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**SURFERS PARADISE  
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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

Readings for Sunday, October 24, 2021 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

FIRST READING: Jer 31: 7-9

Ps: Ps 126: 1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

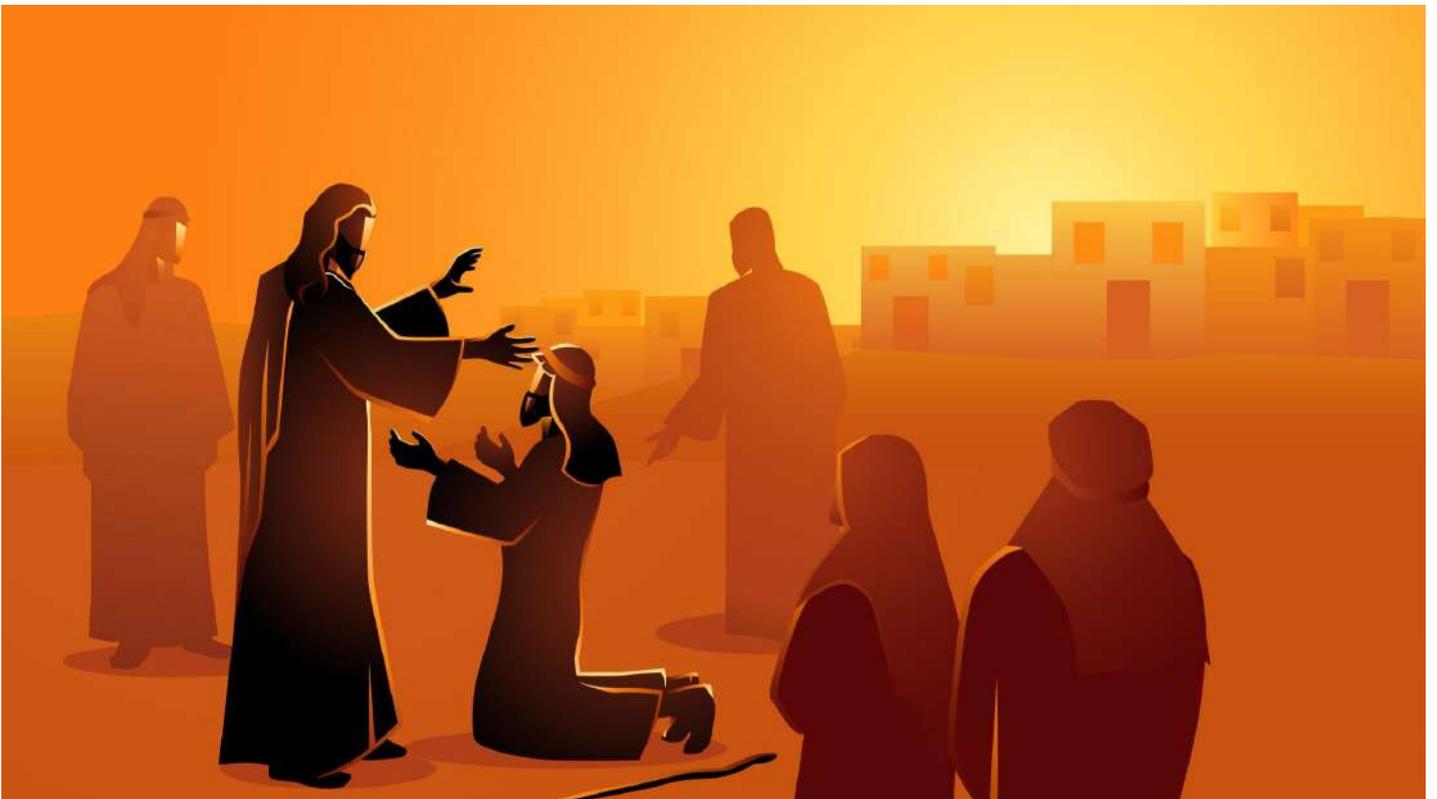
SECOND READING: Heb 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: (cf. 2 Tim 1: 10) Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death. And brought us life through his gospel.

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52

**“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.”**

(Mark 10: 51)



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## PASTOR'S POST:

### What Language Does Violence Speak?

I know that it is a frightening thought, but I wonder if we are getting too used to terrorist attacks and therefore somewhat immune to the insidious way that they are changing the way of life of every person on the planet. The murder of the British MP Sir David Amess and the death of six people in Norway and the bombing in Afghanistan resulting in over 45 deaths in just one week, reminded me yet again that the pandemic is not the only enemy we live with every day. Perhaps I have forgotten, but I certainly don't remember hearing of such atrocities when I was a youngster, or if they did happen, it was something so rare that we experienced it as an aberration, not a regular occurrence.

