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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, July 11, 2021

SPCP_E-newsletter - Fifteenth Sunday,
Ordinary Time. Year B

Readings for Fifteenth Sunday, Ordinary Time. Year B

FIRST READING: Amos 7: 12-15

Ps: Ps 85: 9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14 "Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation."

SECOND READING: Eph 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (cf. Eph 1: 17-18): Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart. That we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 7-13

“He began to send them out two by two “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.” (Mark 6: 7b-9)



(Shutterstock ID: 219542680- PADUA, ITALY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2014: The mission of the apostles by Giambattista Bissoni (1631) in the church Basilica di Santa Giustina. By Renata Sedmakova)

Please Check in by mandatory **Check In Qld app**, and masks to be worn indoors and near others. Please remember that if you are experiencing any symptoms, get a COVID test and quarantine at home until you receive a negative result. Thank you for keeping our parish communities safe.

THE PASTOR'S POST: If Only I Had

Many, many times in my life have I wished I could get back the moment when I wished I had done things differently. When I have said too much, or not enough. When the mouth moved faster than the brain only to discover that I couldn't take back the sarcastic remark or unpleasant tone. What seemed so right or clever at the time often appears so lame or petty when the temper has cooled. What was I thinking or was I thinking at all?

Well, we can't change yesterday. We have no control over it. We can't take back a word we said or redo a thing we did. The past has gone. There is no power in yesterday unless we hold on to it. This is a demanding lesson to learn and may take many frustrating experiences before we remind ourselves that we cannot take back the word, the thought, the action once it has been cast. In the same way, tomorrow has no power over us unless we worry about it. We can all hope for tomorrow, but none of us is truly assured of it.

What we do have is the present moment. This is the moment that contains all we need. It has all the grace, energy and humour to move into the next moment, but slowing down to live this present moment is not always easy. This wisdom is particularly difficult for the young, who seem to have so many moments that need to be filled. Does this mean that we have to stop every time we are about to say something? Well, 'Yes' if we can't control what we say or 'No' if our attitude and intention is one directed by concern and thoughts for those on the receiving end of our conversation.

To live in the moment takes trust. Trust in ourselves and our relationship with God. If we need to be in control of everything, then most likely we are always living in the future. Thus we plan, organise, and orchestrate so that things happen the way we want them to. The problem is that we have missed this moment, this present time of being.

Living the moment opens the world to the wonders and the surprises that we might miss if we are only looking into the distance. Enjoy one breath at a time. Really see the wonder of creation. Be touched by a friend's warm smile. Savour this moment, then the next, and the next. Each in turn, each alone.

As the old saying goes: One doesn't make the grass grow by pulling it. It grows as it will, moment by moment.

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

We congratulate the Mutch, Bradbery and Gabath families whose children Francis Joseph, Mia Jordan, Ollie Jordan, Summer Tracy and Oliver Kevin will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

CANCELLED THIS MONTH - THE PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY -

Due to COVID restrictions, we have to cancel the SPCL Friendship Day on Thursday, 15th of July. The next Friendship Day will be on Thursday, 19th August, we hope you can make it. God Bless, Maxine Sela

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the New Financial Year will be available for collection from the back of the churches next weekend 17/18th July. The envelopes are available to those who contribute weekly via the collections.

Please contact the Parish Office via email 'surfers@bne.catholic.net.au' if you require a receipt for this year's contributions, we will email the receipt.

We thank all our Parishioners for their continuing support of the Planned Giving Program. Through this we are able to meet our Archdiocesan and Parish Budget commitments and also enable the maintenance and growth of our Parish's mission to ensure we can continue Mass liturgies, pastoral ministries, sacramental programs and various maintenance works.

Of course, we have several other ways our parishioners can make their donations - Direct Debit/Credit Card Deduction is becoming more and more popular with our Parishioners as the contributions are paid electronically into the Parish account and the convenience to *Pay Wave* with their debit/credit card, is available at the entrance of our churches.

If you wish to donate directly into the Parish Planned Giving Account: BSB 064-786 Account 100 013 666 Reference: Your Name

You can also use the Parish Giving App. <http:-parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

In addition to regular giving to the parish, parishioners, when able, can also provide one off gifts in the form of Donations or Bequests. A gift in your will, no matter how big or small, is one way you can personally advance the work of the Parish.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION - CATHOLIC MENS' GROUP.

