

E-Newsletter
Sunday, October 25, 2020

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Year A

Readings for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A .

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

Ps: Psalm 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47+51 "I love you Lord, my strength."

SECOND READING: 1 Thess 1:5c-10

Gospel Acclamation: (John 14:23) Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

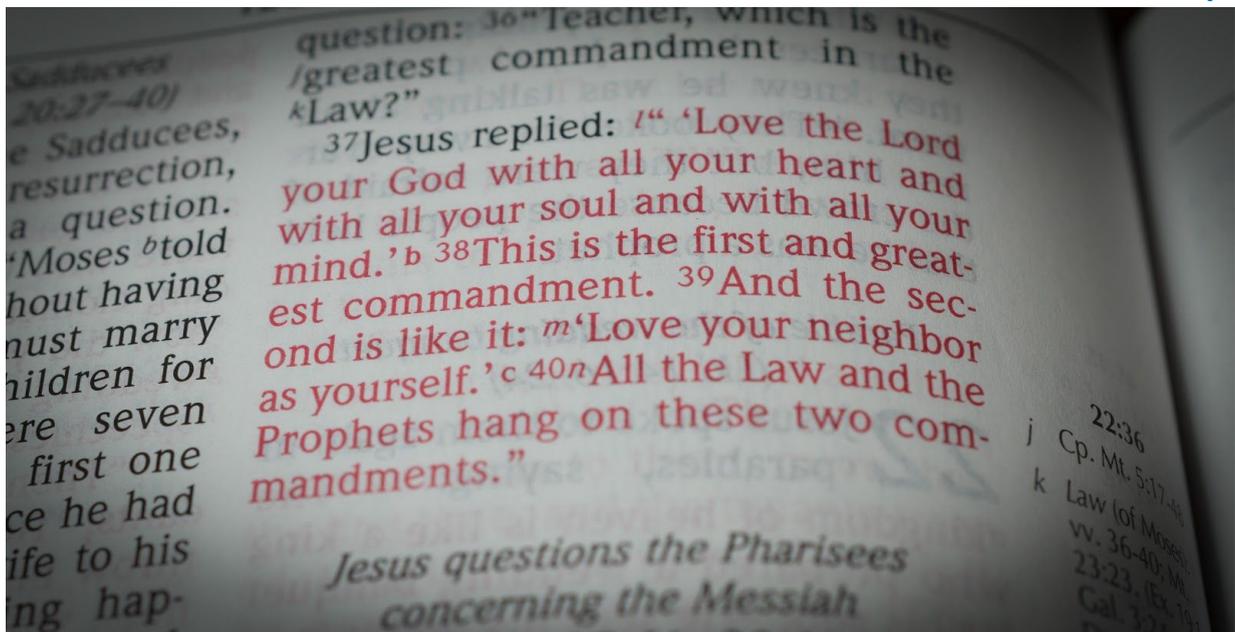
GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

*“ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your mind.’ ...*

‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

(Matthew 22:37, 29b-40)



Shutterstock stock photo ID: 1166415550. Norman, OK 8/28/2018 Close up of the bible verse: Matthew 22:37-39 love the Lord... Love your neighbor. By Jennifer Wallace

EXCERPT FROM CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER:

Archbishop Mark wrote a statement this week for the Cathedral newsletter regarding the Queensland Government's announcement to rush euthanasia legislation before the parliament in February which follows:

A couple of Sundays ago across Queensland we celebrated Dying Peacefully – No Euthanasia Sunday.

Last Sunday, with impeccable timing, the Premier announced out of the blue that, if re-elected, the

Labor government would rush euthanasia legislation before the parliament in February next year. In May this year Anastacia Palaszczuk made a clear announcement to the parliament that she would refer the report of the parliamentary enquiry to the Queensland Law Reform Commission which would present its report to the Attorney General by 1 March 2021 for final consideration by the government before putting the proposed legislation to the parliament. She said in May that it was important to “get this right” and therefore not to rush the process.