The usual tendency, when we can't make sense of something, is to put it in the "too hard basket" or claim that it has nothing to do with us, and just hope that we can stay unconnected. The end product of this approach is that we eventually isolate ourselves from everyone; we get suspicious of people and their differing lifestyles and we will disengage from society and barricade ourselves from human interaction. I can't help wondering if this is the way human life will finally disintegrate, with people hiding from each other. Cowering in fear from some unknown and unseen force or attack.

While this may seem extreme and maudlin, it must certainly be a consideration for the people of London and Norway over the past week, grappling with "Why us?" and "What for?" If terrorists are trying to deliver a message to the world I, like most people, do not understand the language they are using to send the message. I do not understand or accept that there is any cause so dire or passionate that their depth of concern can only be expressed in the language of death.

Perhaps these heinous acts are more offensive in a world that seems to be trying so hard to deliver a message that peace and the promotion of life and its rich potential is finally becoming a message understood by the world's richer nations in relation to the poorer countries of the world. How ironic that the very time that the world's leaders will meet in Glasgow to debate about how we might slow down global warming and prepare to reduce our use of fossil fuels, that we are yet to discover how to eradicate hostilities and acts of terror being carried out in nearly every country in the world by people who believe their cause is more important than human life.

Of course it is a very complex issue that will take generations to understand and hopefully solve, but in the meantime it has a pandemic effect sending its tendrils throughout the world, creating disharmony and mistrust. Never has faith in a loving God been more relevant in an uncomfortable world.

If we learn nothing else from these incomprehensible tragedies it should be that revenge is only understood by the perpetrator, never the victim, that violence is not a language that civilised people speak, and that evil will always win when people who value peace and life fail to act.

**Fr Peter Dillon. PP**

**We congratulate the Roberts, Riley and Routledge families, whose children Gus James, Oliver Charles and Madeline Myca will be baptised in our Parish this weekend. Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.**

## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – October 24, 2021**

**For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD**  
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

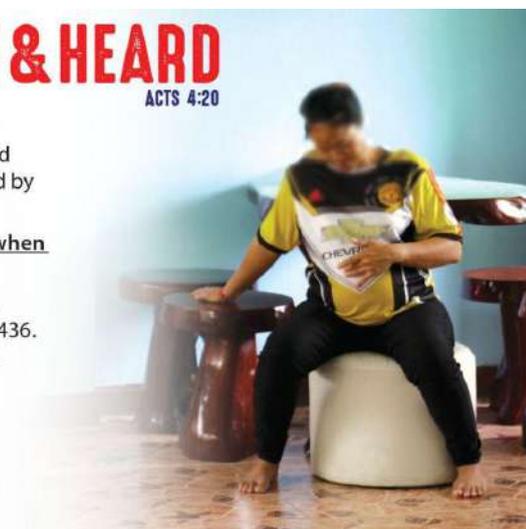
**Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)



## MASS TIMES: SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

ALL SAINTS DAY SOLEMNITY - Monday 1st November 2021 - 9 am Sacred Heart Church  
ALL SOULS DAY SOLEMNITY - Tuesday 2nd November 2021 - 9 am Sacred Heart Church

**Sacred Heart**  
350 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**  
+ (Maronite Mass 6:30 pm, Saturday Night).  
\*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9 am (Next: 6th November)  
**Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm**  
+ (Polish Mass 12:30 pm Sunday)  
+ (Italian Mass 4 pm Sunday)  
**Weekday Masses - Monday - Friday weekday Mass - 9 am**

**St Vincent's**  
150 max capacity

**Sunday - 8 am & 10 am**  
+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)  
Extra parking is available only metres from St Vincent's Church, King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road

**Stella Maris**  
150 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**  
**Sunday - 7 am**

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 1 person per 2 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 are required to scan the [Check-In Qld app](#), which will register you as attending that mass time.

Please show our volunteers at the door your  before entering the church. Ask for assistance if you require help getting the App on your phone. If you are not able to get the App (your phone is too old /not compatible /you don't have a mobile), only then are you required to write down your name and contact number. **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.