The Gold Coast Tweed Circle (357) of the Catenians will be offering their Annual Mass for Vocations at St Vincent's Church, Surfers Paradise On Sunday, July 25th at 10AM. The Catenian Association is an international group of Catholic men, comprising 300 circles in 11 countries. Members will be available after Mass to answer any questions from interested members of the congregation. Their secretary Errol Daranjo can be contacted at 0755760019, or 0405728050. Further information about the Catenians can be obtained online at: <https://www.thecatenians.org.au> (for the organisation in Australia), and at <https://www.thecatenians.com> (for the head office in the UK).

MASS TIMES: SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

Please note that people entering the church will now be required to scan the Check In Qld app - Queensland Government, which will register you as attending that mass time, a mask must also be worn.

Please load on your phone the QLD Check In App - this will allow entry into a church.

We congratulate the Hispanic community who attend St Vincent's Church at Surfers Paradise on the first and third Sundays for Mass at 5:30pm. Their community checking are now checking in with the Qld QR app - well done!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

There will be a second opportunity to celebrate Confirmation in October this year, please go to the parish website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au and complete an online enrolment application to ensure that your child is included in the October group. Use the drop down menu under Sacraments. If your child has been baptised and you wish them to continue their journey of initiation by the celebration and receiving of further sacraments, click on Confirmation (under Sacraments), read the explanation of the sacrament and then scroll down to and click on CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (in the blue box). Complete the form and click on submit. Once you have submitted the form, you should receive an

automated response to indicate that your application has been received by the parish team. The timing of a more personalised response to your application will vary depending on the sacrament for which you wish to prepare. The timing of responses to Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation requests vary according to the time of year. As the children prepare for these sacraments in groups, our Sacramental Coordinator will use the information provided on the completed online forms to email parents approximately two months prior to the celebration of the sacrament. If you feel that you enrolled some time ago and you have not received sufficient information through our parish or school newsletters, please email Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

RECONCILIATION

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Reconciliation follows the Sacraments of Initiation, that is, it follows Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The Sacramental Team’s plan for Reconciliation is to prepare a program similar in style to the Confirmation and First Communion Preparation Programs. This will be a lengthy task so we are unable to provide an exact date for you to expect an email inviting your child to participate.

I do hope that you will hear from our Sacramental Team before the end of the year. In the meantime, please check the parish newsletter regularly (www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au then go to newsletter archives) for any updates. Thank you to all families who have patiently and regularly checked in with our team to find out about the timing of Reconciliation in Surfers Paradise Parish.

Whenever the Sacramental Team completes the work for the Reconciliation Preparation material, our Children’s Sacramental Coordinator will email an invitation to participate, to the families of all children who received their First Communion in 2020 or 2021. If you have any further questions, please email our Children’s Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

<p>Sacred Heart 350 max capacity</p>	<p>Saturday Night - 5 pm + (Maronite Mass 6:30 pm, Saturday Night- check with Maronite Mass coordinator, if this is on due to Brisbane Priest availability). *Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 7th August) Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm + (Polish Mass 12:00 pm Sunday) - + (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday) - Weekday Masses - Monday - Friday weekday Mass - 9am</p>
<p>St Vincent’s 200 max capacity</p>	<p>Sunday - 8 am & 10 am + (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays) check with Hispanic Mass Coordinator if this is on due to Brisbane Priest availability). Extra parking is available only metres from St Vincent’s Church, at King’s Car Park, entry via Beach Road</p>
<p>Stella Maris 200 max capacity</p>	<p>Saturday Night - 5 pm Sunday - 7 am</p>

Please note: Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions, and the Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.
Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 3 persons per 4 square metres, and to 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.

Please note that people entering the church will now be required to scan the Check In Qld app - Queensland Government, which will register you as attending that mass time, and also please wear a mask the entire time.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION -

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

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

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH - We are worthy of healing.

