

E-Newsletter 1st November, 2020

The Solemnity of All Saints. 1st November

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

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God"*

(Matthew 5:9)



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THE PASTOR'S POST:

THE BIG TEST

A shiver went through my bones this week as I heard that this was the week that the Year 12 class of 2020 will be beginning their final exams.

The very thought of school exams flings me back to those days of constant worry that all the work I thought I had done, might be revealed as a massive waste of time, as I open the examination paper and realise that none of it makes sense. Why was there never a question or essay on the area I had studied the night before? I was a panic -merchant, a crammer, a worrier whose eyes would glaze over and whose writing hand would

cramp at the mere thought that the end was nigh. Not the end of the year, but the end of my life, when the world would realise that I was a dunce, masquerading as a moderately adequate student. It wasn't just the results that I feared, but the revelation to my parents that their hard earned money and constant encouragement (read: pressure) to improve, was amounting to little, adding to the tension.

My mother had classic phrases she trotted out around exam time like:

"If you had done your study, then you wouldn't need to worry" or

"If there was a class for smart remarks, you would be top of it."

Despite her good intentions, these comments did not help.

I tell you all this in the hope that at least one graduating student this year might learn from my folly. That worry and stress never helped me pass any exam, and no school test made me want to achieve better things. That desire came from the example and encouragement of others, and the discovery that I was better at some things than others. What I know now, but didn't then, is that there is life beyond our school life and its exams. In fact, exams are just a speck of all the things I actually learnt at school. I now know that the worry and concern I experienced then, revisits you again and again in the work that you do, in the relationships you foster, in the risks that you take, in the places that you live, and in the career choices you make. It's a natural apprehension about the future and the uncertain outcomes from effort. These are all like an examination of what you know and what you value, what captures your interest and what rewards you for your sacrifices.

I really hope that some of these students take the time to realise that they are now taking all they have learned and experienced and will now apply it to the rest of their lives. The attitude with which we approach school exams is exactly what is needed as we face other decisions and trials in the rest of our lives. Keeping a clear head and a calm approach is vital. It is also important to carefully look at what is being asked or required. Diving in without taking time to consider the possibilities can have us going down a road that neither addresses the issue nor provides a considered response. Don't over-pad your answers to what is asked, in the hope that the examiner will think you are cleverer than you actually are. "Least said, soonest mended", in another of my Mum's wise adages. If we genuinely believe that we have done our best, then the only examiner we need to impress is ourselves. Not giving a decent effort to the task will be a regret that will stay with us long after the results are tallied.

In their striving for "top marks" in the exam of life, some people will place all their hopes and energies in the quest for money and wealth. Some will be lured into sexual experiences that are devoid of respect, love and commitment and will leave them empty. Others may seek solace in power and emotional and physical violence only to find integrity, courage and truth staring them down and calling their bluff for what it really is. Some will make light of the truth and will live by the belief that the end justifies the means.

Of course others will shine brightly in the community through their fairness and compassion, their sense of justice and altruism. Others may choose to live actively their Christian faith and others may search for other ways to serve the community. Some may discover cures for illnesses or comfort for the troubled. They may create and perform, sing and paint and act, never needing to achieve their goals at the expense of others. They may discover love at the first encounter or find their fulfilment walking the earth as a sole traveller.

All these outcomes will depend heavily on how they listened and learned, observed and absorbed when they were most hungry for new experiences. It will not be so much dependent on the result that you get from your exams, but how you deal with the elation or the disappointment of the result.

I often wonder how I would cope with school exams now that I have got a lot more of life under my belt. Like most people who are happy to dole out acquired wisdom, I suspect I am much better at giving it than

taking it.

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

A NEW WAVE!

Have you seen the beautiful new timber stands in the church? They are called “payWave” (or are they “tap-and-go” machines?). These are a handy new way of donating to the parish - just tap a credit card or bank card on the sensor and it takes \$5. And once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again, to give another \$5, and so on. A safe and handy way to give money. God bless you for your support.