So the question now is: Why the rush? The Premier says it’s because so many people asked her to hasten the process – but that doesn’t convince. It’s more likely that the Premier has succumbed to political pressure of one kind or another, and one can only speculate as to what that might be. But the larger question concerns the politicisation of what the Premier has acknowledged is a complex and delicate issue. Of course it was always going to be political, but to make it front and centre in the maelstrom of an electoral campaign makes it intensely political in a way that does no justice to the complexity and delicacy of the issue. Inevitably too it makes people like me and Anglican Archbishop Phillip Aspinall who joined me in a public statement seem partisan in the electoral context when neither of us wants to play the partisan game.

The question of euthanasia is quite literally a matter of life and death; and there are no issues more important for a community and for individuals than those that touch life and death. They matter even more than politics. But the Premier’s decision suggests that politics trumps all else, that votes or support from key constituencies matter more than human life and human dignity. The contradictions abound.

A government which has set a great political store on closing borders to protect life now pushes legislation which jeopardises life. At a time when suicide is a national problem – especially among youth and First Nations people – the government wants to sanction suicide in law, saying that suicide in some contexts is an acceptable solution. The government may also claim that they want both better palliative care and voluntary assisted dying. But the assumptions underlying palliative care and VAD are so utterly different that they are in the end incompatible. A choice has to be made, and the one really human choice is properly funded palliative care.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

THE PASTOR’S POST:

A Word from the Wise

In recent months, as I realise the great need for honest and clear leadership at all levels of government and church, I have been reading many articles on leadership, hoping to find direction that will assist me and perhaps those I work with and for. We have certainly been assaulted with the aspirations of politicians at an international and local level that may have given some of us cause for concern about where our world is heading, and what might our world might look like when we finally bid a not-so-fond farewell to this controlling pandemic.

In this edition of the e-newsletter I have included what I believe is an excellent article (slightly edited), on contemporary leadership, with a particular focus on politicians, by Sister Patty Fawcner, the Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, here in Australia. As she explains, she bases her suggestions on the Rule of Saint Benedict, from whom the Good Samaritan Sisters have based much of their values, mission and principles. She writes:

I realise that unsolicited advice is generally not appreciated, but it occurred to me that I could share with you some wise counsel about principles of leadership. I would follow the same advice myself. Would you believe these principles are 1500 years old, having been written for a community of Italian monks, seemingly far removed from the maelstrom of politics? However, within the Rule of Benedict, the contemporary relevance of wisdom for leaders is as impressive as the Rule's longevity.

Saint Benedict was a man who didn't pull any punches. He was direct in calling out what a leader should NOT be – "excitable, anxious, extreme, obstinate, jealous or over-suspicious". Obviously, such a leader isn't emotionally stable and risks running a toxic administration.

The greatest no-no, 'sin' if you like, for Benedict's leader is pride – pride in one's ego, one's power, one's possessions and achievements.

Correspondingly, the greatest virtue is humility. You become your best self by being humble and Benedict gives some helpful practical advice such as, don't set yourself above the Rule or the law; don't play favourites; neither be self-serving nor self-promoting; subordinate your personal desires; admit your weaknesses; and value silence. The first word of the Rule is instructive. "Listen", and listen with a particular quality, "Listen with the ear of heart." As a leader, I know it behoves me to try and listen with every fibre of my being. I know that I need to listen better in order to understand and learn, and I need to listen to try and become aware of my biases and prejudices.

Saint Benedict asks, "Is there anyone here who yearns for life and desires to see good days?" Now, here's the deal. Benedict says, "If you desire true and eternal life, keep your tongue free from vicious talk and your lips from deceit; turn away from evil and do good; let peace be your quest and aim".

Building on this, Benedict has some helpful images for a good leader, two of which are shepherd and Healer.