In these divisive times, it is heartening to have examples of the healing power of a word. The gospels tell the story of a centurion, a powerful military leader of the Roman army that occupied Jewish lands, who had such great faith in Jesus that he only needed Jesus to speak a healing word. No ordinary centurion, this fellow had been a great friend of the Jewish people of Capernaum, even building their synagogue. Where are such examples today? Speak a word of healing across all that seems to divide: across the aisle, the religions, the races and ethnicities, the neighborhoods, languages, genders, and sexualities that distinguish us but do not have to divide us. Only say the word and healing shall begin.

{Matthew 8:5-17 (376). “Only say the word and my servant will be healed”}.

SIGN UP FOR "TAKE FIVE" DAILY - <https://www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe>

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY

St Paul’s Missionary Journey through His Letters Fortnightly on a Tuesday

We continue in 1 Thessalonians and are finding Paul’s style of writing and his great concern for those he has needed to leave behind to struggle with persecution although relying on the help of the Holy Spirit.

ALL WELCOME. Our next session will be on **Tuesday 20th July at 6pm**

in the **Parish Hospitality Room**. Our next video from the 20 Episode series “In the Footsteps of St Paul” is ‘Revealing The Unknown God’ - we read about it in Acts 13 - ‘*when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God in Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up....the men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible*’

If you would like to participate in this please ring 0409 486 326. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect, discuss, share and enrich our faith and relationship with Christ. **STILL NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**

We now have another wonderful study series along the lines of **The Bible Timeline** by Jeff Cavin, from Ascension Press that we did a couple of years ago - this one is called

EPIC: A Journey Through Church History

The Story of the Catholic Church

Popes, Periods, Timelines, Historical Figures, Events and Influences

Steve Weidenkoph comes with a long list of titles, degrees and experience as a lecturer on Church History at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College in Denver.

Another 20 Week Series, we are hoping to be able to bring to all parishioners within the next couple of months perhaps, so keep an eye on this spot. You will need to once again purchase the study materials, which will include the Church Timeline and Chart, so perhaps if you would let me know if you will be interested I will be able to order the study materials for you.

CATHOLIC LEADER - MONTHLY NEWSPAPER - Print available this weekend. \$4.

You can also subscribe (or give a gift subscription) to the Catholic Leader Print Newspaper: \$50 per annual subscription. *Receive The Catholic Leader print newspaper at your preferred postal address for 12 months.*

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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, you can give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



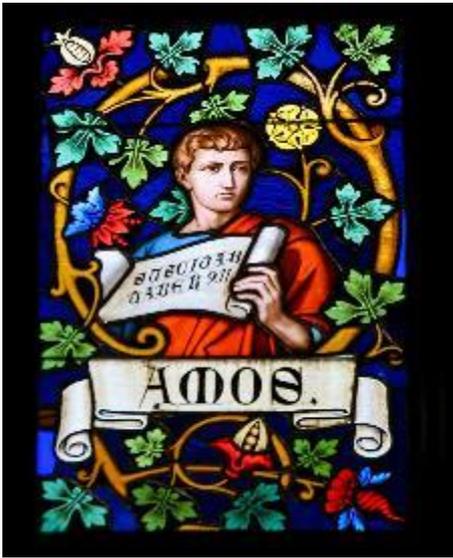
If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The pay-wave or tap-and-go machines on the timber stands in our Churches are also a safe and handy way to donate to the Parish. God bless you for your support.

If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au. To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 5572 5433 (9am–12pm Mon-Fri).

INSPIRING QUOTES: (Some taken from - ...<https://www.inspiringquotes.us/>)

