

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9-11-13 *A reading from the first book of the Kings*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 9:1-5 *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Mt 14:22-33 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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Dear Friends in Christ

Reflecting on the readings of today, I was drawn to another scriptural passage from the book of Exodus (14:1ff), which I think will throw more light on the theme of our reflection: Be still and know that I Am God. When the Children of Israel were in servitude in Egypt, God raised up Moses to lead them out of that bondage. God showed signs and performed wonders in Egypt, until the hardened heart of Pharaoh yielded in acknowledgement of the Supremacy of Israel's God. After the sign and wonder that followed the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb, Pharaoh and the Egyptians were forced to let the Israelites have their freedom.

Leaving Egypt, the Israelites came to the shore of the Red Sea. Meanwhile, Pharaoh and his people changed their minds soon after the Israelites left and decided to go after them. As the Israelites turned around and saw the Egyptian military squad coming after them, they lamented their frustration and hopelessness. They forgot that their God is a God of signs, wonders and miracles. With Him there is always hope. He may be silent and beclouded, but He remains the same: omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent God. God heard their cry for help and spoke to them through Moses: 'Don't be afraid! Stand your ground, and you will see what the LORD will do to save you today; ....The LORD will fight for you, and all you have to do is keep still.'

Before their eyes, God divided the Red Sea and led them across dry bed of the Sea. But seeing this, were they convinced enough to place their trust only in Him even in the face of difficulties and confusion? No way! They soon doubted His Presence, Power and Wisdom again after they left the Red Sea. Now and again, they would lament out of doubt, confusion and fear, especially, fear of death. They would complain of starvation, hunger and thirst. Not yet convinced of God's omnipresence, omniscience and omnipotence, they would, out of doubt and fear, seek another god to worship, another king to rule them. And this continued till the time of Elijah. Once again, God showed another sign and performed another wonder, as He does in every age, especially in our age at every Mass as bread turns to His Living Body. For three and a half years, there was no rain in Israel as Elijah decreed at God's command. To end the drought, Elijah, through Ahab the King of Israel, summoned all Israel onto Mount Carmel to witness a contest between himself (the prophet of the true and living God) and the prophets of Baal and Asherah - gods to whom most Israelites had turned.

There on the mount, Elijah's God was the only God who answered by fire over the sacrifice. Other prophets couldn't get their gods to come and consume their sacrifice. After demonstrating the supremacy of God and gaining the people's acclamation, Elijah, supported by the people, destroyed the shrines and images of the gods and their prophets. After that, he felt he had sanitized the land and convinced the people, beyond reasonable doubt, of the presence of the omnipotent God in their midst. But he was far from the truth, just then he received a warning threat to his life from the Queen, Jezebel, who vowed to kill him within 24 hours. Elijah ran for his dear life and prayed that God should take his life. But he was fed by an Angel and was commanded to make a forty-day journey to mount Horeb where he encountered God in today's first reading. At the presence of God on the mountain, there came the wind, the earthquake, and then the fire. But Elijah did not encounter God in those. He found God in the gentle breeze as though God was whispering: 'Be calm, be still and know that I am God.'

Like Elijah, St Paul in the second reading, expresses his frustration at the unbelief of his fellow Israelites and was ready to die if that would convert them. He says: 'What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood' Neither Elijah nor St Paul was happy at the unbelief of the people. Humans are always tempted to doubt the abiding presence of God in the face of dangers, confusion, and fears, especially in life-threatening situations. Jesus is not happy either, when people doubt His word, His power, His presence and His wisdom, when people doubt His love despite the signs and wonders he has shown by allowing himself to be slain like the Passover Lamb, whose blood saves and sets Israel free. He said to Peter in today's Gospel: 'Man of little faith, why did you doubt?' Peter did a good thing by seeking a confirmation of His Presence: 'Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water'. But he failed in faith by doubting the possibility of walking on the sea relying only on Jesus' word. But we must take Jesus by His word.

In today's Gospel also, we saw Jesus tell his greatly frightened disciples: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' As Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the head-wind stop, and all was calm and still again. Then, the men in the boat worshipped Him saying 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' Praise God. Have a blessed week.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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## MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

### Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am

Wednesday 5.45 pm

Saturday Morning 9.00 am

Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the  
Third Saturday of the month at 9.00am

**The next Anointing Mass will be to be advised**

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am and 10.30am

### Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am,

Saturday at 8.30am.