**Hispanic (Latino American) Mass:** Fr. Syrilus Madin

5 pm Mass 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month - St Vincent's Catholic Church, Surfers Paradise.

Gold Coast Contact: Juan Arrieta 0406 705 349

**Polish Mass:** Fr Grzegorz Gawel SChr (Bowen Hills 3252 2200)

12.30 pm Mass Sunday Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

Gold Coast Contact: George Syrek 0411 302 802

**Italian Mass:** Fr Angelo Cagna 0423648736

4 pm Mass Sunday Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

Gold Coast Contact: Connie Canale 5575 8882

**Maronite Mass:** Fr Fadi Salame 0421 790 996

6.30 pm Saturday Vigil, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

## HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY

Congratulations Peter O'Donnell on reaching the great milestone of 80 years and your next score will be 100; a century. Photo of Peter and his lovely wife Petra on his 80th birthday on October 20.



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – October 24, 2021



World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated this weekend, **October 24** this year. This collection on the next-to-last Sunday in October is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of more than one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

This year's theme for World Mission Sunday is "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Every parish in the world can participate, united in this special Eucharistic celebration. Every parishioner is a missionary, sharing our love for Christ's Gospel with one another, supporting the Church most in need.

**Envelopes will be placed on the pews this weekend**

### A WORD FROM A MISSIONARY IN THE FIELD

(with thanks to parishioner, Gerard Denaro for this article)



Peace and Blessings. Please find, linked here, a separate document which is the "story" about my call.

[DOCUMENT OF GERARD CONLAN OMI VOCATION](#)

I was also a school chaplain at Iona College, Wynnum, 2006 –2008.

[A good summary here of my Oblate life](#)

Challenges are now in helping young people suffering unemployment, school fees and losing hope. We also work in women's prisons – always lots of need, especially when they leave and try to start again.

I just saw this when I googled my name... ha, ha:

[White-Collar Heros: The Journey Never Ends \(Blog\)](#)

[Facebook: Fr Gerry Conlan and the Nairobi Youth Group](#)

Anyone wanting to donate to the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate can visit here:

<https://omi.com.au/mami>

(this is additional to the official Catholic mission appeal)

Blessings, Gerard Conlan OMI

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Box 1542-00502, Karen, Nairobi, KENYA, [www.oblates.com.au](http://www.oblates.com.au)

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

***"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)***

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

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



# “Come and See” Night

## Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 6 pm

### Sacred Heart Church

**You are invited** – see what we have planned for our Parish this year. We already have a number of people who are enquiring into the Catholic Church – seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. So, **everyone** is welcome to COME & SEE:

- Those who are enquiring into the Catholic Church and have not been Baptised
- Those who are enquiring into the Catholic Church and have been Baptised into another tradition but are now seeking to be “Received” into the Catholic Church
- Those Catholics who have been away from the Church as a result of a hurt, in whatever form, that you have been carrying for some time and are looking to make those first tentative steps back
- Those who have already been through the RCIA process themselves and now would like to share with us the gift of your experience and your journey
- Those Catholics who are wanting to know more about their faith and to renew or refresh their relationship with Jesus
- Those who know everything but want to be a part of your Parish faith community supporting others who have not been as fortunate as you
- Those who have been a Catholic from birth and need a refresher, even if you don’t know it

RCIA is about nurturing our candidates in a Parish Community, inspiring them to seek a deeper relationship and understanding of having Jesus Christ in their lives. So, it is important that as a Parish we WELCOME them, WALK with them and BE AN EXAMPLE of what it is like to be a CHRIST-centred PARISH/CHURCH. They cannot find out about our Church unless we become a part of their journey – not just a few of us but in great numbers, please. We need you and others to come, to share your faith journey, to share your thoughts and in the meantime have a great time together – meet new people and people you already know.

We are offering film series for the whole parish – this will involve our candidates for the RCIA Process. We will commence with our “Come and See” Night where all have the opportunity to come along and be informed about what will be happening.