- **“From now on, regard this life as a desert through which you pass until you come to the Promised Land, the Jerusalem, which is above the land of the living.” (St. Augustine).**
- **“Not on bread alone is man to live but on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4).**
- **“We are taught and advised to abandon temporal riches, to lay aside earthly goods, and to strive to reach the eternal and everlasting dwelling-places in heaven. For present glory is fleeting and meaningless, while it is possessed, unless in it we can glimpse something of heaven’s eternity. But God’s mercy towards the human race provided a useful remedy when he made the reward for earthly existence a share in our heavenly country.” (Saint Henry, 973–1024).**
- **“Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven.” (Saint Camillus de Lellis).**
- **“To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it. (Saint Teresa of Kolkata).**
- **“In things of beauty, he contemplated the One who is supremely beautiful, and, led by the footprints he found in creatures, he followed the Beloved everywhere” (St. Bonaventure).**
- **“As “pride is the beginning of all sin,” (Eccl. x, 15) so humility is the foundation of all virtue. Learn to be really humble and not, as the hypocrite, humble merely in appearance.” (Saint Bonaventure).**
- **“We must beg the Holy Spirit, with ardent longing, to give us these fruits. The Holy Ghost alone knows how to bring to light the sweetness hidden away under the rugged exterior of the words of the Law. We must go to the Holy Ghost for interior guidance.” (Saint Bonaventure, Holiness of Life).**

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND:



As Saint Paul Says in the Second reading today: “God has showered us with EVERY spiritual gift,” – so it is good for us to pause and ask ourselves.... How are we making use of all of these gifts to live our lives in harmony with God's loving vision for the world.?

The spiritual gifts include wisdom, understanding, knowledge, discernment, courage, reverence, and wonder. This is Faith, Hope and Love.

Jesus must have known the effect and the "radical originality" of what he was proposing. The gospel this weekend highlights the differences in the first reading.

There were people in Jesus' time, who were "professional prophets"; they were born into a family of prophets; This was the "family business"; just like others might be carpenters; some were prophets; And they made their money and earned their bread and shelter by plying their trade as a prophet; which was often a rather financially rewarding occupation. Particularly if you told people what they wanted to hear and avoided offending anyone with the truth.

But Amos in the first reading makes it clear that he is no "professional prophet," but rather, Amos is simply a poor shepherd; called by God to speak God's message to the people. He is not here to reinforce people's self-serving world-views. He is here to build up the Kingdom of God, not the Kingdom of “Me.”

Jesus calls his followers to that same authenticity and simplicity -- to be open and faithful to God's word and God's vision, no matter how challenging, no matter how difficult. However, at the same time, Jesus is calling us to an attitude and practice of simplicity in our lifestyles, and desires; To live more simply and to travel lightly and with less baggage; whether it be physical, spiritual, or emotional baggage.

It is such an attractive and reassuring message, in a world where we seem to be being called to the opposite - to possessiveness; to indulgence; to self-realisation; to materialism and to an unapologetic participation in unwholesome words, practices and thoughts.

Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out “two by two.” --In our modern culture the desire “go it alone” on projects and challenges is a fairly familiar approach, but this 'being an island unto oneself,' would have been a much rarer attitude, back in the days when belonging to a community was almost EVERYTHING. One's survival often depends upon it. Nowadays it seems a popular goal to be a 'self-made, - self-sustaining person'.

Our Lord teaches the wisdom of "not going it alone" on our spiritual journey, especially when we're trying to share our faith or live it in its very public dimensions. In the process of taking our faith out into the world and living it, we may not need a lot of baggage, but we do need other people of faith to support us; to inspire us, guide, help and, even at times, challenge us - There is really no such thing as a solo Christian and Christianity is not something that we can do best all by ourselves.

We know it is so much easier for a person to tear down others' plans and arguments than it is to build them up and to help make them work.....

There seem to be all-too-many examples of people throughout the world “acting before proper, sober evaluation”..or seeking messages that reinforce our predetermined interests.

Christ calls us to act after due consideration for the kind of world we are creating by our decisions. Jesus' gospel certainly is not about self-serving choices...

Jesus wanted his disciples to 'travel light' so to be free to live his good news. Our Lord commands us to be detached from "things" - because "things," and ever-increasing possessions can easily clutter and weigh us down – block us from achieving our goal of proclaiming His gospel in action and word.

Someone once said that "half the confusion in the world comes from being unable to realise just how little we really need."

So, if it is harder than ever for us to know how little we need (and how little some others actually have) perhaps the problem in our modern culture at the moment is that there is an alarming (and increasing gap) and a blurring between the concepts of "want" and "need".

And Our Lord clarifies this action with his teaching and example –
"As you travel through life.....travel lightly !!

+++++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 SPCP) - <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Fr. Paul Kelly.

