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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 7th / 8th SEPTEMBER 2019

UNCERTAIN SURPRISES:

In recent days a larger number of people than usual have asked for prayerful support as they face difficult health issues and uncertain outcomes from confronting family situations. Sometimes in these situations people are lost for words to say to God. While God hears without words needing to be said, the following prayer "fell in my lap" this week and I thought it may be helpful for anyone uncertain of how to take the next step. While I am unaware of its author, its sincerity is obvious and application universal.

Lord, I'm prone sometimes to imagine that the tides of my life are buffeting me without purpose, tossing me to and fro without meaning, battering me against the hard rocks cruelly. Sometimes the storms are really fierce, the skies are grey, and you seem absent. It's just not true that my life is all sunshine and light.

Lord, remind me that you never promised to deliver me from struggle and conflict, but you did assure me that I can live through life's difficulties. In the world we will all have trouble. Troubles are a necessary part of the human condition. Your own experience of life was a testament to a struggler in hope.

But in that struggle you overcame despair and hopelessness. Just as a stone becomes beautifully smooth only in constant friction, so in the mystery of your purpose for us, you often create a thing of beauty from our conflicts and questions. Conflict is the price to be paid for spiritual growth. That which resists us perfects us.

So Lord, when the waves are huge, and I feel helpless, let me not move against them in rage, or go under them in helplessness, but flow with them in faith and hope.

Lord may we experience your peace in our trouble, hope when we are tempted by despair, faith and courage when the heavens seem silent, and the sure knowledge that you have been through it all before us and are walking beside us now.

So let us accept our "surprises" that upset our plans, shatter our dreams and give a completely different turn to your day and maybe, your life. It is not by chance. Leave God free to weave the patterns of our lives.

Fr Peter Dillon PP



2019 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

YOUR GIFT IS THE ANSWER
TO SOMEONE'S PRAYER

**COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
7-8 THS SEPTEMBER**

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm."

As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.

READINGS THIS WEEK: Wisdom 9: 13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32

FEAST DAYS: Fri 13th: St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor;

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Glary and Rudi Camera of Benowa, for the week commencing **9th September**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS AND SINGERS: Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish is holding a Music Liturgy Formation for Advent Workshop in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 3 Sunlight Drive, West Burleigh, on **Saturday 14th Sept from 9am-11am**. Please RSVP to confirm your attendance to Cathy Carroll on **0431 356 007** or cathy320@bigpond.net.au before **10/9/19**.

Areas Covered are: **Liturgical Aspect:** Music in Liturgy; Nature and background of the plain or Gregorian chant; Learning of the Mass parts in plain chant; Learning of the Psalms for Advent and Christmas. **Musical Aspect:** Vocal techniques - breathing, tone production; Role of the cantors; Role and tips for organists

LAY CARMELITE MEETING: Our next meeting will be at 10am on **Sunday 15th Sept** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Please bring a light lunch to share. For Information Norm Harding **0421 125 575** or ave.olmc1@gmail.com



Baptism Preparation at Surfers Paradise Parish:

Our next meetings for Baptism Preparation for parents of babies and toddlers will be on **Wed 11th Sept at 6:30pm** and **Thursday 26th Sept at 10:00am**. The venue for both is **Sacred Heart Church**. For information email Parish Assistant, Pat Kelly, surfers@bne.catholic.net.au.

Enrolments can be made online at the parish website: www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

Baptism Preparation for Older Children (Over 4 years). During September and October, we will also be offering workshops to prepare primary school age children to be baptised into our Catholic faith. Interested children and their parents are invited to attend three, hour-long workshops at Sacred Heart Church: **Workshop 1 Monday, 16th Sept 4:30pm; Workshop 2 Monday 7th October 4:30pm and Workshop 3 Monday 14th October 4:30pm**. If you choose to accept the invitation to be part of this group, **all workshops are compulsory** and, **parents and children** are required to attend and participate. For more information or to enrol your family in this Baptism Preparation Program please email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson, at AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au

SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH will host the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** at **Mary Immaculate Church Ashmore** on **Fri 13 Sept at 9am**. Please phone **5510 2222** for more information.