Over the course of our Journey to Easter we are offering:

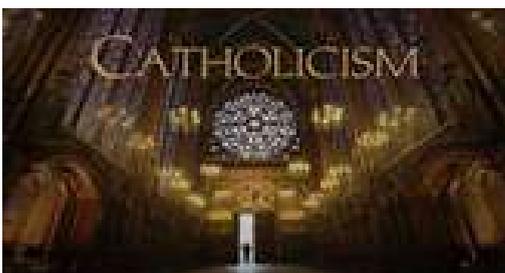


#### PRAYER & MEDITATION

**THE MASS SERIES** by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

**THE CATHOLICISM SERIES**, by Bishop Robert Barron

#### HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT



#### FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT

Please pray for all those enquiring and for ourselves in these difficult times

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Kurt Hillesheim, Kent Vince, Carmelita Dulu, Judy Alexander, Mathew Duran, Sr Mary Teresa (NZ- sister of Caroline Moulden), John Davis, 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, Bill Goodrem, Rodney & Norma McLennan, Lois & Doug Wood, Duncan Dawson, Sam Maxwell, William Franklin, Maria Mihalic, Annie Scicluna, Anne Logan, Dymphna Hogg, 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 & Denise Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr. **And all suffering from Covid-19 and its effects.**

**Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Andrew Kennedy, 57 years of age, who died last Tuesday in a tragic boating accident in Rockhampton. Andrew is the brother of Chris Kennedy who is a parishioner here. May Andrew rest in peace and may his family and friends receive peace and consolation.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Andrew Kennedy, Mona Cooke, Keiran John Ryan, Marta Goran, Betty Leighton (Sydney), Antonio Cruz, Clara Yepes, Donna Farkas, Yvonne McMahon, Robyn Colhoun, Thomas Ward, Brian Cole.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Eammon Sherrard, Mary Frances (Billie) Mullahy, Shirley O'Brien, Vincent Netting, Gaetana Cutayar, John Aloysius Kelly, Ryan Andrew Hogan, Betty Nielsen, Jesuraya Yema Nadar, Robert James Duncan, Alicja Paciej, Urbana Villagomez, Mary Wylie, Andrew Keith French, Wong Oh Goun, Ng Ah Chin, Shirley McEvoy, Kevin James Hilliard, Dr Raymond Arthur Miles, Myrene Rose Bartlett, Mary Margaret Holden, Mello Scharenguivel, Helen Wood, Varkey Padayallil, Shane Desira.

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## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH - Don't be afraid of the dark

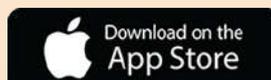
The dark night of the soul, a term coined by Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross describes a period on the spiritual journey when one feels distant from God and suffers physical and emotional pain. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a close friend of John's, actually felt like she was going mad as she pursued the contemplative life. But then, in 1567, while gazing at a statue of Jesus, she felt an ecstasy beyond description as she reached "union with God." Teresa wrote much about her interior life, and she encouraged others to experience the "great gifts that come through abandoning everything to God and dying to oneself." Pray for the patience and humility to stay the spiritual course.

"Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light." - Luke 12:1-7

**SIGN UP FOR "TAKE FIVE" DAILY - [www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe](http://www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe)**

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your support is needed to help our Parish continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish, you can give via [here](#).



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](mailto:man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au). To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 5572 5433 (9 am–12 pm Mon-Fri).

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### *Confirmation October 15, 2021*

Thank you to Fr Peter, Fr Paul and all the children and their families who ensured that our celebration of confirmation was a reverent and joy-filled experience.

May these children and all those confirmed in Surfers Paradise Parish in 2021 be moved by the Holy Spirit to change the face of the earth.

May their faith be nourished and emboldened.

May they guide us, their fellow parishioners, so that our parish community reaches out into the world - Living and sharing the joy of our faith with its message of love and forgiveness for all.



### **BAPTISM in Surfers Paradise**

Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Surfers Paradise Parish follows the policies of the Archdiocese of Brisbane as it welcomes each person into the family of the Church through the waters of Baptism.

Infants and children are baptised at the request of parents. Within the Baptism ritual, parents promise to accept the responsibility of training their children in the practice of the faith and to raise their children to understand and live God's commandments. Parents can request baptism for their child by filling out an enrolment form, available on our parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) Once the online baptism form has been received, the Parish Office will provide details for preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism and confirm the online booking.

### **Children's Sacramental Dates for Surfers Paradise Parish 2022**

#### **Sacrament of PENANCE - Reconciliation 2022**

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Reconciliation follows the Sacraments of Initiation. That is, Reconciliation, also known as Penance, follows Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The Surfers Paradise Sacramental Team is preparing a program similar in style to the Confirmation and First Communion *At Home Preparation* Programs. There will be one compulsory meeting for Preparation for Reconciliation. It will be held on **either February 21, 2022, or February 22, 2022** (Parents can choose to attend one of these meetings but do not need to attend both.) **The First Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on March 31, 2022.**

## Sacrament of EUCHARIST - First Communion 2022

Children who have been baptised and confirmed and are in Year 4 or greater in 2022 are invited to prepare to receive their First Communion. If parents have previously completed an online application for enrolment in the Surfers Paradise Sacramental Program, they do not need to complete a new online form to continue.