Look, I'm the first to admit that the image of a shepherd doesn't really cut it today, and that Christian images of shepherds can look effeminate and sentimental. But Benedict uses the image to connote the notion of servant leadership.

The actions of a servant leader are never for self-glorification, but always, always, for the good of others. And when things go wrong, which they inevitably do, the servant leader steps up, accepts accountability and responsibility rather than shifting blame.

Benedict calls his leader, to be a physician or healer – the perfect image during this time of pandemic. A healing leader's actions promote harmony rather than dissension; their words build up, rather than tear down; they unify rather than divide. They are concerned for the well-being of all their constituents, especially those who struggle in any way.

Such a leader adapts to the people and situation at hand with moderation and discretion, which Benedict calls, the "mother of all virtues". In a memorable phrase Benedict says the leader "must so arrange everything that the strong have something to yearn for and the weak nothing to run from". We might say in today's parlance that a wise leader uses "different strokes for different folks".

When the going gets tough and leaders have to make some inevitable hard calls, they must do so with "prudence and avoid extremes; otherwise, by rubbing too hard to remove the rust, he [or she] may break the vessel". A beautiful image of tough, but tender love. We might call Benedict's leader a "wounded healer", as the leader is urged to "distrust his (or her) own frailty and remember not to crush the bruised reed".

Saint Benedict would insist that the heart of all leadership is about relationships. His leader is a person for others.

People rather than deals and political point-scoring must be the leader's first priority. All people, no matter who, are to be treated with "the courtesy of love". This seems an old-fashioned notion, but I love this phrase, which overflows with respect and sensitivity.

We know that no leader has it all. Benedict's leaders weren't superhuman, actually, they weren't super anything, realising that they needed wisdom and a skill-set that complemented their own. In Benedict's monastery, the leader in the person of the Abbot, never makes an executive decision without counsel and advice from others. He even listens to voices that are usually excluded.

I hope this gives you as much food for thought as it did for me. While it sets a high standard, now is not a time for mediocre leadership, not one that settles for good enough. Both Church and State are experiencing a paucity of people prepared to take on the tough mantle, but they could do worse than be enthused by Sister Patty's encouragement. Serious food for thought in these serious times.

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

We congratulate the Javier, Lambert, Cash and Neill families, whose children Alonso, Aziel, Stevie and Aurora will be baptised in our Parish this weekend. As Alonso, Aziel, Stevie and Aurora, begin their faith journey, please keep these Baptism families in your prayers.

BOOKING A BAPTISM FOR MY PRESCHOOL CHILD

Please visit our website 'surfersparadiseparish.com.au' click on Sacraments, found at the top of the page, then the drop down box for Baptism, where the online registration form can be completed and submitted back to us. We will need a copy of the parent's Baptism certificates and a copy of your child's birth certificate.

You will then be contacted by a member of the Parish Sacramental Team to complete arrangements and explain preparation requirements.

RCIA NEWS & PARISH INVOLVEMENT

The start of the RCIA program is approaching. If you are interested in assisting with the faith journey or are looking to share in the Adult Faith Talks, please see the Becoming Catholic notice towards the end of the newsletter and save the date to 'COME & SEE' at our gathering to be held in the Parish Hospitality Center on Wednesday 4th November, 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."
– Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