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS: Over the last few months we always seem to be in the midst of **A WEEK!** **Science Week** and **Seniors Week** to name two! So our shelf displays of books from the collection takes up these themes. Among our books on personal growth find Hugh Mackay's '**Generations**' in which this social researcher focuses on the attitudes and values of Australian baby boomers. Whether you are a baby boomer or a child of baby boomers, you will be intrigued by his insights. An exciting new thread of theology is explored in '**The New Creation Story**' which integrates science and spirituality in our Catholic Tradition. Also try '**Praying the New Story**', a simple book by Michael Morwood. One of the great priest/scientists was Teilhard de Chardin and we have a splendid illustrated biography of him.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) at Surfers Paradise Parish:

Children who are fully initiated members of our Catholic faith, that is; children who have been baptised, confirmed and have made their First Communion are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Penance. In the Sacrament of Penance, we ask God's forgiveness. We acknowledge that our relationships have been weakened or even broken. We seek to actively make amends and seek forgiveness from God and if possible, from those we have harmed. The sacrament of Penance is also known as Reconciliation or Confession.

Interested children and their parents are invited to attend two, hour-long workshops at Sacred Heart Church: **Workshop 1 Thursday, 10th October 6:30pm and Workshop 2 Thursday 17th October 4:30pm**. The celebration of the Rite of **Reconciliation** will be held on **Thursday 24th October at 6:30pm**. If your family chooses to accept the invitation to be part of this group, **all workshops are compulsory** and, **parents and children** are required to attend and participate. For more information or to enrol your family in this Preparation for Penance Program please email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson. AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au

REFLECTION MORNING: World Day of Peace: Sat 21st Sept "Lord make me a means of your peace" (St Francis). We will be focusing on texts from Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis. Facilitator is **Judith Keller**. Reflection is from **9.30am to 12.30pm** and will be held at the **Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters**.

Bookings information: kellsull@ozemail.com Ph 0448 188 937 Bernadette.stewart2@bigpond.com. Morning Tea provided. We suggest a donation of \$5. Sponsored by the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) G.C. Facilitator: Paul Gilroy **0499 487 270**

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP will meet at 12noon for lunch at Surfers Paradise Golf Club, 1 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, on **THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**. All Welcome. Inquiries to Leona - **5630 8206**.

THE CULTURE PROJECT AUSTRALIA TEAM will again be running our annual Beach Outreach Mission Trip during Schoolies on the Gold Coast in November (during the week of **24th November-1st December**.)

In order to run The Culture Project's Beach Outreach mission, we are **in need of accommodation for the missionaries and volunteers**. This year we hope to have around 20-30 volunteers and missionaries taking part. The dates we are needing host homes/billeting are **Sunday the 24th November to Sunday morning 1st December 2019**. If you or anyone you know near Surfers Paradise or the surrounding area are able to host some of the team (ages 18-30), please contact **Benedict Slee: 0431004092** or bslee@thecultureproject.com.au

WHEN GIVING TO YOUR PARISH you might occasionally find yourself short of cash or in between pays. One way to support your Parish is to give by electronic funds transfer to:

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish:

BSB: 064-786 Account: 007331500; Reference: Your name
Email remittance to surfers@bne.catholic.net.au and a receipt will be emailed to you. *Thank you for your generosity.*

PALMS AUSTRALIA ENCOUNTER MYANMAR: *Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia travelling from 16th to 19th November.* Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call **02 9560 5333**.

