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VERITAS



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Mass Times
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
6:45am
Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm
Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest out of office hours
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm

Ps: 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

[He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!']

[Short Form: omit text in brackets.]

Liturgy Brisbane

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

A SPIRIT OF PRAYERFULNESS

THE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION



It seems the case today that the prayer of supplication or the prayer of petition is the **only** way some people pray 'Lord grant me this', or 'Lord grant me that'. Prayer for what we need is front and centre of our spiritual engagements, and there is some thing radically important then about this mode of prayer.

The Prayer of Supplication brings home to us, as it does with the prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving, our radical dependence on God. It is he from whom we come, by whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28) as Paul preached

Cont... in the Areopagus to the unbelieving Greeks.

However, we must first of all investigate whether the prayer of Supplication is necessary. If God knows all things why should we pray for them? A lot of time might be better used if we just said to God, give me what I want, or even better, give me what you [God] want. The Prayer of Supplication is one which, while seeking general, or perhaps more particular things, leaves us open to God's designs. I mean we do nonchalantly blurt out "thy will be done" when we speed through the Our Father, this phrase should be the clue to our prayer of Supplication.

The Prayer of Supplication is necessary for two reasons. First of all God wants us to ask for things. Jesus teaches us "ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be open to you" (Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9). God wants to hear from us despite his providential plans for us. Thus when we pray for something we unfold our thoughts, desires, wants, needs, hopes and dreams to God. It is in having confidence to bear our soul before God that we move into the second reason for the Prayer of Supplication, and that is, it disposes us to God's designs all the more and takes us to places we had never imagined. The prayer of Supplication makes us vulnerable to the divine.

A small analogy may be helpful here. I was at a talk once given by a priest who described his vocational journey. This man had had a brilliant academic career, he had been Dux of his school and had followed his passion for physics to the university. At university he engaged in the interesting discipline of Astrophysics and this allowed him to follow the movements of the celestial bodies. During his academic engagements his mother fell ill. The young man, out of love for his mother, began attending Mass each day, taking his prayer seriously and generally endeavoured to live a reasonable Christian life. In short the man's mother did not recover, in fact she got worse. Nevertheless, the man himself detected a change in his own life's direction, his passion had moved from the stars to the creator of those same stars, he felt a push to a vocation to the priesthood and followed that course, giving up his promising academic career and leaving up to God the fate of his dear mother.

What I am trying to illustrate from this story is that true petitionary prayer should merely humbly place before God what we need and leave it to his providence to resolve, the other thing is that our persevering prayer changes us, disposes us to the designs of God and grants unto us things we had never initially considered. All in all, the prayer of Supplication is an adventure and a radical demonstration that God will answer our prayer but not necessarily in the way we had designed.

On another point about the Prayer of Supplication is that we should never be ashamed to pray for what we want if it is indeed a genuine desire not a flippant one (Lord, grant that I may drive a Ferrari!!!)

An English Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe wrote, reflecting on the thoughts of another Dominican friar Victor White, that:

One reason why people found it difficult to pray was that they prayed for the wrong things. By this he (Victor White) did not mean that they prayed for merely material things instead of for spiritual things; on the contrary he meant practically the exact opposite. He meant that people pray for things they don't really want but have been told they want. You feel you ought to want the grace to be nice to your next door neighbor or you ought to want your mother-in-law to recover from her painful gumboil or you ought to want passionately an end of war..but as a matter of cold fact what you really want most of all is a short holiday...

But it would be selfish to pray for that, so you resolutely turn your mind to high-minded things. Fr Victor White maintained that what people call distractions in prayer are just their real wants and concerns breaking in on the bogus wants and concerns that we think are the only suitable ones for prayer. If you get 'distractions', he said, take a good look at those-whatever they are. When you are really praying for what you really want you won't be distracted-the prayers of people on sinking ships are rarely troubled by distractions, they know what they want. The prayer of petition (Supplication) is a matter of bringing ourselves, in the form of our wants and needs, into the presence of the Father. If we come before the Father not in our true selves but in a disguised respectable form pretending to be high-minded altruistic saints, then we will not make any contact at all. (H.McCabe OP, God Matters, (London: Continuum, 1987) pp 223-224.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

A strange feature of our time seems to be our capacity to operate with conflicting mindsets. On the one hand we demand scientific proof for truths before we will adopt them; we want empirical evidence to back up belief. On the other we are willing to entertain theories that appear fanciful and to accept marketing claims that have no basis in fact. Is there a wise way of discerning the truth so that we can live by it?

The parables that Jesus tells are neither scientific nor fanciful. They are stories that bear deep truths for those who engage with them imaginatively and who are prepared to make the choices they call for. Jesus invites us on a journey of discovery when he begins "the kingdom of heaven is like . . .". No parable offers a logical or comprehensive description of the kingdom, but neither are we led astray into a world of fantasy.

NATURE OF THE WORLD

Jesus and the Gospel are speaking very emphatically about the world in which we are living NOW. The Kingdom represents the kind of world that God, through Jesus, wants to see realised among us here on earth.