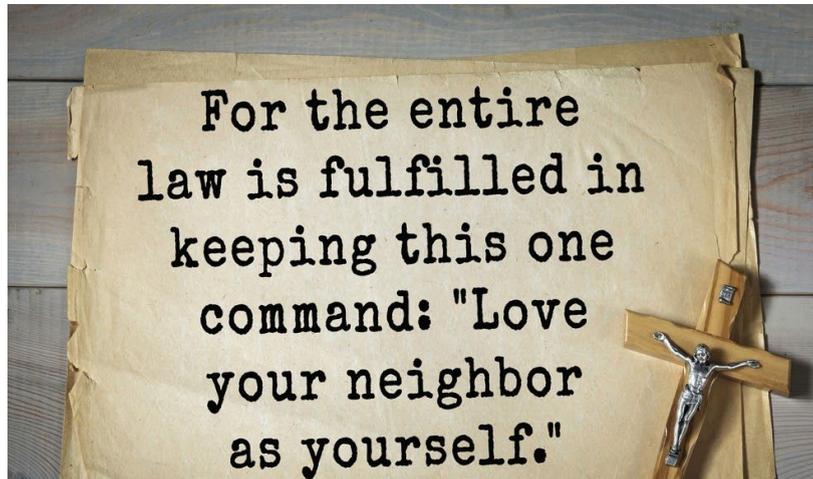
The vision of Stewardship speaks in every aspect of life, inviting everyone to be thankful, generous and accountable for what each has been given.

FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO THE ALTAR - FR. JOSH WHITEHEAD

Unusual was the journey of Josh Whitehead! The many roles he played in the arena of life - that of an army man, a laborer at the mines, and a kickboxer were only paths of God's plan leading him to the altar of Christ

to be His priest. Watch the inspiring conversion story of Fr. Josh Whitehead in 'Jesus My Savior.' See the story at Shalom World: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPcyTJ5V9fY>

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



[Image Credit: Shutterstock Licensed ID: 482177065. TOP-150 Bible Verses about Love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." By Oleg Golovnev]

To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, please visit this link: **Liturgy for you at Home (by SPP)** - <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Gospel values included in the readings: Love God, Love Neighbour as self. Justice, especially to the stranger and outcast.

"There are many examples of how, even after the busiest of days, Jesus would go up into the hills, to a lonely place, and spend the night in prayer to His heavenly Father.

So, it is fair to say, Jesus' whole life was to worship and praise the Father. There are also many examples of how Jesus spent himself in complete service of others. His whole life was an act of service and love to his neighbour, that is, all in need around him.

These two complete realities must be two sides of the same coin, and are not in any way in contradiction.

In fact the great saint John Chrysostom once said: "I cannot believe in the salvation of those people who do not work for the salvation of their neighbours."

Another great monk was once heard to say to his brothers: (when they focused too much on rules and not the heart of the gospel message....) -"My friends, you have torn the gospel of Christ in two....//. There are two great commandments: - show your Love for God, by how you love your neighbour (just as you would love and care for yourself). (or perhaps it is more accurate to say there really is only one commandment to love.. which has two facets to it....)

In any case.....Splitting up these two commands seriously distorts the gospel..... There are those who would emphasise worship of God to the point where doing anything practical for those in practical need seems to become an optional extra. This is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. The other extreme is not right either: - people who are so caught up in social justice and practical action that they lose sight of the fact that Christian justice, (Christian charity) always flows out of our relationship with God and that we are all God's children, and that it is not only our human actions, but God's will that is important. So we must practise social justice and practical charity and also not neglect prayer, worship and a sense of faith in God - who is the author and Sustainer of us all. We would lose focus if we were to ever disconnect worship and prayer from justice and practical assistance. We humans are not our own saviours and we cannot do all things ourselves without reference to God.

Jesus shows us that both prayer and action are possible and that both are necessary.

I always feel that the Catholic groups of lay people such as St Vincent de Paul society, or Care and Concern, The Catholic Ladies Group, (to name but a few but not to exclude the countless other groups that do the great work), are wonderful examples and expressions of both important aspects: Prayer and Action. They certainly focus on practical action: - helping those in need, those who are hungry, seeking shelter, needing clothing, and also they visit people.... and also, integral to this, they meet regularly to pray and reflect on Christ's gospel... This is absolutely vital – Connection to the person of Christ makes sense of and empowers their care for their neighbour.... There are many other groups and individuals who model this,..// and we give thanks for them all. In Jesus' great commandment – which is truly a “masterpiece of summing up thousands of biblical rules and regulations and observances into a few amazing words.....to enshrine the very heart of its meaning:

“Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength... and love your neighbour as yourself”

This becomes clear that every other person is truly our neighbour and especially when the person is in need. We must be loving neighbours to all people who come into our lives. No one can be excluded from being our neighbour. Love of neighbour is at the heart of serving God /and being faithful to what God is asking of us.// Love of neighbour is not simply an optional part of our Christianity.