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS: We have new stock available in both our Religious Shops at Sacred Heart and St Vincent's Churches. Browse after Mass today, or you can call into the Parish Office at Fairway Drive during office hours and you will be able to arrange a purchase from the Sacred Heart Shop.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. **Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide**, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: This Mass will be celebrated in **St Stephen's Cathedral** on **Saturday 28 September, @ 10.00am**. For catering please **RSVP** to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone **3324 3030** by **Friday 20 September**. The Cathedral car park will be available.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER: KEEPING FAITH WITH YOU

- ◆ A Tamil family has, for better or worse, become the face of Australia's border policies as the family is set to be deported to Sri Lanka despite public outcry.
- ◆ Fijian archbishop visits Brisbane as part of the Season of Creation, highlighting the impact of rising sea levels on the Pacific islands.
- ◆ Provisional date set for March for Life on October 12.
- ◆ Volunteering has become "second nature" for Brisbane Catholic Joseph Grogan as he reflects on his 2015 Volunteer of the Year award and looks to the future.
- ◆ Catholic schools battle a drop in enrolments, reversing decades of growth in the sector.
- ◆ St Rita's College teacher Paul Jarvis retires after 40 years and shares how his passion for teaching has inspired generations of students.
- ◆ Call for nominations for The Community Leader Awards 2019 – see page 18 for a full-page form or visit www.theleaders.com.au to nominate online.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

\$2.00 each

STEWARDSHIP - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Colin Francis Bingham, Rina Catalano, Paul Donohue, Denise Raleigh, Lynette Mahony, Lloyd Dickson, Elizabeth Fredericks, Pat Mathews.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dean Tamer (Bne), Karina Grguric, Ken Pemberton, Fr Sean Nugent (Ire), Aurora Farias, Jose Farias, Veronica Gongalves, Veronica & Alan Bond, Phillip Capon, Margaret Corney, Margaret March (USA), Mavis Coutinho.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Yvonne Lofthouse, Louis Couch, Colin Bingham, Steve Wayt, Frank Conway (Tas), Pat Sulzberger, Judith Salvestrin, Denise Kuhne, Duncan Dawson, Rachel Raines, Nan & Hugh Tighe, Barry Moray, Peter Allsopp, Frok Kolaj, Caitlin Webster, Peter Capolupo, Jenny Johnson, Kurt Hilleshiem, Miriam Busitel, Judy Marshall, Tony Seymour, Stephen Kynaston, Katrina Gallagher, Tommy Harris, Sarah Clancy, Rachel, Young-Pil, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Tricia Baumann, Joanne Parkes, Cecilia Calligan, Norm Harding, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Raymond Bridge, Gerard Theron, Paul Kiely, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Michelle MacDonald, Mark Miller, Julianne Conway, Peter O'Brien, John Stowers, Kim Parkes, Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Frank Lyons, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 9TH SEPT	TUESDAY 10TH SEPT	WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPT	THURSDAY 12TH SEPT	FRIDAY 13TH SEPT	SATURDAY 14TH SEPT RECONCILIATION
7.00am SACRED HEART	9.00am SACRED HEART <small>NEXT ANOINTING MASS 10AM TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2019</small>	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	9.00am SACRED HEART	4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART <small>PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.</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 COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church

Please phone - **3252 2200** for inquiries.

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, 6th October, 12noon at Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will be at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme **0416 331 233**

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

C/- St Maroun's Parish, Greenslopes.

brisbane@maronite.org.au

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 17th September @ 12 noon.

BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm PHC Cheryl **5538 8821**.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 19th September 2019.

SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 1st October 2019

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall with Rochelle **0438 333 308** \$8 per session.

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

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: **0421 607 397** \$12 session.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CARE & CONCERN: Transport to Medical Apts: 0474 211 908

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: 15th September.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am (PO 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 Sept.**

EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church: *In Abeyance till further notice.*

Thursday 9:00am Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm; 1st Friday 7pm 4th October to 7am 5th October.

ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am; *Mondays & Fridays 6:25am In Abeyance till further notice.*

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

Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

VENIRE YOUTH MASS: Sunday 22nd Sept 6pm Sacred Heart

MARIAN VALLEY: Please join us on the Pilgrim Bus to the Marian Valley for Fatima Day Friday 13th Sept. For details re the Marian Valley Bus trips please ph: Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

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