{References: FR. PAUL W. KELLY.}

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WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEEING WHAT HIDES IN PLAIN SIGHT!

Recently we had a review of our Health and Safety policies and procedures. And it was a big shock to all of us. It is a reminder that Safety is the responsibility of everyone. It also means that we have to refocus our eyes and minds to look for things that are actually right in front of us.

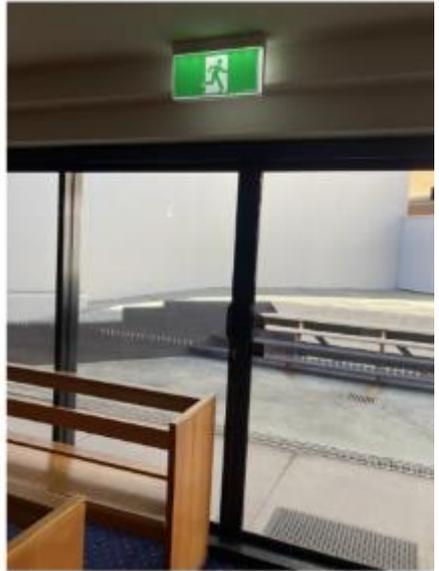
We thought we were keeping things safe and compliant, but we were shocked at what we didn't see. Some of these things have occurred when many different people utilise the facilities and people pack things or assemble new things without seeing the bigger safety picture.

Here are some pictures that highlighted the risks and potential disasters that our eyes and minds did not see and which should have set off alarm bells in our minds. These areas have now been tasked for correction.

***But let's have a look at these photos. What is wrong with the following? Lots !
(a list of problems is featured at the end of these photos)***









Abuses - Do not extinguish
1m clearance

Safety Risks:

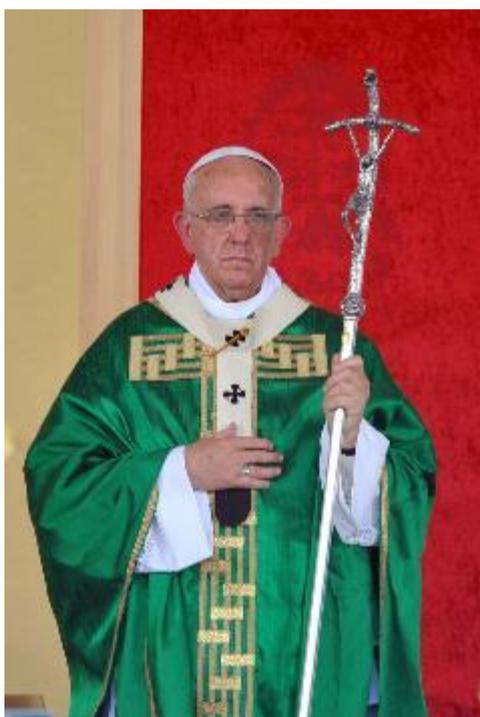
1. Casey Hall. Chairs stacked so high that they are dangerous and unstable - risk of injury by the chairs falling, and also risk of injury for people attempting to move the chairs.

2. Although the white-board can be wheeled away, it was left blocking an emergency/ fire exit. These need to be clear at all times. In an emergency, if people are disoriented, they can be injured or obstructed when trying to get to marked exits. (Hospitality Centre)
3. Chairs and a table and other items stored in an emergency exit. Exit would be blocked.
4. Chairs left out which block immediate access to the fire reel in Sacred heart and the fire extinguisher. These need to be completely clear of obstruction at all times.
5. Fire hose reel door blocked by three tables. Access in an emergency would be impeded.
6. More stacked chairs completely blocking easy access to the fire hose reel. Both hose reels would have been inaccessible in an emergency!
7. In the atrium, wires and electronic items were left in the centre of the room, with cords being a trip hazard and electronic equipment inadequately kept.
8. The second emergency exit has a trolley obstructing part of the exit and a cordon rope has been tied to the door preventing access.
9. Emergency exit plan placed so high that it is not accessible and easy to see and follow.
10. Supplies from work left stored in the hose reel access. These areas must be kept entirely clear and accessible at all times.
11. Pew positioned across half of a door marked as an official emergency exit.
12. Chair blocking a fire extinguisher.
13. Chairs left obstructing an officially marked exit.
14. Furniture placed too close to the fire extinguisher. One metre clear in all directions is needed at all times.