Saint Paul, in the second reading says it very well..... We must take Christ as our model..... We must imitate Christ. In that imitation of Christ, we can find a whole way of living: gentleness yet strength in our dealings with others, understanding and acceptance of others with a clear vision of what is right and what is wrong.

Jesus did not just accept everything as good, or anything goes. He clearly pointed out what was not good. However, Jesus managed to do this whilst consistently keeping his eyes on the primary value of the gospel... love... received and given. That is a difficult model to imitate.

Our Lord did not focus on righteousness for its own sake... his emphasis was on love and compassion and the good of all.... anything he did, it was primarily motivated by the love that flowed out of him as God the son.

This is another example of the cross of Jesus, the suffering that comes from living in the right relationship with the Heavenly Father and one another, whilst always keeping front-and-centre the point of this way of living....love, reverence and compassion. because in the end it is all about LOVE - of God, shown in how we love our neighbour.

Fr. Paul Kelly

[Reference: Abbot's Homily, The Monastery of Christ in the Desert Homily for October 22 2008. Flor McCarthy. Sundays and Holy Day Liturgies. Year A. Gutierrez, Sharing the Word through the Liturgical Year.]

Fr Warren livestream Mass on ShalomWorld.org website

Fr Warren will celebrate Mass live on “ShalomWorld TV” each Friday afternoon for the next few months at 1pm* (Brisbane time).(*adjusted for daylight saving).

If you want to join in you do this through a browser on your mobile device or computer (or by downloading the ShalomWorld app on a Smart TV or to your device). The link is:

www.shalomworld.org/watchlive

You then need to get to choose “SW PRAYER” from the menu. It seems that all the browsers work a bit differently so we cannot give more precise details. Chrome, Edge or Safari are recommended. Firefox seems to have some difficulties.

Warren Kinne

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A New Way of Giving.

Following several requests from parishioners, we have decided to provide payWave facilities in each of our

Parish Churches, to assist people who may wish to donate to the work of the parish, but find that they don't have ready access to cash when they arrive at Church. The donation points are set at \$5, so that each time you wave your credit card you would be making a donation to the parish of \$5 (or \$10 if you wave twice and so on). EFTPOS is also available for larger amounts. We hope this will be a more convenient way for some parishioners to donate to the parish, and that people will not feel uncomfortable if they do not contribute when the plate comes past at the collection times. All in all it is a safer, easier and more sensible way to donate as the carrying of cash is fast becoming a thing of the past. Please ask for assistance from the priests or Mass coordinators if you experience any difficulties or have questions or concerns.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish during this time of isolation, you can give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. At the Sacred Heart and St Vincent's churches we are now able to accept tap and pay donations via our contactless EFTPOS machines. The spirit of generosity is alive in our Parish. If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at manager.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

Yours faithfully,

Sonya Slater, Parish Manager

LITURGY SPOT

Scholars in our century have often drawn attention to the fact that *assembly* is actually the first definition of the Greek word (ecclesia) that we have commonly translated as "*church*."

The insight is an important one because it affirms that in the New Testament, "*church*" is a noun that behaves like a verb. Church is the people of God, gathered by God. The building takes its name from the people of God, (the Church), who all gather under its roof.

"Church" is what happens when, in the Holy Spirit, God calls people to faith in Christ.

"Assemble" is what those people do, and hence assembly is what the church is!