**The Parent Meeting for First Communion Preparation will be held on April 26 or April 27, 2022**

(Parents can choose to attend one of these meetings but do not need to attend both.) **First Communion will be celebrated on June 12 at 11:00 am and June 19 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church** (Children will be included in one of these celebrations, not both.)

## Sacrament of CONFIRMATION 2022

We are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Term 3 of the 2022 school year. We will include dates for Parent meetings and the celebration of the sacrament once we have dates approved by the Archbishop's Office.

For your child to be included in next year's preparation for the Confirmation group, please go to the parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) and complete an online enrolment application. Please use the drop-down menu under Sacraments and click on **Confirmation** (under Sacraments). Then scroll down to and click on CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (in the blue box). Once you click on SUBMIT, you will receive an automated response so that you know that your completed application has been received. Next year, you will receive a personal email a couple of months prior to the next preparation group starting. Keep checking the weekly newsletter for updates.

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## The Parish Library 2021 - Are you called to help in the library?

We are in need of volunteers to man the library before and after mass during the weekends. If you are called to help in the library, we shall appreciate it if you can contact Esta Mostert by texting / WhatsApp her on +61 410542427 or email her: [esta@mostertfamily.com](mailto:esta@mostertfamily.com)

Please text your name, WhatsApp or phone number and/or your email address to her as well as the times that you will be available. Alternatively, write your name on the Library Volunteer list at the back of the church. ***Ezekiel 2:9 Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it.*** Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Books>

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## THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND

Here is a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus. He simply will NOT be silenced. He calls out for help even when well-meaning (but wrong-footed) people tell him to be silent. He persistently cries to Jesus for help, because he KNOWS that Jesus is the Messiah. He also KNOWS that Jesus can help him.

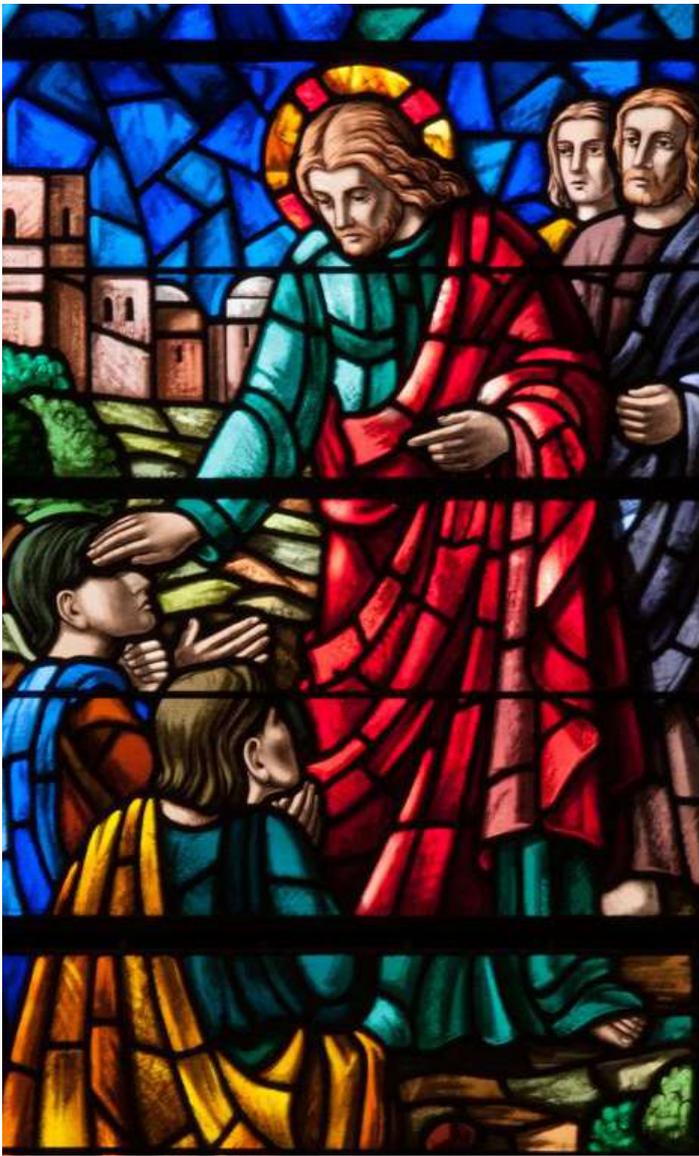
I can't help wondering if Bartimaeus is not the inspiration for Jesus' parable of the persistent neighbour. He keeps knocking and keeps calling out until he gets what he needs. As Jesus said in that parable, other people would have given the persistent neighbour what they needed just because they wanted him to stop irritating them and to give them peace. So, how much more can we expect God to turn a real listening ear, a sympathetic ear to people who cry out in their need! Naturally, God is very much concerned with our welfare and with what we need.

