

Twentieth Sunday in Ord Time Yr C – 14th August 2022

First Reading Jer 38:4-6. 8-10 *A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

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| 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.) | 3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.) |
| 2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.) | 4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.) |

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4 *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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Gospel Reflection

This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a {challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to {authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.

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Upcoming Events

(Holy Day of Obligation): The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—	Monday, 15th August Mass 9.00 am & 6.30pm (no 7am Mass)
Annual Catholic Campaign—	20/21 August 2022
Our Lady of Czestochowa (Black Madonna) -	26th August 2022

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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 6.00 pm
Saturday Morning 9.00 am



Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.30 am sometimes live streamed

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am
Next Mass at St John's 4th September 2022

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 6.30 am
Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 7.30 am
Adoration in Church Wednesday 5.30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and
Wednesday 5:15 pm

Mass at Earle Haven - 2nd Friday of Month—9.15am
Next Mass 9th September 2022

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

We pray for the recently deceased :

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: Sandra Miller

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



THE SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MARIAN VALLEY MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass is at 9.00 am Monday to Friday

Saturday Mass time is 11.00am

Sunday Mass times 11.00am and 4.00pm



CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated August 7-14 2022 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in Australia dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and married life through prayer and education. It is also a time to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Further information is available on church notice board outside front door or visit vocationbrisbane.com or call 1300 1333 544.

BAPTISM PREPARATION -

The preparation meeting for Baptism of infants will be held on **Saturday 27th August 2022 at 10.30am. in the Parish Centre.** All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

Tap & Go

You will notice a new Tap & Go machine at the church entrance. This is a very handy method of giving to St. Brigid's. The machine has been pre-set so that One tap equals \$10, two taps equals \$20 and multiples thereof. This takes care of the problem of being caught without cash and is a great benefit to our parish. *Please use before or after Mass, not during.*



2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Don't forget next week-end is the annual Catholic Campaign which supports vital ministries in our Archdiocese. Please take a brochure and envelope home and return it next week.

BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Harper Jane Thurtell who is being baptised this weekend. We pray that she will grow in grace and wisdom and abound with the love of God all through life. We pray for her family and Godparents.

HOSPITAL CALLS

Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish 5576 6466
Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish 5572 5433

John Flynn Hosp -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish 5598
2165 University & Gold Coast PrivHosp-Southport
Parish 5510 2222

St. Brigid's First Eucharist 2022

The Sacramental Program has started and preparation dates are as follows:

Sunday 14th Aug at 9:30am
Sunday 21st Aug at 9:30am

First Eucharist is Sunday 28th August 8:30am

This is for children in Yr 4 or who have turned 9 yrs of age & have not received their First Eucharist.



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Father's Day

RAFFLE

WHEELBURROW OF PRIZES
VALUE \$500

BUY TICKETS NOW 3 FOR \$5
SELL A BOOK TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE PARISH PROJECTS

Closing Date for Raffle: 28th August
Raffle Drawn: 4th September

The Black Madonna of Czestochowa, Poland

The icon's origin is shrouded in numerous legends which trace to St. Luke who painted it on a cypress table top from the house of the Holy Family.

One of the oldest documents states that the painting for hundreds of years travelled from Jerusalem, via Constantinople and Belz (in Russia) and finally to Czestochowa in Poland in 1382 where it was placed under the care of the Pauline Monks from Hungary.

The Black Madonna is credited with miraculously saving the monastery of Jasna Gora from a 17th century Swedish invasion.

The scars on the Madonna's right cheek is that the Hussites stormed the Pauline monastery in 1430, plundering the sanctuary. Among the items stolen was the Icon. They threw it down to the ground and inflicted, by a sword, deep strikes upon Mary's face. The face of the Virgin Mary started to bleed; in a panic, the Hussites retreated and left the painting.

Because of the many miracles obtained by praying through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Shrine is regarded as one of the most popular shrines. Over 5 million people visit Jasna Gora each year.