First and foremost, church is an activity. Note that the assembly is a radically inclusive body. It embraces all the baptised, the people and their ministers; women and men, children and adults, rich and poor, those labeled by the secular world as "somebodies" and "nobodies," (all are one in the Church), families, friends and struggling strangers, the ordained and the non-ordained. The one who presides at the Eucharist - whether presbyter, bishop or pope is a member of the assembly first and foremost, and commissioned by the Bishop to lead and care for the people. Priests and lay people alike, are called to deeds of mercy, love and justice for the life of the world.

In public prayer and worship, the church makes its identity known. It tells the world who it is by doing what it does best - inviting the needy the thirsty, the inquiring, the hurt and the hungry, the least and the littlest, to the bountiful supper of the lamb where the old worldly order collapses. This is where Christ is present in the assembly and in his word and sacrament, and where pain and mourning is cared for, tears are wiped away, and death is not forever. The liturgical assembly is that place and activity by which we entrust our deepest belief, meaning and value to the care of human practice and, above all, God's grace.

Fr Paul Kelly

MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL)

SURFERS PARADISE PARISH MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Sacred Heart: **Saturday Night - 5 pm** *NB new Mass time*
170 max capacity + (Maronite Mass 6:30pm, Saturday Night)
*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 7th Nov)
Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm
+ (Polish Mass 12 noon Sunday)
+ (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday)

St Vincent's: **Sunday - 8 am & 10 am**
115 max capacity + (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Stella Maris: **Saturday Night - 5 pm**
84 max capacity **Sunday - 7 am**

Please note:

- Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions of each church's seating area divided by 4 square metres required per person.
- **The Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.**

Additional to the above times, **we will continue to celebrate weekday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am.**

The 9am Saturday Mass will be on the First Saturday of the month (7th Nov) at Sacred Heart.

You will be informed via the parish website or E-Newsletter when this situation changes.

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5metres, receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises. We ask that people consult the parish website <https://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au>, to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses. Mass Booking: <https://bookeo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast> or

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASS](#)

Or, if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433



Thank you for your support for the annual Catholic Mission Appeal. The people that we support, with the generosity of our donors, know how blessed they are by the Church here in Australia. When you contributed to the Catholic Mission appeal last weekend, you can be assured that you, your parish and others like it, will be remembered in prayer by those in places like Cambodia.

If you did not get to donate to this worthy cause, you can still give through a text message (**Text the word GIVE to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts**), donate online (catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or give via an envelope dropped into the collection plate with Catholic

Missions marked on it, you are helping missionaries like Bishop Kike reach out and bring life to some of the most needy people in the world. On behalf of all of them, we, like Paul, give thanks.

BECOMING CATHOLIC



AN INVITATION TO 'COME & SEE'

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ?

'COME & SEE' how a relationship with Jesus Christ will change your life.

How do we do that?

Like any relationship, we come to know and love others by coming to know their story and it is the same with Jesus – we come to know and love him through his story in the Gospels. We come to know that regardless of

what or who we are or what we have done Jesus Christ loves us unconditionally and forgives us all our sins. He is like the Father waiting at the gate to welcome us back, he runs to greet us, but we have only to turn to him and ask for forgiveness.



An invitation to those who are:

NOT CATHOLIC

- Unbaptised and wanting to hear the message of Jesus, and enquiring about the Catholic Church
- Baptised into another faith tradition and enquiring about the Catholic Church

CATHOLIC

- Baptised Catholic but have not received the Sacraments other than Baptism and are now wanting to become full members of the Catholic Church and deepen their relationship with Jesus
- Baptised Catholics who are wanting to renew their faith commitment and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Baptised Catholics who are desiring to walk with people on a journey of faith as Catechists, Sponsors and Support
- Baptised Catholics who are wanting to share in the various Adult Faith Talks and Videos on offer during the RCIA Process



If you are one of these people, then you should 'COME & SEE' at our gathering to be held in the Parish Hospitality Room on Wednesday 4th November 6.30pm for a 7pm start