God doesn't answer us merely to shut us up but out of the deepest care and compassion.

The Gospel passage also says that Bartimaeus does something very powerful: He 'throws off his cloak' (the cloak of a beggar was like a "badge" of a beggar), and goes to Jesus. He is already showing that he KNOWS he is not going back to his old life and doesn't want to. Jesus asks him "what do you want me to do for you?"

Jesus asks all of us, "What do you want from me? Think about what you are really asking of me. What do you really want? What do you really NEED?"

Naturally, Bartimaeus is asking for his sight back. But Jesus is asking him a deeper question: "Do you realize the consequences of what you are asking? Do you understand what this request is going to lead you to receive?" For Bartimaeus, it will mean a completely new life. When he receives his sight, he will no longer be a beggar, and he will have to face a new life, a new vocation, and a new everything. This is both exciting and scary.



A true encounter with Jesus is always a joy and a challenge. Our encounter with Jesus, is a two-way dialogue; We speak to God of our needs and hopes and fears and God replies with a (silent) question: “what is it that you are really asking?” .... and “Are you prepared for the whole change of circumstances that goes with the encounter?”

Apparently, Bartimaeus is one of the few people Jesus cured who we are explicitly told in the text that he also went on to become one of his disciples. So, it is clear that as well as regaining his physical sight, Bartimaeus (equally importantly) has shown enormous clarity of spiritual insight, into who Jesus is and what following him means.

When Bartimaeus regained his sight and Jesus tells him "go your way" and beautifully, Bartimaeus' "way" is now to FOLLOW Jesus, because it says he follows him along "the way." He became a follower, a disciple. As he walks along following Jesus he will continue to gain NEW (spiritual) sight and knowledge. In another sense, we all gain new sight as we cast off the “cloak” of old ways and old excuses and faithfully walk along with the new ways of Jesus.

We are like Bartimaeus, asking Jesus to show us and teach us deeper ways to combine mercy and justice, faithfulness to his teaching and loving compassion for those who have stumbled and are searching for answers.

As we walk along the road of God’s mercy, let us explore and celebrate the richness of God’s mercy and love. Like Bartimaeus let us continue to see with the eyes of faith

and love, and follow the Lord along with the exciting ways of the newness of sight.

We need to be very careful about spiritual blindness. It can be a very subtle thing. We must all be on our guard against spiritual blindness and we would do best to suspect that we have aspects of Spiritual blindness in our lives and search for it and put any aspects of it before our Lord for the purpose of healing.

You and I may very well have glaring blindness to some aspects of Jesus’ explicit teachings and message.

How is it that we can hear the gospel and not always realise that this very gospel is ‘convicting’ us of precisely the qualities it lists? How is it that when we listen to gospels we do not realize that this message is directed at us and that we might also be the Pharisees and the critics or the hypocrites? Christ asks us to be open to this possibility. To ask ourselves constantly, do I do that? How do I do this? And not too quick to say, “ah that is not me, that is other people!” Are we sure??

Christ invites us to be transformed.... If we ask the Lord to free us from spiritual blindness, the Lord will do it, and show us the contradictions. if we know what it is we are asking for.... And what it means for us....it is worth sitting in some discomfort as the Lord searches and reveals the flaws.

TO what extent are we capable of being blind to the challenging message and vision of Jesus? In what ways do we “listen and listen and yet ‘not hear’”? In what ways do we look and look and not see.....??

Lord, show us the light.... Help us to see... and to trust in your challenging, but healing word.