Let us all make a conscious decision to sharpen our eyes and our perceptions to safety requirements and risks within our community.

POPE FRANCIS: Prayer and Reflection for Lebanon - "pray together for the gift of peace and stability".

(From Vatican News article - by Robin Gomes).



Lebanon's Christian leaders around the Pope in prayer for the nation of Lebanon.

Christian leaders of Lebanon gathered around Pope Francis in the Vatican on Thursday for a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Lebanon.

Some 10 senior leaders of the various Christian Churches and communities of Lebanon, along with their delegations, have arrived in the Vatican for a day of prayer and reflection with Pope Francis, on the current situation of the troubled Middle Eastern nation and its future, and to implore for the gift of peace and stability. The initiative is not to seek a political solution but to pray and read the signs of the time and respond to the cry of their people and alleviate their suffering.

Lebanon's woes

The country is going through one of the world's most severe economic crises in modern times, which is having serious social repercussions. The crisis, which began in late 2019, is rooted in decades of corruption and mismanagement by a post-civil war political class that has accumulated debt and done little to encourage local industries, forcing the country to rely on imports for almost everything.

A series of nationwide mass demonstrations in 2019 protested against a stagnant economy, unemployment, endemic corruption in the public sector, legislation that appeared to shield the ruling class from

accountability and failures from the government to provide basic services such as electricity, water and sanitation. The country was thrown into a political crisis, with Prime Minister Saad Hariri resigning following the protesters' demand for a government of independent specialists.

To add to its woes, a massive explosion on 4 August 2020 at a fertilizer storage facility in Beirut port tore through the city and reopened the country's old wounds. The blast killed at least 190 people, injured over 6,000, caused over US\$10 billion in property damage, and left some 300,000 people homeless.

Hariri was designated as Prime Minister in October 2020 but he has been at loggerheads with President Michel Aoun over cabinet positions and has failed to form a government so far.

Meanwhile, Lebanon continues to sink. Today, the Lebanese pound has lost more than 90% of its value against the US dollar since 2019 and inflation has skyrocketed, wiping out people's wages and causing food prices to triple. With the Lebanese pound losing 95% of its purchase power, half of the population is believed to be living below the poverty line. Tight restrictions have also been placed on bank accounts, leaving people unable to withdraw their savings or transfer money abroad.

According to the latest World Bank report, Lebanon's economic and financial crisis is likely to rank in the top 10, possibly top 3, most severe crises episodes globally since the mid-nineteenth century. In the face of colossal challenges, continuous policy inaction and the absence of a fully functioning government threaten the already dire socio-economic conditions and a fragile social peace with no clear turning point on the horizon.

To revive hope and peace

The July 1 Day of Prayer and Reflection for Lebanon, called by Pope Francis, is to help revive hope and peace in the country.

According to Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Oriental Churches, who has organized the initiative, the purpose of the day is to "walk together". The Church leaders will question themselves, reflect and pray together. They have brought to Rome the cry of their people. The theme of the day is, "The Lord God has plans for peace. Together for Lebanon."

Starting off the Day of Prayer and Reflection for Lebanon, the nation's Christian Church leaders gathered in the morning at Casa Santa Marta inside Vatican City where the Pope resides. The Holy Father greeted each one of them and members of their delegations, after which he walked to the nearby St. Peter's Basilica with the Church leaders flanking him.

Inside, standing in front of the papal altar, which stands just above the tomb of St. Peter, the Pope intoned the Our Father prayer, which others joined in Arabic. After a moment of silent prayer, the Pope went down the steps to the tomb of St. Peter in the crypt below the papal altar where he placed a lighted candle. The others followed him placing their candles, with 10 candles in all. After a moment of silent prayer, the Pope led them out of the basilica through the crypt.

Currently, they are holding the first of their 3 closed-door meetings of the day in Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace. The day will be brought to a close with an ecumenical prayer service and a speech by Pope Francis at 6 pm.