We congratulate the Rix and Shin families, whose children Audrey and Johann will be baptised in our Parish this weekend. As Audrey and Johann begin their faith journey, please keep these Baptism families in your prayers.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

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

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



[Image Credit: Shutterstock Licensed ID:ID: 149568645. Minsk, Belarus - June, 2019. Ceiling in the Church of All Saints with fresco paintings of all saints. By TRMK]

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>

The feast of "All Saints" is the feast of all Christians. In fact, being a disciple of Jesus implies striving to be holy, as our heavenly Father is holy (Mt 5:48). We are all called to holiness... and we are all called to be saints... In fact, in the early years of the church, the "Saints" was a title used to describe members of the Christian Church community; that is, the living and the dead, since eternal life with Christ begins with baptism. Eternal life has already begun, but is not yet fully revealed. One common mistake about this feast is that it is another chance to celebrate the known/ officially recognised saints, collectively. But really, this is the feast day of ALL the Saint, and PARTICULARLY the ones we do not know officially. Including the many holy people whom we have known and lived amidst. And also those unknown and unremembered saints who lived holy but unremembered lives.

Matthew's Gospel tells us that those who are sensitive to the needs of the poor will enter the kingdom.

The eight beatitudes speak to us of the fundamental attitudes of Jesus' disciples and of all Christians. Disciples must totally trust God (poor in spirit); they must share the suffering of others (those who weep). Just as the Lord is, (Mt 11:30), so too must we be kind to others (the meek). They must fervently want justice to reign in this world (those who hunger and thirst for righteousness). Moreover, disciples must bear in their hearts the poor (the needy) - they must be ready to soften their hearts to those who are trying to turn back ..(the merciful). They must be consistent and upright in their lives (the pure in heart). They must do their best to establish peace as the outcome of justice (the peacemakers). All of this means that they will be opposed by those who refuse to recognize the rights of others (the persecuted for righteousness' sake). Matthew's Gospel goes on to put this in practical terms..... Disciples are those who feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, etc., in other words, those who are committed to the needy. The poor in spirit translate their love of God and of others by being in solidarity with the real poor in a material sense. In their actions for the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed, they will encounter Jesus himself: "you did it to me." And encountering the Lord is a grace.

As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote, "It is impossible to embrace the cause of the poor, and in doing so, verify our fidelity to Christ (see John Paul II, On Human Work, no. 8), without causing resistance and hostility, without going through "the great ordeal" (Rv 7:14). Receiving the grace of being children of God (1 Jn 3:1) involves creating practical and authentic friendship and justice in our society."

Having said all this, we have known many people like this... we know them now... in our families, in our friends, colleagues, members of our communities... People who have modelled in their lives, their attitudes and decisions have lived the Beatitudes... so they saw God as he really is... and continue to see him in Heaven.

This feast is especially for all the unnamed saints,... officially proclaimed saints have their own special feasts and memorials.. (though of course they are included today), but this is especially the feast day of the saints not listed on earthly books, but listed in God's book of life... and we have known them.. we have lived with them.. we have been inspired by them... we hope to join them in heaven...

Sometimes the practicality of the Beatitudes is illustrated best by contrast... those who are puffed up and proud, and self-focused... those without empathy for others... those who refuse to be kind.... Those who make excuses for injustices when they could do something to help... those who are violent and ruthless to those who cry out to mercy... even those whose predicament is sometimes of their own making.... These people are not the ones who will inherit the Kingdom. The Kingdom is NOT inherited by those who crush others under their feet on their way to their goals... they are not those who abuse and use others for their own selfish ends... nor are they ones who have no concern for the plight of the poor, the outcast, the sinner, the needy.... The ones who see no fraternity in people of other places, cultures or situations, when these people are truly our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rather, It is those who stand up for and with those who call for justice and peace who stand in God's presence.

We thank and praise God for inspiring us by the close example of these wonderful 'lights of Christ in our lives'... may we continue to live these virtues in our own lives... The saints pray for us, before the very face of God. We are in wonderful company.