PARISH INVOLVEMENT

The RCIA process does not happen without the involvement of the Parish community. So we are asking you to pray about whether you will become involved in sharing with our Catechumens and Candidates your faith journey, your relationship with Jesus Christ and your spreading of the Kingdom beyond the doors of the church to your neighbour. You too are most welcome to join them on their journey and our continued journey of faith! **Parish Office:** 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters Q 4226

Phone: 07 5572 5433 | **Email:** surfer@bne.catholic.net.au | **Parish Priest:** Fr Peter Dillon

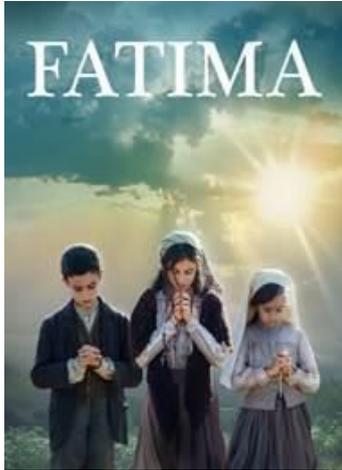
ALLAMBE GARDENS MEMORIAL PACKAGE FOR SALE IN CATHOLIC SECTION

Due to family needs Mr and Mrs Swift have returned permanently to live in the UK. As a result of this decision they no longer require two burial plots at Allambe Gardens. Allambe does not arrange resale of their packages but the owner can arrange for the sale privately. **The plot includes a double depth burial site, a polished jet black headstone (with 100 characters of gold leaf inscription), and two gold finished aluminium vases.**

If you are considering purchasing a burial plot this could be to advantage as Jim is willing to sell below cost price.

If you are interested in negotiating with Jim and Linda please email on jfs.swift@gmail.com

The wait is over! FATIMA, the movie is screening at Event Cinemas Robina Town Centre on Wednesday 28th October at 7pm.



Single ticket price - \$11.50.

Cut and paste this link into your browser to purchase tickets:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/J3POS>

If Event Cinemas don't get enough tickets the movie will not be screened, so please advertise and help with purchase of tickets. If you have any questions, please call 0404013014. **Synopsis:** In 1917, outside the parish of Fatima, Portugal, a 10-year old and her two cousins, witness multiple visitations of the Virgin Mary, who tells them that only prayer and suffering will bring an end to World War 1. As secularist government officials and Church leaders try to force the children to recant their story, word of the sighting spreads across the country, inspiring religious pilgrims to flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will transform their quiet lives and bring the attention of the world, yearning for peace. Based on real-life events, FATIMA is an uplifting story about the power of faith.

ELECTION ISSUES - CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE:

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FROM THE QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS:

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/Bishops_of-Qld_State-Election_A4-brochure.pdf

Also, Say No to Euthanasia ! A letter from the bishops of Queensland:

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/Bishops-Pastoral-Letter_final.pdf

Let us pray for all families, and all leaders in the communities, as well as doctors and nurses and care-givers, who care for the sick and the dying. That they may be strengthened to use their gifts in the service of the dignity of human life. Lord, hear us.

PROTECT OUR UNBORN BABIES

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN

Cherish Life is running a PRO-LIFE Queensland
State Election Campaign.

We are seeking volunteers NOW to help

letterbox pro-life flyers ahead of the election on

Saturday 31 October.

Please volunteer at

www.cherishlife.org.au/volunteer

or call: 07 3871 2445

www.cherishlife.org.au

Archbishop Coleridge recently said, **“My thoughts were made very clear when the debate on abortion was going on in the state (of Queensland), and the Church’s position is unequivocal on it. I think the legislation that was passed was seriously mistaken. I’ve made no secret of that. Therefore, I would support legislative change.**

This is a major issue in the upcoming State election.

If you want to help stop this barbaric practice, phone (07) 3871 2445

or go to <http://www.cherishlife.org.au/volunteer>

STAYING CONNECTED



Have you ensured that your contact details are up to date with the Parish:

Please fill out this form if you are unsure. Census Form Information Update

[SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH - CENSUS UPDATE](#)

Are you on our mailing list for the weekly e-newsletter, weekly homily/Mass audio blog and occasional breaking news alerts?