**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>.** (Source: Fr Paul Kelly,)

(Image Credit: Shutterstock ID: 742622632 -LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ - October 25, 2017: Stained glass window depicting Jesus Christ curing a blind man. By Nancy Bauer)

## ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY

**NEXT SESSION - SUNDAY MORNING 24th October 2021**

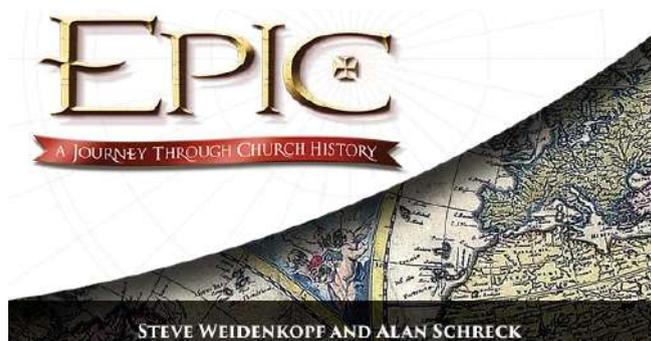
**10 AM TO 11:30 AM IN THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE OR ON ZOOM**

**If you want to connect from your home, we can assist you in joining (ring 0409 486 326)**

**If you are already familiar with Zoom, access to the ZOOM Meeting is ID 743 836 7833**

This exciting 20-part (20 hours) DVD series takes you **through** the major people, places and events that make up the **history of the Catholic Church**.

You will see the glory **of the Church** founded by Christ and understand where you fit into this **Epic** story.



You will study:

- ★ The major people, places, and events of the past two thousand years in Church history.
- ★ Learn twelve time periods of Church history
- ★ Grasp the true story of the Crusades
- ★ Recognise the rationale for the medieval inquisitors and the Spanish inquisition
- ★ See the revolutionary character of the Protestant Reformation
- ★ Understand the real story of the confrontation between Galileo and the Church
- ★ Discover the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century
- ★ Discern the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout Church history

**FOR YOUNG AND NOT SO YOUNG AND IN-BETWEEN**

## POPE FRANCIS: Pope Francis' Secret To Happiness



In an interview published in the Argentine weekly "Viva" July 27, the pope listed his

### **Top 10 tips for bringing greater joy to one's life:**

1. "Live and let live." Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."

2. "Be giving of yourself to others." People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. "Proceed calmly" in life. The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist -- gaucho Don Segundo Sombra -- looks back on how he lived his life.

"He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool" of water, the pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water -- to have "the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life."

4. "A healthy sense of leisure." The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children have been lost, he said. "Consumerism has brought us anxiety" and stress, causing people to lose a "healthy culture of leisure." Their time is "swallowed up" so people can't share it with anyone.

Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children; work schedules make it "complicated, but you must do it," he said.

Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime "doesn't let you communicate" with each other, the pope said.

5. Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because "Sunday is for family," he said.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people. "We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs" and be more vulnerable to suicide, he said. "It's not enough to give them food," he said. "Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home" from one's own labour.
7. Respect and take care of nature. Environmental degradation "is one of the biggest challenges we have," he said. "I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"
8. Stop being negative. "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, 'I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down,'" the pope said. "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."
9. Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs. "We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes: 'I am talking with you in order to persuade you,' No. Each person dialogues, starting with his and her own identity. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing," the pope said.
10. Work for peace. "We are living in a time of many wars," he said, and "the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive" and dynamic.

(source: <https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/news/pope-francis-secret-happiness>) (Image -Cns source above )

## INSPIRING QUOTES:

### Wisdom from St John of Capistrano (1386-1456)

- "Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness that comes from a good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life. They must learn from the eminent teacher, Jesus Christ. . "You are the light of the world" (see Matthew 5:14). Now light does not illumine itself but instead, it diffuses its rays and shines all around upon everything that comes into its view."

### Wisdom of St Jude

- "Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. (Jude 1:1-2)
- "But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. (Jude 1:20-21).

### Wisdom of St James

- "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given him. (James, son of Zebedee).
- "Of what benefit is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but he does not have works? That faith cannot save him, can it? If a brother or a sister is lacking clothing and enough food for the day, yet one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but you do not give them what they need for their body, of what benefit is it? So, too, faith by itself, without works, is dead." — James, son of Zebedee.
- "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." — James, son of Zebedee James 3:17-18
- "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." — James, son of Zebedee

## NOTICES AND MESSAGES

### SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

Christmas is just around the corner. The Parish has just received the latest Christmas catalogue for you to peruse. If you would like a copy, text/ring Pat 0404 805 819 or email her at [svcoordinator40@gmail.com](mailto:svcoordinator40@gmail.com) and a copy can be emailed to you.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - Marian Valley

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady Of Fatima on 13.11.2021. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am sharp at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus is \$22.00 return and please BYO lunch. You can secure your seat with the contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573, Zenaida on 0447 004 344 or 5526 6895. All are welcome.