Lebanon, a Mediterranean nation of 5 million, has the largest percentage of Christians in the Middle East and is the only Arab country with a Christian head of state, President Aoun. Christians make up a third of the population.

Pope Francis called on all men and women of goodwill to join the Day of Prayer and Reflection for Lebanon during his Sunday 'Angelus' prayer on May 30, explaining the aim was to "pray together for the gift of peace and stability". He urged for prayers so that Lebanon may have "a more serene future."

(source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-07/pope-lebanon-christian-leaders-vatican-day-pray-reflection.html>)

(Image shutterstock licensed image ID: D: 292820297 -TURIN,ITALY-JUNE 21: Pope Francis celebrates the Mass in Turin June 21, 2015 in Turin Italy- By miqu77)

NOTICES AND MESSAGES

SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

Visit our shops for all your sacramental gifts, including rosaries and prayer books.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

An elderly pensioner who has recently moved into the parish is seeking accommodation. One bedroom granny flat or single story unit/flat. Prefer postcode of 4226 so to be in close proximity to Sacred Heart Church. Rent paid in advance and guarantee a quiet non-smoker without pets.

Please phone Diane 0401989989.

LOCAL SAINT VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the local Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal.

If you missed out, you can still send in a donation to our local SVdP group. Every day, at the St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

Craig McMahon. Conference President - Surfers Paradise

CCR - GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION. PRAISE, WORSHIP, EUCHARIST

St Stephen's Cathedral. 11am, Saturday 7 August, 2021. Mass celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Music Ministry by Emmanuel Worship. Hosted by Charis Connect comprising Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Groups, Communities and Ministries. Bookings for this event are essential: register at www.trybooking.com/BSBIF - Enquiries: Miriam secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au , Audrey 0435558390, Len 0421977849. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise...

THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Sacred Heart - Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Playing Bridge keeps your brain active and increases your social network! So why not give us a try?

Learn to play Bridge at "Our Friendly Club" - Free Lesson. "Introduction to Bridge"

Easy to learn format, no previous card playing experience necessary. All are welcome.

For more information and to enrol, Please phone: Cheryl 5538 8821 or Mob 0417 772 701

PARISH ART AND CRAFT GROUP

Our Art and Craft Group is up and running, and is alive and well! We meet in the Parish Hospitality Centre, next to Sacred Heart Church in Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, each Wednesday from 9am to 12noon. Our activities include Art (water-colour, oils, acrylics, pen and ink drawings etc), as well as various kinds of Craft work (knitting, embroidery, crocheting, card making, sewing) and making of Rosary Beads that are later sent on to the Missions. We are open to all other activities that individuals have an interest in. We come together to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed environment. New members, both men and women, are most welcome to join. For further information please contact John on 0412 759 205 or the Parish Office on 5572 5433 Monday to Friday 9am to 12noon.

SHALOM WORLD TV : AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCE

Please visit and see the treasury of shows and articles at [https:- www.shalomworld.org/](https://www.shalomworld.org/)

MAJELLAN MAGAZINE

The Majellan magazine has been a Catholic family favourite for more than 70 years.

"The Winter issue of The Majellan is out now. It includes articles on Saint Joseph, fun things for families to do in Winter and how best to deal with interfering family members. For details go to: www.majellan.media/the-majellan-magazine/

YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Come join us for our friendly class in the Parish Hospitality Centre next to the Parish Office. Classes run every Tuesday at 10:45am. Learn to relax, yet gain greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness and concentration, all while increasing your breath support and general wellbeing. Ruth is an IYTA accredited instructor with wide experience and runs a caring, carefully monitored one-hour session costing \$10 (new attendees need to arrive by 10.30am to prepare adequately for class). For more information call Ruth on 0421338110.

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY

Due to COVID restrictions we have to Cancel the SPCL Friendship Day this Thursday 15th of July.

The next Friendship Day will be on Thursday 19th August, we hope you can all make it.

God Bless Maxine Sela

Position Vacant – Sacramental Coordinator for Children - Bracken Ridge

Applications are open for a position at the Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish. A person with sacramental & liturgical knowledge is required for a casual position of Sacramental Coordinator for children, working only during school terms.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website [https:- brisbanecatholic.org.au/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/) and then go to "careers." Applications close 22nd July 2021.