'The Kingdom is primarily an environment, it is a set of relationships, it is a situation where God's values prevail. And what are God's values? In practice, they are the deepest human values and aspirations as mirrored in the life of Jesus, who is himself the revelation of God to us in accessible human form. These values include truth, love, compassion, justice, a sense of solidarity with all other human beings, a sense of trust in other, a deep respect for the dignity of every other human person, a holistic concept of human growth and development.

'People who, individually and collectively, try to live these values belong, with Jesus, to the Kingdom of God. They are united with the rule of God in trying to build a world we would all like to see happen. It is very much something for the here and now. It is basically the vocation of the Church, and therefore the vocation of every parish community and of every member of that community.'

Excerpt from a commentary Fr Frank Doyle SJ

MARIAN PROCESSION

Marian procession for the Solemnity of the Assumption: starts St Brigid's 2pm Saturday 15 August with Rosary 1st decade then walk while praying rosary carrying statue of Our Lady, arrive Our Lady of Rosary Watson 3pm for Divine Mercy chaplet, Litany of Loreto and Benediction- conclude with cuppa in Watson parish centre around 3pm. All Welcome. Note: Social Distancing will be observed. Those who would like to provide something for the cuppa please contact Watson Parish Office 6248 5925 - Watson@cg.org.au.

GETTING THE MIX RIGHT

'Weeds have a habit of growing amidst any seed we've sown, no matter how well we've prepared the soil. They seem to be more robust than our plants; perversely, the weeds choke their growth. They are an unwanted, destructive nuisance. These agricultural parables are all variations on the theme of the sowing of the Word of God. Applying this to the Church here on earth it's only too obvious that it's a mixture of good and bad people. We know only too well that serious sinners can do great harm to good people, especially the young. Their behaviour can be a scandal, leading some to want nothing more to do with religion. While books, the media and information technology produce so much that is innocent and wholesome, they also purvey much that is unsavoury and damaging. Our present parable about the weeds raises the question as to how the Church should deal with these threats to the Good News taking root and growing.'

From a homily by Isidore Clarke OP http://torch.op.org/preaching_sermon

PROCLAIMING FAITH

Gardeners tell us that we have to be careful when pulling weeds. Some weeds look very much like the flowers and vegetables around them! Sometimes they have to be allowed to grow a little to be sure they are truly weeds! Also, gardeners must be careful not to pull up the good plants with the weeds, especially when they are growing close together. Name some weeds in your personal world. Then name some weeds in our country. Then name some weeds in the world in general. What is your attitude toward these weeds? What do you think might be Jesus' attitude toward them? How should we treat these weeds?

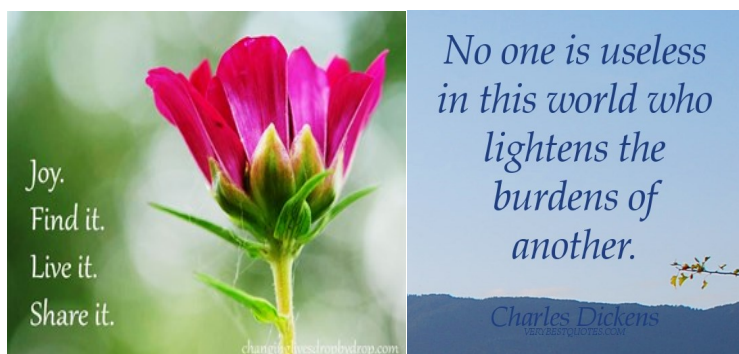
If you look carefully, you might find some "weeds" inside your own heart. What is Jesus' attitude toward them? How will you deal with them?

In the reading from Romans, Saint Paul reminds us to call on God for strength to live as his children. By joining our prayers together we grow even stronger.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



The St Vincent de Paul Conference socially distancing at its first meeting back following the lifting of restrictions. Client visitation continues to occur on a non-contact basis. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Tony Malone on 0431 542 531.



Joy.
Find it.
Live it.
Share it.

*No one is useless
in this world who
lightens the
burdens of
another.*

Charles Dickens

PARISH

MASS INTENTION - please email or phone the Parish Office

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office for information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

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In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Alexia Harris, Maria Martiniello, Greg O'Neill, Moya McGrath, Mary Martin, Barbara Wilson, Mary Bui, Anne Corver, Ursula Ramsay, Edith Jensen, Frank Zobec, Maureen Dawes, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Awny El-Ghitany, Rosa Maria Santos, Margaret Sullivan, Zelma McManus, Elizabeth Webster, Fr Joe McGeehan, Joe Schimizzi, Bob Hackett, Elsie Laughton, June Pollard, Paul Neddrie, Pamela Sandy, Beth Delos Santosmpietro, Maureen Blood, Barbara Parsonage

ADORATION



Would you like to spend some special time with our Lord?

Visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be held each Tuesday from 12 noon until 1:00pm in the Church.

NEW LITURGY ROSTER

The new roster has been emailed out to Acolytes and Readers. If you do not have an email your copy of the roster can be picked from the Sacristy. Please keep email addresses up to date by contacting the office - watson@cg.org.au

ROSTER 25 / 26 July		
Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	P. Tran	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	T. de Luca