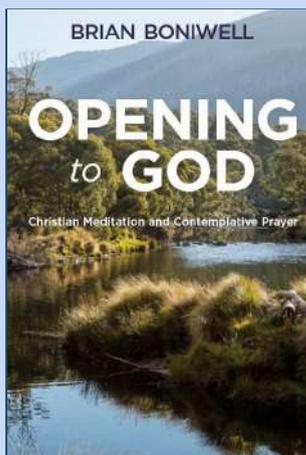
### WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKENDS: 12-14TH DECEMBER 2021 OR 14-16TH JANUARY 2022

Theme: The Tree of Life: (Reflections on St Bonaventure's Lignum Vitae)

A Quiet Weekend with the opportunity to explore the God who comes close and do as St Bonaventure did: fall in love with God over and over again. Come and experience a time of guided prayerful reflection.

Place: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

To register or enquire contact: [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283



### E-BOOK BY BRIAN BONIWELL

**“Opening to God: Christian Meditation and Contemplative Prayer.”**

One of our parishioners, and well-known composer, Brian Boniwell has just had a new book published by Willow Communications.

Willow Publishing has just released an eBook for Brian entitled “Opening to God: Christian Meditation and Contemplative Prayer.”

It is available for download from the [Willow website](#).

### JOBS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Position Vacant – Parish Secretary - Sunnybank parish**

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills is required for a part-time

position of Parish Secretary working 30 hours a week. For additional information, please [click here](#).

Applications close 29 October 2021

### 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

### ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL 50TH YEAR REUNION

The “Class of 1971” and anyone who shared the journey, are invited to attend our 50th Year Reunion Gathering at Cloudland, 641 Ann Street, on Saturday the 30th October 2021 at 1 pm.

**BOOKINGS:** [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ahs-class-of-71-reunion-tickets-166265242817](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ahs-class-of-71-reunion-tickets-166265242817)

It would be appreciated if you could forward this information to friends and family who may not have received an invitation, or may have a change of email. Please direct any enquiries to Anne Marie Troutman on 0408495094 or [amtrout@bigpond.net.au](mailto:amtrout@bigpond.net.au)

## EXERCISE CLASS - LOW IMPACT FOR HEART HEALTH

Spring has sprung! Join Rochelle for a fun functional exercise class at Casey Hall. Low impact cardiovascular exercises for heart health, improve strength and balance- an all-around fitness class for over 65's. Stretch and strengthen the whole body, make new friends and feel great. Tuesday mornings @9.30 Beginners welcome. Contact Rochelle for further information on 0438 333 308.

## 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 10:45 am. 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 10.30 am to prepare adequately for class). For more information, call Ruth on 0421338110.

## ART AND CRAFT GROUP



The Group meets in the Parish Hospitality Centre on Wednesdays, from 9 to 12. Activities include art, (watercolour, oils, acrylics, pen and ink drawing etc), as well as various kinds of Craftwork (Knitting, Embroidery, Crocheting, Cardmaking, Sewing etc.), making Rosary Beads (later sent to the missions), and any other activities that individuals may 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, phone John 0412 759205, or the Parish Office.

## STARTING NEXT YEAR - NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL WITHIN OUR PARISH

**Star of the Sea - Merrimac**

*Starts 2022*

*Initially Prep to Year 3, and then extend*

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

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

## 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 Sunday, October 31, 2021 - Thirty-first Sunday. Year B**

**FIRST READING:** Deut 6: 2-6

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

**SECOND READING:** Heb 7: 23-28

**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:** Mark 12: 28b-34

### **Acknowledgement of Country - This is Kombumerri Country - The Traditional Custodians of this region.**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First People of this country. We pay our respects to the Kombumerri people, who are the traditional custodians of the land, waterways and seas upon which we live, work and socialise throughout this Catholic Parish of Surfers Paradise. We acknowledge Elders, past and present and emerging, as they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of our Indigenous people. We pay tribute to those who have contributed in many ways to the life of the community. We affirm our commitment to justice, healing, and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.*

### **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. For more information and resources on Safeguarding our community, please see: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>*