Fr. Paul Kelly

[Reference:References: Fr Paul W. Kelly Gutiérrez, G. and Dees, C. (1997). Sharing the Word through the liturgical year. 1st ed. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. Pp. 278-9]

TIME FOR A SMILE:

More "Out-takes" from the Recording Sessions of our Parish Liturgy



People told us that they had a good laugh at some of the mistakes we shared from our previous recording sessions, whilst preparing the Liturgy. So, please find Edition Two of our "Bloopers reels."

These are out-takes, collected from several months of recordings for the weekly parish Liturgy. In my defence, some of these episodes were recorded late at night or in spare moments, and often the timeline to complete the recording was short, as the date for their broadcast rapidly approached. So, there are tongue-twisters, spoonerisms, mispronunciations, dropped microphones, revving cars from Friday and Saturday night hoons in the neighbourhood, etc. I certainly got a laugh out of them at the time, and also again when I re-listened to them. Please enjoy:

Soundcloud: [Faith Hope and Love out-takes](#)

P.S. I do not always trip over every second word that I read, it just seems that way when these snippets are collected over several months and put in one place.

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. Or, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

Yours faithfully,

Sonya Slater, Parish Manager

LITURGY SPOT



SHUTTERSTOCK LICENSED ID: 336534401 Rome, Italy - June 2015 - The Book of Gospels, Holy Bible or Holy Scripture on the altar, illustrative editorial. By Thoomb

Thanks to everyone who helped compile the following instruction for the Proclaimers of the WORD.

Instructions for Ministers of the Word COVID-19

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

There are numerous passages of scripture which stress the importance of the Word of God.

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever”

(Isaiah 40: 8)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119: 105)

The first document issued by Vatican II (1962-1965), reminded the Church of the central place of scripture in liturgy. “Christ is present in his Word since it is he, himself, who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church.” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 7)

The Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass spells out the link between scripture, faith and worship: “The preaching of the word is necessary for the sacramental ministry, for the sacraments are sacraments of faith and faith has its origin and sustenance in the word. The Church is nourished spiritually at the table of God’s word and at the table of the Eucharist.” (LMI 10). It is from this table that the faithful are nourished and refreshed.

The only contact that many Catholics have with the living word of scripture occurs at Sunday Mass. It is vital that this encounter be a positive experience so that they will develop over time a “warm and living love of scripture”.

Those who are called to be readers at Mass, then, take on an important ministry. In fact, they are not ‘readers’ at all. Almost everyone can read, but only some can effectively proclaim the word of God. Those people who serve the liturgical gathering by proclaiming the scriptures are best described as ‘Ministers of the Word’.

Who can carry out this role effectively?

The basic requirement is faith in the word of God. A reader must be someone with a love of scripture who believes that it is alive and active and gives guidance.

Proclaimers of the Word must understand what they are reading to clearly convey the meaning of a passage to others.

Such understanding is achieved by careful preparation, starting well before the person is scheduled to read – this involves:

- Reading the scripture passage through several times at home.
- Slowly coming to grips with what the words are saying - having access to a workbook/commentary to assist them to understand what it is they are reading - 'Break Open the Word' for example. (This is a Liturgy Brisbane Publication. If you would like the Parish to order a copy for you, please contact the Parish Office 55 725 433. The cost to you is \$12. The Parish will subsidize the balance.
- Practice reading the passage aloud, looking at yourself in the mirror also helps.
- A Minister of the Word needs to have the skills required for reading aloud in public.
- A strong voice which can be clearly projected and the ability to use speech techniques such as pace, pause and pitch to give vitality and variety to their reading.
- Management of breath and use of phrasing to maintain continuity of thought.
- Readers need to be comfortable in their own accent and confident that the whole assembly will be enriched and understand what is being read.
- Becoming familiar with the microphone by going up before Mass and checking how the microphone is positioned. Remember the microphone amplifies what the speaker says, it does not replace good voice projection and clear speech.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

You are standing in front of the assembly when Proclaiming the Word, therefore it is essential that you are wearing appropriate attire. This requirement applies to all ministries.