If not, please email us at paulwkelly68@gmail.com. Note: sometimes we have added a person to our email-list but the email is going to their 'spam' or 'junk-mail' folder. It is a good idea to check these folders to see if it is there. If that is happening to you, you can mark these emails as 'approved' or 'not-spam/junk', so your email server lets them get through to you.

LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources to help during these times of isolation. Below are quick links to help stay in touch with our Parish and celebrate Mass at home:

Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP): <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Weekly Homily (produced by SPP): <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog): <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

Access the digital Catholic Leader: <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

PLEASE PRAY

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Draga Vlastic, Andrew Young, Noel Jones, Baby Charbel Raphael, Sam Maxwell, Margaret Paterson, Rodney McGrath, Emmanuel Cominos, Paul Kennedy, Doug Reiser, Helen Bohringer, John Zappa, George Cook, Peter O'Brien, Caterina (Cathy) Randazzo, Angela Duvnjak, Judy Dempsey, Monica Bailey, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Lisa Mangan, Colin Virtue, Ann Harris, Ann-Marie Loder, Angel Salvador, Brian Woodgate, Kate Smith, Tricia Baumann, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Ron Perry, Kim Parkes, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Maureen Murphy, Peter Walsh, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Damian Callinan, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Campesi, Louis Couch, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy. And all those suffering from the effects of Covid-19.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Enid Wynn, Rodney Matthews, Cecil "Digger" Hogan, Toh Ga Choon, Andy French, Beverley Aliprandi, Noelene Rosengren, Yvonne Henrietta Lofthouse, Irene Crocket, Stella Maria Cross, John Webber, Michael Moroney, Teresa Montgomery, Nan Gorman, Josie Hegarty, Gordon Farquhar, Mario Podrecca, Carol Rose Williamson, Del Enid Anderson, Joan Margaret Gibbon, Carina Barrington, Peteria Moran, Thearsa Johnston.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Betty Neilsen, Jesuraya Yema Nadar, Mary Wylie, Bill Weise, Varkey Padayallil, Gaetana CUTAYAR, Mary Frances MULLAHY, Ryan Andrew HOGAN, Robert James DUNCAN, Alicja PACIEJ, Urbana VILLAGOMEZ, Andrew Keith FRENCH, Shirley MCEVOY, Kevin James HILLIARD, Raymond Arthur MILES, Helen WOOD, Perfecto Garde Jr. Timothy John Bosworth, Raymond Gardiner, Aurora P.B. De Farias, Gwendolyn Isobel HODGES, Grayton Barryman ROSEMEYER, Ivan Patricio SUSIN, Peter Laurence TAFTE, Virginia Mary FAY, Cecilia Louisa VLEMMIX, Stephen John SCHRECK, Rosario NOCAL, William Henry MITCHELL, Philippe Melham AOUAD, Vincent Netting, Charlotte Chaudet, Thelma Muggleton, Emy Vetsch, Harold Alexander, Gwen Hoare, Yvonne Martin, Theresa Hooworth, Sylvia Moray, Bea Hughes, Hugh Shepherd, Tom Toomey, Leo Brennan, Frank Alcock, Muriel Rasey, Bessie Rice, Barry Harth, Elaine Presswood, Ted Szczesny, Tom Killin, Keith Smith, Lee Cross, Ernest Barrett, Olive May Cam, Margaret Netting, John Hanna, Rita McCarthy, Dominica Borgia, Neville Coorey, Fanny Macky, Alan Taranto, Shirley Alford, Muriel Doris Miller, Nea Mary Butler.

Next Weekend's Readings

Readings for All Saints

FIRST READING: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

Ps: 23:1-6; "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: (Matthew 11:28) Come to me all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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