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Sunday 24th
September 2017



25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
(Year A)

God's Way Is The Higher Way

I had an epiphany the other day whilst attending the Alpha Day Out at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre at Ormiston. I was sharing something about how God will send forth the Holy Spirit into our lives only if we ask for this when I realised minutes later that I was wrong. We were seated on smoothly hewn blocks of sandstone, the fresh Moreton Bay breeze cool on our backs, holding hands in silent prayer when I had my epiphany. It was like the Holy Spirit had ridden in on the breeze and whispered in my ear that God sends forth his Spirit to us all of the time, even when we don't ask him for it or think that we deserve or need his help.

One very famous example of this was Saul on the road to Damascus being confronted in a very real way with the Holy Spirit when he was on a mission to destroy Christianity, at that stage still a fledgling movement. There were other many testimonies that we heard at the Alpha Day Out of people who were definitely not ready to receive Christ or even want him in their lives suddenly being overwhelmed by the power of the Holy Spirit and being able to get past their barriers. God with his infinite patience deals with rejection and resistance very well.

This weekend's readings are about a God that is there for those who want him as well as for those who turn away from him because he is a forgiving God. This is God's way, the higher way, the way of unconditional love. Psalm 144 8-9 states that 'The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love'

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story about the workers in the vineyard who all get paid the same amount for different hours of work. It's a difficult story to accept because it goes against our idea of a fair and just God. However another look at this story reveals some other truths. Firstly the employer in this story (obvious reference to God himself) makes an offer to the worker who accepts it. The fact that this employer makes the same offer to two different sets of workers for different hours of work does not make the initial offer unfair, it is after all the employer's prerogative to do so.

So what are we to make of this parable? We can look to the earlier readings for clues, the fact that we have a God who offers us his love whether we want it or not and who operates on a level that rises above our petty human dimension. At one level one could interpret this parable as the Kingdom of Heaven is open to all, not only to those who have been believers their whole life but also those that are new or recent converts. In fact you could spend most of life in denial of his love but once confronted by the Holy Spirit all you need to do is to accept his offer and the Kingdom of Heaven is yours.

So take some time to consider this proposition from God. Know that his offer of abounding love is there for you to accept. You might have some 'issues' with God but know that his offer is always there. All you have to do is say 'Yes'. Go on you can do it.

Ben Norris, Parishioner

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 5:30pm

**Weekdays: Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am**

**Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word
and Communion in the Sacristy
9am**

A Mass of Anointing is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00am followed by morning tea.

**Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:30 -
5:00pm**

**Rosary: Mondays after 9:00am
Mass**

Our Church is always open during daylight hours, to allow you the opportunity to come in and spend some quiet time.

IMPORTANT MASS TIME NOTIFICATIONS

THERE IS A MASS OF ANOINTING ON 4 OCTOBER AT 10AM.

THERE WILL BE NO 9AM MASS ON THURSDAY 5TH AND FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th October, commencing at 10.00am**. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We would like to draw your attention to the lovely garden at the back of the Church.

This beautiful garden is the Church's Memorial Garden with many Parishioners' loved ones remembered there. Some of their ashes have also been sprinkled over this area, so please keep in mind it is sacred ground.

Please be respectful of the Memorial Garden when walking through the Church grounds and ask your children to show the same respect.

The garden is maintained by many wonderful

Parishioners so it does not require any extra attention.

Many thanks for your consideration, Kathleen.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



THE PARISH OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED WHILE EXTENSIVE PAINTING AND RE-CARPETING OF THE OFFICE TAKES PLACE. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS TIME.

Fr Wayne

Parish Diary Dates



Thur 28 Carmel Cellars meet at 7.30pm

No Alpha on 20 or 27 Sept due to School Holidays.

2 Oct St Vincent de Paul meet at 7.30pm

3 Oct Parish office re-opens

4 Oct Alpha 8

8 Oct Parish and School Working Bee at 2pm

Safeguarding Sunday



This weekend we welcome
**Tallulah Hayes, Annabelle
Lee, Margot Lee and Penelope
Stiles** into our Mt Carmel
Community.

PARISH AND SCHOOL WORKING BEE

The next **Parish + School Working Bee** will be held on **Sunday 8th October**.

The last working bee was in February, and all those who helped did a tremendous job.

