

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B - 12 Sept 2021

First Reading *Is 50:5-9* A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9*

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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| 1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.) | 3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.) |
| 2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.) | 4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.) |

Second Reading *Jas 2:14-18* A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead. Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation *Gal 6:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 8:27-35* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much. Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YR B — 12 SEPTEMBER 2021



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Dear People of God,
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked his disciples two questions: "who do people say I am?" and "who do you say I am?" Jesus knew there were different opinions about his identity and wanted to know firstly, what his disciples heard about him, and secondly, their own personal belief about his identity amidst all that. Like Jesus' disciples, we hear what people think and say about Jesus (and his Church): the good, the bad and the ugly; Some of them so offensive and discouraging.

Amidst all these, what are our personal convictions: Is our Jesus, the Christ Peter confessed he is, in today's gospel? 'Christ', as we know, is not Jesus' surname. Christ is a Greek name meaning the 'Anointed One'. It is a Greek translation of the Hebrew word, 'Messiah' meaning, 'Promised Saviour' or 'Deliverer'. The name 'Jesus' also means 'saviour'. This promised saviour according to the Jewish Scripture was to be the 'Anointed One of God'. To call Jesus, the 'Christ', is to say that he is that Saviour ordained (that is, anointed) by God and sent into the world. It means that he is not just any type of saviour like the old Israelite anointed prophets and kings, but the Christ who also, is the Son of God. As our last names define our origin and give us our identity, so it is with Christ.

For some Jews, especially those who claimed to be wise and clever (and they are still found in our midst today), Jesus' last name should be Joseph, since he was the son of Joseph, the Carpenter. They knew his mother, Mary; his half brothers and sisters, and all his human qualifications, and so, could not accept him as the Christ, the Son of God. They couldn't see beyond the biological humanness of Jesus. However, Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith and did not perform many miracles among them (see Mark 6:6 and Matthew 13:58). We are fortunate - thanks to his grace - to know and believe that Jesus is the Christ (see Luke 10:24). It calls for praise and thanksgiving. Jesus gave thanks for that saying: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children" (Matthew 11:25-26). The Christ-ness of Jesus, his salvific mystery, is a revealed fact meant to be accepted with a childlike faith and simplicity, and without much rationalisation.

It is one thing to believe that Jesus is the Christ. Another thing to assent to his mission as the 'Suffering Servant of God' depicted in today's first reading. Still another thing, to be involved in this mission of the Saviour. Jesus came to destroy Satan's works (John 3:8) and so, save us from the power of sin and death, that we might live righteously before our God without fear (Luke 1:74-75). That mission was not a cosy type of task. It involved been nailed to the cross and crowned with thorns. It is a mission saddled with sacrifice.

Thinking like a human being, Peter couldn't comprehend that. If the saviour should suffer and die, then how could he save. That would mean Jesus' mission would end in defeat – a mission unto failure. It would entail a wasted following for Peter and his friends. Peter couldn't imagine such a shameful and dehumanising suffering for his Master, let alone, for himself. But Jesus rebuked the Satan that led him to think not according to God's way but Man's. If it is the will of God that he (we) should suffer, why would he (we) chicken out? As Isaiah, in the first reading, prophesied about him, Jesus wouldn't turn away from suffering. He even wants his followers also, to do the same. He tells us today, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

At baptism, we were anointed and sent to be part of Jesus' mission: to be Saviours to others and to ourselves in every way we can. He says: "As the Father has sent Me, so also I am sending you." (John 20:21). St James in today's second reading tells us that faith without good works is dead. Demonstrating our faith by good works involves sacrifices. It means getting out of our comfort zones to save those in need: materially, socially, emotionally and/or spiritually. It might involve being abused, insulted or misunderstood. Whatever be the case, we should always say, like the suffering servant of God in the first reading: "The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed."

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and 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 18th September 2021

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.30 am sometimes live streamed

10.30am - except 4th Sundays for
Beechmont ...see below.

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 4th Sunday of each month - 10.30am
Next Mass at St John's TBA

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am
Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

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

Mass at Earle Haven - TBA



Week-day Mass Readings

Days		Memorials/Feasts	Readings (R1 and R2)	Gospel Reading
Mon	13/9/21	St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor	R1: 1 Tim 2:1-8	Lk 7:1-10
Tues	14/9/21	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	R1: Num 21:4-9	Jn 3:13-17
Wed	15/9/21	Our Lady of Sorrows	R.1: Heb 5:7-9	Jn 19:25-27
Thurs	16/9/21	Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr & Cyprian, bishop, martyr	R 1: 1 Tim 4:12-16	Lk 7:36-50
Fri	17/9/21	Friday 24th Wk in Ord Time	R1: 1 Tim 6:2-12	Lk 8:1-3

Rosary and Candlelight Procession

will be held on the last Friday of each month commencing at 6.00pm. The next is on 24th September 2021. All are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE:

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021
MASS WILL BE AT 9.30AM
IN LIEU OF 8.30AM AND 10.30AM

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

We pray for the recently deceased : Daniel Lawson

We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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: Graham Meakin, Christina Hendriksen, Doreen Slater, Peter Doring, Ian Robins, Brenda Dale, Shawn Marshall, Shirley Ryan.

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



HOSPITAL CALLS

Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish on 5576 6466
Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish 5572 5433
John Flynn Hospital -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish on 5598 2165
University & Gold Coast Private Hosp-Southport Parish 5510 2222

Morning Tea Roster

Anyone interested in being on the Sunday morning Tea Roster please contact Betty 0438 130 322.

Covid Safe Work Training for Dining In is a requirement. See Betty for details.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people 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 safeguarded from harm by all. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. The full policy is available to read on the Archdiocese website—brisbanecatholic.org.au

September 12, 2021

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me. www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection this weekend. Some of the Envelope numbers have been changed due to the reduction in the number of envelopes requested.

Should you decide to change to Direct Debit please disregard the Envelopes.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means - persecution and death - Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIALS as at 5th September 2021

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 1088.15 For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1712.30 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