JOBS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE -

POSITION VACANT – Lutwyche Catholic Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Lutwyche Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a casual position of Administration Assistant Monday & Friday working 8.30am to 12.30pm, 4 hours each day.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>. Job closes 30 July 2021

Position Vacant – Youth Coordinator, Ipswich Catholic Community

Applications are open for a position at the Ipswich Catholic Community. A person who is able to evangelise young people by connecting them with the person of Christ and the Church through involvement in the Parish community is required for a part time position of Youth Coordinator for 20 hours per week. Weekend and evening work will be required.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Closes July 30.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OPPOSITION TO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING LAW

“Legislation to allow access to voluntary assisted dying in Queensland was introduced in Parliament on the 25 May,- the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 – this is to be scrutinised by the parliamentary Health and Environment Committee, and is to go through further public consultation. The parliamentary Health and Environment Committee has only a short time now to undertake scrutiny of the Bill and members of the public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide submissions. Submissions can be sent through via the following government page. [Click Here](#) - Also please see the excellent resources and information on this important topic here - [Catholic church resources on Euthanasia](#)
Also, A Call to Action against Voluntary Assisted Dying - [anti-VAD](#)

A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL WITHIN OUR PARISH - Star of the Sea - Merrimac



Starts 2022

Initially Prep to Year 3, and then extending

[Website: Star Of The Sea Merrimac](#)

[Facebook Page: Star of the Sea](#)

PLEASE PRAY - IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Peter Cotton, Bobby Courtney, Lisa Mangan, Doreen Slater, Christina Hendriksen, Diane Land, Robyn Skein, Sharyn Lucas, Kye Oh, Irene Carney, Michael James, Bill Gilmore, Olga Hamshari, Roy Ferraro, Margaret Haerse, Rosalind Lee, Milka Barac, Mary Ashton, Kurt Hillesheim, Bill Goodrem, Rodney & Norma McLennan, Lois & Doug Wood, Duncan Dawson, Sam Maxwell, William Franklin, Gerry Stoffels (Capetown, SA), Maria Mihalic, Annie Scicluna, Anne Logan, Dymphna Hogg, Elaine Cotter, Margaret & Louise Thompson, Patricia Moor, Helen Bohringer, Peter O'Brien, Angela Duvnjak, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Rosslyn Wallis, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr. **And all suffering from Covid-19.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jill Cecelia O'Brien, Maureen Patricia O'Connor, George Higgs, Greg Sharah, Dave Binder USA, Grace Cooper UK, Leah Maher, Bill Wall, Jill Masters, Adam Minisini, Anthony Bennett, Bernard David, Anna Marmina, Joe Gellatly, Felicitas Robbins, John Lenahan, Don Cope, Mary Johnston, Rodolfo Miguel Mengido, Lynette Lesley Larking, Patricia Tansey, Paul Conmy, Kathleen Hare, Marie Van Twest, Barry Moore.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Thomas Hirst, Alan Krushka, Christopher Cassels, Elizabeth Anne Fredericks, Noel Smith, Eftim Orloff, Ronald Donovan, Rita Steptoe, Peter Butler, Rita Smith, Irene Cappellazzo, Alan Clark Krushka, Sharon Patricia Pak, Tom and Lucy Yule, Leo Francis Nugent, Fay Theresa Kassulke, John Ennis Ashby, Patrick (Pat) Boyle, Mal Condon, Shirley Roche, Gemma Carmel Bingham, William Sammut.

LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources.

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/>

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

FIRST READING: Jer 23: 1-6

Ps: Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

SECOND READING: Eph 2: 13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 10: 27): Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34

Commitment To Child And Vulnerable Adult Safety

"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.

Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Peoples of this country, and especially acknowledge the traditional owners on whose lands we live and work throughout the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. And here in this parish of Surfers Paradise, we particularly acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kombumerri clan of the Yugambeh people of the Gold Coast. We also acknowledge Elders, past and present and pay tribute to those who have contributed to the social, economic, cultural, political and spiritual life of our community. This acknowledgement affirms our commitment to social justice and the importance of healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.