On arrival at the church, at least 15 minutes before Mass begins:

- Please let your Coordinator know that you have arrived. If you are not there by at least 15 minutes before, the Coordinator will find a replacement for you. Thank you for your understanding about this requirement.
- Please go over your reading again, checking for any variations in phrasing between your practice text and the Lectionary. It is suggested that you locate the page number of your reading and its position on the page, in case the Lectionary has been accidentally closed when you get up to read, or the wind has blown the page over.
- It is sometimes necessary to check pronunciation. This can be done at home via the internet, if you have access, by typing into the search engine e.g. Hezekiah pronunciation. The name will be sounded out for you via YouTube.
 - If you do not have internet access, then it may be necessary to check in the back pages of Break Open the Word which has phonetically translated symbols to assist with pronunciation or failing that, to check with the priest. Using correct pronunciation will avoid cementing mispronunciations into the minds of some of the assembly.
- If you move the book up to the top of the Lectern, this will enable you to have your mouth in line with the microphone and your head up. (the gap between microphone and mouth should be approximately 6 inches/15 centimetres). Gently adjust the tip of the microphone to be aimed at your mouth should you need to.
- The second reader should practice the Prayer of the Faithful at this time. (This is a temporary arrangement due to COVID-19).
- After both readers have checked their readings, the Lectionary should be brought to the Ambo by the first reader.
- The Prayer of the Faithful folder should be brought to the Ambo and placed on the under-shelf by the second reader. (This is a temporary arrangement due to COVID-19).

There will be no procession of the Lectionary at the beginning of Mass. (This is a temporary arrangement due to COVID-19). Once we are back to normal circumstances, we will commence the procession again.

The reader should approach the altar from the centre aisle; make a profound bow (from the waist) to the altar and then proceed to the Ambo. If the reader requires the support of the railing to ascend the sanctuary, they may approach the Ambo via the side steps and therefore it would not be necessary to bow.

When you are asked to pause for 5, 6 or 7 seconds understand that this is written for a reason. It is because we REALLY NEED you to do exactly what it says, it is not an option. If you do not, then the assembly is

missing out on its right to pause for a few seconds and silently add their intentions to this prayer or to prepare themselves for what is to come.

Look at the assembly when introducing the scripture – this is not part of the text of the scripture – enunciate clearly - this is an introduction:

- A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.....
- A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the.....
- Please DO NOT say The First Reading is from..... OR..... the Second Reading is taken from.

Please pause for 5 seconds between announcing the introduction and starting the actual scripture reading. If you look up occasionally during your reading this will engage the assembly in the scripture and assist in keeping you from reading too quickly. Some find it useful to run their finger down the page so that they know where they are up to after looking up at the assembly.

When you have finished the scripture reading pause for 5 seconds before you say – The Word of the Lord. This is the conclusion to the scripture reading and is proclaiming a fact, so make it strong and look up at the assembly.

Leave from the centre aisle again - a profound bow (from the waist) is made to the altar before you return to your seat or if using the rail then go immediately to your seat from the side.

COMMENTATOR – SATURDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES ONLY

The first reader will do this – wait at the side of the Sanctuary for Father to give you the CUE to start and then go directly to the Ambo. Nothing is prepared for the Commentator during this time however you may, if you are comfortable, welcome everyone, and introduce the Celebrant – just something short/simple is acceptable. (This is a temporary arrangement due to COVID-19).

SATURDAY VIGIL, SUNDAY, AND FEAST DAYS – TWO READINGS

FIRST READER

The CUE for when you are to leave your seat is immediately after Father has finished the OPENING PRAYER (the Opening Prayer starts with Let us Pray and finishes with Amen).

The Responsorial Psalm is normally sung by the Singer/Organist, so you will leave the Sanctuary at the end of the first reading.

If the Singer/Organist sings the Response only then the verse is read by the Singer or can be read by the reader. You will need to check with the Singer/Organist if you are to read the Responsorial Psalm verse if they have not already informed you.

If there is no Singer/Organist, then the Responsorial Psalm is read by the first reader. Please DO NOT start by saying – The response to the Psalm is – pause for 5 seconds, after saying The Word of the Lord at the end of the 1st Reading, and then just go straight into the Response saying e.g. “The Lord is kind and merciful” – look up at the assembly and they will then repeat what you have said (the Response is on the Overhead so people can easily remember what it is they are to say during COVID-19).