There is a fair amount of general maintenance and tidying required, so all help will be much appreciated.

The working Bee will kick off @ 2.00pm and wrap up by 5pm.

Please RSVP to Dominic
Murphy
(djmurphy@31west.com.au).



“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s”- ROMANS 14:8

Spirituality Group

We are still meeting if you would like to pop in and see what it’s like!

Our next meeting is in the Community Lounge, 1st floor, Building 5 at The Village, Coorparoo on Wednesday 11 October, at 3pm.

There is parking inside the complex, or on Goring or Park St.

The book for discussion will be The Gift of Years - Growing Older Gracefully by Sr Joan Chittister.

If anyone is interested please let me know and I can order the book or advise where you can get a copy, regards Maggie Crowe—3847 1347.

FR WAYNE ANNUAL LEAVE

I will be on my annual leave from Thursday 5th October until Tuesday 31st October.

The Augustinian Community from St. James have generously agreed to celebrate mass each day during the week (except on Tuesdays).

There will be NO mass on Thursday 5th/ Friday 6th October.

On weekends Bishop Bill Morris, Father Peter Winieke and Father Paul Cahill will be the celebrants for the masses and baptisms occurring during this time.

I would ask that all in the community of Mt Carmel give a warm welcome to all our visiting priests, and also to assist wherever needed.

Janelle, our parish secretary will be available to deal with any enquiries during the time of my absence from the parish.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr Wayne Stanhope O.Carm

Your gift is the answer to someone’s prayer

Thank you!

It’s a great joy to see the support coming in from generous people like you all across the Archdiocese. You are helping to grow those ministries that are central to the Church’s mission of mercy.

On behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity, we hope that your life is enriched, knowing your gift is far greater than your donation.

Your prayers and your gifts are a shining light to others.

A special thank you to those who were able to make an ongoing commitment at this time - your faith in the future of the Church will bear fruit for many.



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There is still time to give a last minute gift:

Give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Joseph Pilly.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Samuel Coote O.Carm

We pray for our sick...

James Clifford, QC, Clare Clune.

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for your Mass intentions. These can be given to one of the Priests.

Names will be removed after one month. Please advise the Parish office if you would like a name to remain or be removed.

menAlive Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Where:- Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen St, Brisbane

When:- Thursday 5 October, 7am to 9am

Guest Speaker:- Mr Richard Rymarz is a leader in Catholic education and his most recent books *Creating an Authentic Catholic School* and *Religious Education in Australian Catholic Schools* are highly regarded.

Cost:- \$45 per person (\$450 per table of ten)

Transport:- Walking distance from Central Station or \$10 parking at Queen St Parking or Wintergarden. (Tickets validated at Tattersalls)

Bookings:- email details to des@menalive.org.au or phone 0407 744 790.

An invitation to attend a Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the **St Ita's Church**

Centenary Mass Celebrations

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at St Ita's Church (Pope Street, Dutton Park)

on 15th October 2017 at 10am .

Refreshments and entertainment will follow mass at Merici Place (Located to the right of the Church).

Please come along | No RSVP required.

Next Week's Rosters - 30 Sept/1 Oct

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Tracey Laing, Duncan Stuart.

8.30am: Aurea Payumo Taylor, Liz Conway.

5.30pm: Debra Austin, Cathie Johansen.

(Facilitator: Debra Austin)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: Geoff Brown, Geoff Pandy, Leon Capra, Steph Capra, Tracey Laing.

8.30am: Chris Turvey, Julie Healy, Mark Nicol, Mark Pigram, Laurice Woods, Lorraine Andrew, Melissa Pascoe.

5.30pm: Maria O'Leary Chay, John Fitzgerald, Cathy Agius, Vince Agius, Lesleigh Egan, Louise Pertnikovs, Luke Murphy.

Communion to the Sick

TBC

Children's Liturgy of the Word

School Holidays—no CLOW.

Reflection

Fr Wayne.

Musicians

6.00pm: Paul, Kate.

8:30am: Anna's Group.

5:30pm: JB JASS.

Data Projection

6.00pm: Alison Buchhorn.

8:30am: John Stuart.

5:30pm: JB JASS.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm: Rachael Houston and Family.

8:30am: The Bou-Samra Family.

5:30pm: Wendy Gemmell.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st October 2017

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Matthew 21:28-32

Philippians 2:1-11