

Readings for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

FIRST READING: Jer 17:5-8 : *A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

Ps 1:1-4 R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 *If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Lk 6:23)) Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 6:17,20-26 : *Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Weekly Diary : 14th January – 20th February 2022

Monday 14 th	: 8.00am.	Mass Memorial Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday 17 th	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 19 th	: 5.00pm.	: 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2
Sunday 20 th	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.	: 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

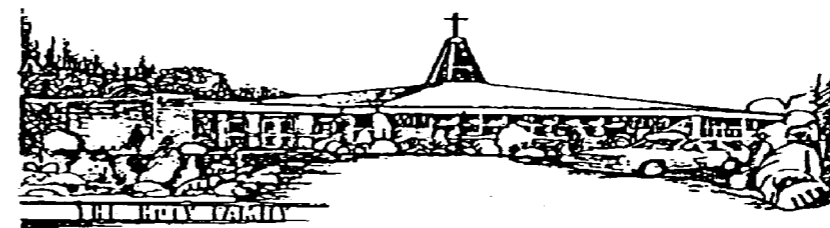
PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Thomas Powell, Peter John Smith, Joan Manning

ANNIVERSARIES: Jesus & Salustia Blasabas, Julie Victoria, Saneng David, Eulalia Vizon, Giuseppe Cini, Maurice Hanrahan, Mollie Dyer, Philip Egan

SICK LIST: Lavinia Azucena, Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Mary Carrick, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Gerard Bijoux, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, Ann Daly, Bernard Murphy, Marie Roberts, Romulo Salilig, Peter Pape, Beverly Holley, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2Sunday 13th February 2022

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Monday—Tuesday
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Wednesday-Thursday
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Reconciliation:
Please contact the Parish
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Baptisms
Every 2nd & 4th
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish
Office.

St Francis Xavier School:
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Runaway Bay Holy Family



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HELLO! From Fr Marty

*“Our greatest business in life
is not to see what lies dimly at a distance,
yet to do what clearly lies at hand.”*

Thomas Carlyle



We continue to welcome you back to church!!!

As you know, things are changing rapidly at the moment. You no longer need to QR code in. Yet we will still need to wear masks. That is not going to change in the immediate future. We just need to be patient with all these changes. And let's hope we get through all this in the next few months.

Now more than ever, we need to be people of faith. To stand strong and to embrace the uncertainty of this world. **Ash Wednesday is only two weeks away.** What are you considering to do for this Lenten season. We definitely need to do something to purify our soul for the Easter Season. So start to think about what you can do to prepare yourself for Lent. It is a beautiful time of the year to abstain and to draw more closely to God.

I want to continue to thank all the people who help out in the parish. It is very much appreciated.

Reflection on the Gospel



(Laurie Woods, 2022). Luke sets a scene of Jesus speaking in the open air to his followers and a large crowd. We get a glimpse here of another of Luke's Semitic exaggerations as he describes the audience consisting of people from all parts of Judaea and even from Tyre and Sidon (Sidon to central Galilee is roughly 100 kms). Reading this Jewishly, we get the lively impact of Luke's hyperbolic language, not the accuracy of his geography.

Unlike Matthew, who lists eight beatitudes, Luke selects only four beatitudes and partners them with four corresponding woes. It is unfortunate that our translation uses the word 'happy' because these beatitudes are not about happiness. They refer to blessedness. People stand to be blessed if they are poor, which appears as a contradiction in the society of Jesus' day, because the rich are popularly seen as being blessed by God. Jesus is implicitly disputing the popular idea that God blesses good people with material prosperity. He insists that money has nothing to do with soundness of character. The corresponding woe expresses Jesus' train of thought.

The point of these beatitudes of Jesus, both those in Matthew and these ones in Luke, is that externals are not necessarily indicators of inner wholeness. Common opinion would have it that if a person is in sorrow or suffering poverty or physical illness or a mental condition they are being punished by God for their sins. Jesus clearly disagrees with this conclusion and realistically considers simply what is. Suffering is a fact of life, as are times of loss and sadness; having a disability is a fact of life, and so on for all the physical and mental trials we regularly endure. But they can also be times of learning and growth, even though we may hate learning and growing.

To interpret these beatitudes and woes we need to tap into their presuppositions. The point here is that Jesus is addressing his disciples as much as the crowd. These are the 'onside' people who are doing their best to live by the values Jesus is putting forward.

Jesus implies that poverty, hunger, suffering of any kind are not punishments for sin

For instance, there is nothing virtuous about being poor in itself but it is no

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reflection on the character of the person. Obviously there are good poor people and not so good poor people. But Jesus is reinforcing the reality that poverty, hunger, suffering of any kind are not punishments for sin. Neither are wealth, security and good health necessarily rewards for virtue. It is really pointless to cry out, 'Why is God doing this to me?' That's not how it is.

Tapping into the spirituality of the Hebrew Scriptures, we can appreciate how beatitudes in general are pronouncements of blessedness on those who are striving to live up to their commitment to the Lord. Following the way of Jesus Christ is the Christian's journey to ultimate blessedness.

It is important that we don't see beatitudes as merely aspirations. Some are and some are not. For instance, the following beatitudes present things to aspire to or strive for, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9); 'Blessed is the one who considers the helpless, the Lord will rescue him in hard times' (Psalm 41:1). Today's beatitudes, however, are not aspirational. We don't strive to be poor, hungry or sad, but we are still in God's favour if we are doing our best and yet still experience hardship, pain and even misery. These are beatitudes of encouragement to accept what is; to bear with courage and good spirit what comes our way, whether through our own fault or not.

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Tim Norton SVD

The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am.

Attendance is via ticketed seating only. A limited number of places will be available for online bookings from Tuesday 15th February to Friday 18th February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be made available on Tuesday 15th on the Cathedral website <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/>

Please do not call the Cathedral office to register – tickets will only be available through Eventbrite and will not be available before Tuesday 15 February.

If you are unable to attend you will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Please keep Bishop-elect Tim in your prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.