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Gospel Reflection

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an after-life, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

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Important Notice: *There will be no Masses at St Brigid's from Mon. 7th November to Fri. 11th November inclusive. Masses will commence again Saturday, 12th November at 9:00am. The Pauline Fathers & Brothers will be attending a meeting in Sydney during this time.*

Thirty-second Sunday in Ord Time Yr C – 6th Nov. 2022

First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 *A reading from the second book of Maccabees*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

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| <p>1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
 pay heed to my cry.
 Turn your ear to my prayer:
 no deceit is on my lips. (R.)</p> | <p>3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
 Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
 As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
 and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)</p> |
| <p>2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
 there was no faltering in my steps.
 I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
 Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)</p> | |

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5 *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 20:27-38 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday, 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 December 2022

Rosary

Monday, Thursday, 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 - Next Mass 18th November 2022 9:15am

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

We pray for the recently deceased : Tony Ciriello

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

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: John Carney, Mary Topui

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



HOSPITAL CALLS

Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish 5576 6466
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John Flynn Hosp -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish 5598 2165
University & Gold Coast PrivHosp-Southport Parish 5510 2222

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley Church for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.11.2022. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573,. All are welcome.

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.

**Let us work together to
rebuild, restore &
revitalize our beautiful
parish.**

All Souls Day Service
Sunday 6th Nov. 11:00am Allambie Gardens
All Souls Day Service & Stations of the Cross
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments Following

BAPTISM PREPARATION -

The preparation meeting for Baptism of infants will be held on Saturday 26th November 2022 at 10.00am. in the Parish Centre. All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

RCIA Program 2023

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and being baptised as an adult? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be starting soon and details are available from the Parish Office.

We here at St Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT & THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. The Privacy Act impacts upon us all today and if you wish to peruse the Compliance Requirements and the Privacy Act, please go to the Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au. The Policy is on our website

GOSPEL FOCUS

I am who am

The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as "I am who am" - represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.

Mass for the Holy Souls



“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.” 11 Machabees 12:46

Please take an envelope, complete the details and return in time for inclusion in the November Masses