Each time you finish a verse of the Responsorial Psalm if you look up at the assembly, they will know to say the Response – please DO NOT say Response.

SECOND READER

The CUE for when you leave your seat is immediately after the Responsorial Psalm is finished. (Please do not approach the Sanctuary until the Responsorial Psalm is finished as this may distract from this part of the proclamation of the Word).

The Gospel Acclamation is normally sung by a Singer/Organist, so you will leave the Sanctuary at the end of the second reading.

If the Singer/Organist sings only the Alleluia then the verse is not said by the reader, so you will leave the Sanctuary at the end of the second reading.

If there is no Singer/Organist, then the Gospel Acclamation is read by the second reader – please DO NOT start by saying – stand for the Gospel or stand for the Alleluia Verse – pause for 5 seconds, after saying The Word of the Lord at the end of the 2nd Reading, look up and the assembly should start to stand up, if not, then raise your right hand slightly, wait for the assembly to stand and then commence the Gospel Acclamation saying Alleluia! Alleluia! acclamation verse Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Each prayer is read by the second reader (This is a temporary arrangement due to COVID-19 – it would normally be read by the Commentator).

- the CUE to leave your seat normally would be around the last paragraph of the Creed, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic At the end of the Creed, the reader should approach the altar from the centre aisle; make a profound bow (from the waist) to the altar and then proceed to the Ambo. If the reader requires the support of the railing to ascend the sanctuary, they may approach the Ambo via the side steps and therefore it would not be necessary to bow.
- Please – pause for 5 seconds before saying Lord hear us.

WEEKDAYS READER

The CUE for when you are to leave your seat is immediately after the Celebrant has finished the OPENING PRAYER (the Opening Prayer starts with Let us Pray and finishes with Amen)

The Responsorial Psalm is read by the reader – please DO NOT start by saying – The response to the Psalm is – pause for 5 seconds, after saying The Word of the Lord at the end of the 1st Reading, and then just go straight into the Response saying “The Lord is kind and merciful”.

Look up at the assembly and they will then repeat what you have said – (the Response is on the overhead so the assembly can easily remember what it is they are to say during COVID-19).

Each time you finish a verse of the Responsorial Psalm if you look up at the assembly, they will know to say the Response – please DO NOT say Response.

The Gospel Acclamation is read by the reader – please DO NOT start by saying – stand for the Gospel or stand for the Alleluia Verse – if you pause for 5 seconds, after finishing the Responsorial Psalm, look up and the assembly should start to stand up , if not, then raise your right hand slightly, wait for the assembly to stand and then commence the Gospel Acclamation saying... Alleluia! Alleluia! acclamation verse

Alleluia! **Fr Paul Kelly**

MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL)

SURFERS PARADISE PARISH MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Sacred Heart: 170 max capacity

Saturday Night - 5 pm *NB new Mass time*

+ (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: 115 max capacity

Sunday - 8 am & 10 am

+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Stella Maris: 84 max capacity

Saturday Night - 5 pm

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

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

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: Monique Roberts, Anthony Netting, Ellanie Gonzalez, Caterina (Cathy) Randazzo, Draga Vlastic, Andrew Young, Noel Jones, Baby Charbel Raphael, Sam Maxwell, Margaret Paterson, Rodney McGrath, Paul Kennedy, Doug Reiser, Helen Bohringer, John Zappa, George Cook, Peter O'Brien, 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.

ALL THE HOLY SOULS - ESPECIALLY THOSE LISTED IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE CHURCHES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Elizabeth Giles, Ederlina Callada, Danielle Begaud, Wilhelmina Antoinette Vos, Enid Wynne (sister of Justin King), Carmen Kruse, Julie Mary Ritchie, 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: Rebecca Herft, Helen Wood, Bill Weise, Varkey Padayallil, Elisa Guzzo, Eamonn Damien Sherrard, Moira Winnifred Mclellan, Anna Restaino.

Next Weekend's Readings

Readings for Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time. Year A

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

Ps: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God"

SECOND READING: 1 Thess 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Gospel Acclamation: (Matthew 24:42a+44) Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready. You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

"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.

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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