on the 22nd February**. Classes will take place at the Gold Coast office on **Fridays from 3:00pm to 4:30pm** on an ongoing basis. Please **phone 1800 262 748** to book your place.

MARIAN VALLEY: On **Monday 11th February** we will be celebrating the **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** at Marian Valley and **Wednesday 13th February** is **Fatima Day**. The cost for the bus is \$20 return for each trip. When booking please verify your point of pickup. Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of **Rosina & Frank Smith of Merrimac** for the week commencing **11th February**. If you would like to take part in the Rosary to Our Lady, please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS - Are you looking for further spiritual growth in 2019? This program will be offered at the Faber Centre from February to November 2019. Information morning 10am, 16 Feb 2019 - contact Sharyn on 3368 2450 for details.

NEW EXERCISE GROUPS IN THE PARISH: Introducing on a **Monday** in the Parish Hospitality Centre from **9.30am to 11am: MUM'S & BUB'S YOGA** with Skye Thomas - 0402 646 689 and on **Wednesday** in Casey Hall, we have **MUM'S TUMS GROUP FITNESS** with Penny Burgess from 9am to 10am - 0424 373 734.

menALIVE Scripture Journaling Group gatherings
christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au or mobile 0412 270 828

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joe Peter, Charles Roe, Yvonne Sela (London), Anna Marinic, Jeffrey Batten, Ivan Michael Clark, Raelene Tankard, Brandon Watson, Grazyna Palac.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim Gardiner, Paul Barry, Terry Maher.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Robert Reed, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Rosa Michael, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Hannah McFarlain, Zvonko Magazin, Bernie Seeto, Terry King, Kurt & Betty-Anne Hillesheim, Brian McGettigan, Joanne Mooney, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, John Stowers, Frank Lyons (Syd), Clive Wright, Gareth Aucock, Gus Reeves, Maria Trosic, Paul Kiely, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Mark Miller, John & Molly Robinson, Brian Pinard, Claire Keefe, Yvonne Lofthouse, Eileen McCarthy, Mary Kerr.

**We ask that you review all names on our Sick List and advise us if we can remove any names.
This list will be reduced by half on a monthly basis.
If you wish to remain on the list please advise the Parish Office.**

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11TH FEBRUARY	12TH FEBRUARY	13TH FEBRUARY	14TH FEBRUARY	15TH FEBRUARY	16TH FEBRUARY
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass 10am 5th March.	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S SACRED HEART 9:00am	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.
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 AND AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

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, 3rd March 2019, 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 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: PHC Third Tuesday 12 noon. **19.2.2019**

BRIDGE: Monday 12 noon & Wednesday 1pm PHC

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 21st February 2019

SPCL: Next 5th March 2019

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

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

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: 9am Mass Fortnightly.

Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 10am (Parish Office Prayer Rm) & 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 17 February 2019.**

Exposition:

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

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

1st Friday 7pm 1st March to 7am Sat 2nd March.

menALIVE Scripture Journaling Groups: Monday 7-8am or Thursday 7-9am. Contact Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828 or christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au

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: 24th February 2019

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.