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 7.30 am

Adoration Thursday 6.00-7.00pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church By appointment only

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 4th Sunday of each month

Next Mass at St John's 23rd August 2020



## COVID-19 EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

Dear Parishioners

With the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions we are now able to have more people (within reason) attend Mass. We will be resuming our usual schedule with a few exceptions as outlined on the previous page. However, the Government's social distancing guidelines will still apply.

**All parishioners who wish to attend any or all of the weekday or Sunday Masses must now ring or email the office to have their name included in the list for that particular day. If you wish to attend daily and/or weekend (Sunday) Mass your name can be listed for the entire month of August if you let us know and then you do not have to contact us until the end of August to re-register for the following month. Unfortunately many people are under the assumption that they do not need to register but it is a requirement of the Archdiocese that we must comply with.**

**Please note I have added an extra Mass on Sunday at 10.30am. Please all those who would like to attend the 10.30 Mass should ring the Office Mon and Tuesday 9.00am to 12.00pm**

**With the new cases reported in Queensland we ask for your prayers.**

### IN EMERGENCIES or HOSPITAL CALLS

For Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish on 5576 6466

For Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish on 5572 5433

For John Flynn Hospital - Coolangatta-Tugun Parish on 5598 2165

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Following the latest outbreak of COVID-19 We advise anyone who has been to the following locations on these dates to isolate and get tested. As at last week.

### Locations

- Parklands Christian College, Park Ridge, 22-23 July, 9.30am-6pm
- Madtongsan IV Restaurant, Sunnybank., 23 July, 7-9pm
- Heeretea-Bubble Tea Shop, Sunnybank, 23 July, 9.25pm
- YMCA Chatswood Hills Outside School Hours Care, Springwood, 23-24 July
- Primary Medical and Dental Practice, Browns Plains, 24 July, 3.30pm-3.50pm
- Thai Peak Restaurant, Springfield, 26 July, 6.30pm-9pm
- Cowch Dessert Cocktail Bar, Southbank, 27 July
- P'Nut Street Noodles, Southbank, 27 July
- African Grocery Store, Woodridge (Station Rd), 28 July
- Primary Medical and Dental Practice, Browns Plains, 28 July, 12.25-12.30pm
- Chatime Grand Plaza, Browns Plains, 28 July

### Flights

- Flight VA863 from Melbourne to Sydney, 21 July
- Flight VA977 from Sydney to Brisbane, 21 July

**We remember** all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

**We pray for the recently deceased:** Elizabeth Walhain

**We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Don Evans and Michael Ware, Leesa Halverson and Danny Lyon

**We also remember** their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

**We pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Michelle Kurz, Peter Doring,

John Sweeny, Kruze Patfield, Daryl Williams, Ava Mansfield, Shirley Jean Carr, Kath Fisher, Brenda Dale, (Baby) Paris Organ, Maureen Bourke, Jasmine Fay Parada, Patricia Smith, Maureen & Paul Humey, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Amanda Gordon, Shelly Ryan, Sandra Miller, Nona Maguire, Linda Harri.



**Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.**

**New Planned Giving Envelopes** are available for collection in the Church now as well as receipts for the last year.

**If you are not currently in the Planned Giving Program, please see Fr Isidore or telephone the office.**

## INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS IN THE CHURCH

With the COVID 19 restrictions and lockdown still in place, we would like to continue our live streaming to reach out to members of our community who may not be in the Church with us and also to make available to those who participated at the Mass an opportunity to watch the Mass and listen to the homily again if they so wish.

Installing cameras for professional video recording and uploading to the internet will also benefit the Church and families who would like to live stream the funeral of loved ones to relatives and friends who may be unable to attend. The same applies to weddings, graduation ceremonies, celebration of the sacraments like baptisms, first Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick. Grand-parents and sick relatives and friends would not miss out completely. There are other uses and benefits as well which could accrue from the Church having fixed cameras in place.

If anyone feels touched to support this project, please do not hesitate to talk to me about how you could help.  
Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

### ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIALS as at 2nd August 2020

**1ST COLLECTION:** \$ 773.95 For Clergy Support (Greatly affected by COVID 19 Crisis)

**2ND COLLECTION:** \$ 1188.45 For Parish expenses such as administration & maintenance of all our buildings & properties.

*We appeal to all our Parishioners and friends who are not on planned giving already to consider switching over to planned giving or find another means of supporting the Parish and our ministry financially. We will send to parishioners the planned giving forms on request. I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Be assured of our prayers, and of your divine rewards.*  
**Fr Isidore Enyinnaya**

**August 9, 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - "He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29) When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you. [www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections](http://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)