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25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Year B

18th/19th September 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends in Christ,

I hope this finds everyone well, hearty and safe? Following the public announcements of my news last week, I have been overwhelmed by the number of messages that I have received. I just want to use this medium to let you all know that **I love you all**, and I count myself really blessed and privileged to have served and ministered with and to you all in the last four years. So **thank you to you all!** If I have not replied to your message, please don't take it personal. I am not ignoring you. It is simply that I have been receiving a lot of them and find it hard to keep up at times. You guys are the best! You have given me more than I will ever give you! The awesomeness of this time is one of the major things that will make the move really hard and difficult. As most of you hinted in your messages, at least we have the next couple of weeks/months to work through it and prepare for the transition. As I emphasised last week, we are not done yet nor are we tapping out yet. We still have a lot of work to do and I am sure we will still continue to support each other as we continue to move our parishes forward. The greatest gift you can give to me at this time of transition is to continue to pray for me (as I have been well assured by a lot of people). We will have time to appreciate God and each other in the near future.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be going away with our newly formed **Parish Leadership Team** for a bit of formation and to create a joint vision statement for our parishes. This hopefully will lead them to structuring a strategic plan with the new pastor when he arrives early next year. This statement will obviously come from a collective listening to the needs of our communities and a reflection on a sustainable future (bearing in mind what our

mission as 'church' is). We will hopefully be led on this journey by the Parish Leadership Support Team from Evangelisation Brisbane. We all know who our representatives are. Feel free to contact them (or me) with any ideas you may have. The listening forums that we had not long ago across our communities will be a great resource too. Once we know who our new pastor is, I will communicate to you. Keep this in your prayers please!

Our Campus Minister from St Mary's College (Megan Schick) and I are looking forward to accompanying about 20 young people to Brisbane next week for the 2021 **Ignite Youth Conference**. We always look forward to these special moments where our young people get to explore their identity and faith with their peers from across the Archdiocese at their level. We will be away for the whole week (which is why there are no weekday masses). We hope to give them sometime on the Sunshine Coast and a day at Aussie World. Please keep us all in your prayers that everything will go to plan (corona staying away) and most importantly that it is a transformational experience for all involved.

A couple of weeks ago, we mentioned our desire to organise something for the men of our parishes to mark the Year of St Joseph. After reflection and consultation around, that desire is developing into something concrete. So can we please ask all the men from all our communities to 'pencil' into their diaries 22nd October 2021 as the day we will be going for a **Men's overnight Camp (or 'glamping')**. Details on this to come soon. To help with our planning, can we get those interested to attend to let the Parish office know ASAP. This will be a casual but special quality time with each other (which doesn't happen often). Finally, we wish all our school children/families (and staff) a happy and safe holidays. *Blessings, Fr Chukwudi*

MASS / LITURGY TIMES - 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 23th September	Kumbia	5.30pm (Liturgy)
Friday 24th September	Kingaroy	9am (Liturgy)
	Nanango	12pm (Liturgy)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday 24th September,	Cooyar (Mass)
Saturday 25th September,	Kumbia 6pm (Liturgy)
Sunday 26th September,	Nanango 8am (Mass)
	Kingaroy 10am (Mass)
	Kingaroy 5pm (Mass)

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*
Second Reading: *James 3:16 – 4:3*
Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!



Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

Our Parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we stand, the Wakka Wakka people and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries: Mark Moran, James Hodge, Daniel (Dan) Alexander, Raymond Gunston, Annie Fomiatti, Christiane Grandclement, Robert Havell

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish

Pat Langan, Aileen Langan, Amelia Cole, Lorraine Ryan, Maureen Mangan, Patricia Moucka, Pauline Giles, Joan Cronin, Norma Rees, Helen Cronin, Eileen Kelly

St Mary's Parish

Violet Box, Pam Sokoll, Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Maureen Taylor, Kevin McArdle, Sylvia McArdle, Nick Groer, Michael Carroll, Teresa O'Sullivan.



Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Catholic providers were in on the ground with health care in Queensland. Think of the Mercy Sisters founding the Mater when Brisbane was a small town. Since then Catholic providers have worked well with successive governments to the great benefit of all Queenslanders. Catholic hospitals have always been for everyone. My fear is that the new VAD legislation will jeopardise that good relationship, which wouldn't be in the interests of Queensland. We tried to offer the government ways of meeting our concerns, but in the end they said no. They claimed that our concerns would be addressed in guidelines, but the one page that has appeared offers not guidelines but only vague hints of what guidelines might say. It's all puzzling and troubling. We're in new territory in more ways than one.

Annual Catholic Campaign Thank You from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your recent support of the [Annual Catholic Campaign](#) is already impacting local people and communities. It's been a tough year for so many, and your gift has already been put to work to help those who need it most. Because of you, we can be there to lend a helping hand and to continue serving the Gospel through our service to others. Thank you for blessing others through your gift.

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COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2022 - \$11.00 (GST inc)



The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. It is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. **2022 marks the 100th edition.** Please advise the Parish office on 07 4162 5121 to place your order as soon as possible.

The Majellan Morning Tea

The Majellan morning tea will be held at the home of Pat Zimmerman, 107 George St, Nanango on Tuesday, 21st September 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Come and have a cuppa and chat. All welcome.



CATHOLICISM SERIES IN KINGAROY: Experience the Catholic Faith as You've Never Seen It Before!

Over the past 2 weeks, we have been coming together to experience a film series that explores some of the deepest parts of our faith. It explores topics like; *The Revelation of God Become Man, The Teachings of Jesus, Mary the Mother of God, The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church among other interesting topics...* Bishop Barron goes through these topics in simple language.

These film series will continue at the **Kingaroy Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 6pm**. It will take the format of Alpha where people are encouraged to bring a plate to share. Then after eating together, the group will watch an episode of the video from Bishop Barron. After that, people will grab a cuppa, stretch and come back to chat on what stood out for them from the video either in small groups or one big group depending on how many people in attendance. It should go for 1.30hrs to 2hrs tops. So anyone/ everyone is invited to be part of this (regardless of your community or where you think you are in your spiritual life). *For more information on this, feel free to talk to Fr Chukwudi about it, or the parish office or the organisers (Karen and Mike Barrett and Paul Veivers).*



Fan the Flame
Towards Plenary Assembly
One October 2021



'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcome me;'

Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have and "instinct for the faith" which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris#133)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

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Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalised communities. Donate before 23 September, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

Double your donation today at www.caritas.org.au/matched or call 1800 024 413."

PARISH NEWSLETTER UPDATE - After due consideration, the electronic version of the newsletter through ePublisher will be discontinued. Parish newsletter will be distributed via paper form, flocknote or email. If you have not provided your email address or wish to update details, contact the Parish Office.

ALPHA PROGRAM - Continues on Wednesdays in Blackbutt, there will be **NO 9am THURSDAY MASS IN YARRAMAN** over the remaining 4 weeks. The program is being run at **Sacred Heart Church Hall Blackbutt** on Wednesdays from 10am. Every/anyone is invited to be part of this program. Come and explore your faith from its basics! It is fun!