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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

9th/10th November, 2019

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

Jesus has completed his journey. Having arrived in Jerusalem, he teaches boldly in the Temple, aware that his enemies, 'the chief priests and the scribes, with leading citizens' want to 'do away with him' (Lk 19:47). At this point, Luke includes several incidents of ugly confrontation. That chosen for today's gospel reading – concerned with resurrection – has intimations of the tragic drama that lies ahead. Jesus is confronted by 'some Sadducees', members of a conservative priestly establishment, who saw popular movements as a threat to their interests. Seeing Jesus as a dangerous trouble maker, they set out to discredit him in the eyes of the people by making a fool of him. The Sadducees rejected the belief in a future resurrection that had emerged in the final period of Old Testament times – as unfaithful to the original traditions of God's people. The Old Testament was a time of preparation, a time in which the awareness that made it possible to recognise God's decisive intervention in creation - in the life, death and resurrection of our Saviour – developed gradually. The faith of the Old Testament engendered immense hopes; and with the passing of time these hopes cast a new light on the full implications of the astounding intimacy to which the God of the covenant called his people, and the generosity of God's great promises – so evident in the Psalms, the popular prayer songs that gave expression to Israel's faith. The Sadducees, like many religious conservatives, were too shut in by their comfortable ways to be open to the blessings of an expanded faith – for their outlook, so identified with worldly benefits, a future life could only be a resumption of the affairs of this present life. If our faith and hope have not matured, we too can have very distorted and inadequate notions of what our eternal life with God will be. For this reason, the teaching of Jesus for the Sadducees, is worth pondering.

Jesus points out that there is a unity in God's designs from the beginning. From the first, God has been the Lord of life, not of death. The unending life we will have, in God – the source and origin of all that we admire and hold dear – will certainly be a new existence, beyond all adequate imagining in this life. But this unimaginable fullness will also be the realisation of all the realistic hopes and longings we have ever known. Life in God will be, not the negation, but the affirmation of all that makes us human – a full human existence, in a new heaven and a new earth. In the Risen Lord, and his teaching concerning the life-giving 'reign' of God, we catch a precious glimpse what lies ahead of us.

Devoted spouses will be prompted to ask how what Jesus says affects their marriage union. Properly understood, what Jesus affirms is that they will have all the joy of their most special intimacy, and infinitely more – the immediacy to the reality and life of God that will shape our very existence will bring an intuitive presence in love to all who share in God's life, a presence that includes and goes far beyond the benefits of the union with their beloved they have known in their married life.

John Thornhill sm

Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

WE REMEMBER

We remember Barbara Styles. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Pickup and Beckman families as they celebrate the baptism of Arwen and Primrose in the parish this weekend.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Our regular weekday masses recommence this Wednesday evening preceded by Benediction at 5:30pm.

COUNTERS

Tony's team.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH – FINAL NIGHT

Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PENANCE

Session 1 of the program, designed to further the children's understanding of God and themselves, will be held at St Agnes' church, starting at 5pm, on Friday November 15th.

COMBINED SCHOOL MASS

At the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, November 17th we will be welcoming members of the St Agnes' and St Joachim's Schools and Seton College communities for a combined School Parish Mass. This will be followed by morning tea.

ALL NATIONS MULTICULTURAL MASS

The parish will celebrate its annual All Nations Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 24th at the regular 9:00am mass. This will be followed by morning tea. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to wear the national dress of your ancestors and to bring a plate of food from that country. **There will be NO 6:00pm mass on this Sunday.**

PARISH CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

On Friday, November 29th parishioners are invited to a concert by Brothers James Singers commencing 10:00am in St Joachim's hall. A light lunch will follow. Cost: Gold coin donation towards lunch. Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

Here in our Parish, our tradition has been to write the names of our deceased loved ones in the book beside the sanctuary and in doing so we ask our community to remember them in prayer. There will also be envelopes provided on the tables in the church, you can write the names of your loved ones and nominate the weekday mass you would like Fr Joson to offer for them upon his return.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Traditionally, November is the month when we, the Church, celebrate and remember those family and friends who have gone before us. Our annual Mass of Remembrance for all who have died will be held on Saturday, November 16 commencing 10am in St Agnes Church. Mass will be followed by morning tea. If you have a loved one who has died in the last 12 months and would like to have their name included with those to be read out please notify the parish office. All parishioners are invited.

Parish Diary

Wednesday, November 13th

Benediction 5:30pm

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Thursday, November 14th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, November 15th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, November 9th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 0th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, November 10th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

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FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARER (VOLUNTEER)

Centacare trains and supports Catholic pastoral care teams to provide pastoral and spiritual care to hospital patients, their families and hospital staff. If you would like to find out more about this role and if you have the time and availability to commit to training throughout 2020, including hospital placements, you are invited to join Fr John Chalmers, Director, Mission and Formation for Centacare and Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries, for an Expressions of Interest morning tea on Thursday 14th November, 10am - 11.30am at St Bernard's Church Community Centre. For more info and to RSVP call 3324 3193; email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

PARISH REFLECTION DAY

'Call to Holiness' Reflections on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation is being held Saturday, November 30th, 9am - 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost: \$30 pp (includes m/tea and lunch). Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com>, closes Nov 23rd. For enquiries to cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3443.

"PRECIOUS IN FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE

Friday, December 13th from 6pm - 3pm Sunday, December 15th at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. An opportunity for women to experience a time of prayerful reflection. Cost: \$370 (\$340 concession) all inclusive. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets. For more information contact, Grace at on 0409 524 283 or email grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN ART GROUP CHRISTMAS MARKET

COSSAG will be holding their Christmas market in the Francis Rush Centre adjacent to the Cathedral. You're all invited to come and celebrate the start of the season with our weekend market on Saturday, November 30th from 2pm to 7:30pm with live music and Christmas cheer or. Sunday, December 1st, 9am to 3pm with food stalls. Lots of unique handmade and fair trade products. It's a great way to get some Christmas shopping done. Parking is available under the Cathedral via Charlotte St. Contact cossagart@gmail.com for more information.

ADVENT EVENTS DECEMBER 2020

Back by popular demand, you are invited to our ecumenical Taizé Prayer evenings to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Mon 2nd Dec, 7.00 pm St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt
Mon 9th & 16th Dec, 7.00 pm St Catherine's Church, Wishart.
All are welcome! Come along and bring a friend.

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS AT CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Gather on the lawn of St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening from December 11 - 24th from 6:30pm - 10:30pm. There will be Christmas Carols at 6:30pm with the light show from 7:00pm running every 12 minutes. Sponsored by ACU, Australian Catholic Super, agb events, Qld Govt, CCI Personal Insurance, St Vincent's Care Services, St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane and Northside.

COMMUNITY

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Enrolments closing soon for Year 7 students in 2023 (current Year 3 students). Go to lhc.qld.edu.au/enrolments.html for more information.

6 DAY TOUR TO LIGHTNING RIDGE – APRIL 19-24TH, 2020

This tour has been arranged by Tony Toohey, through Aldinga Tours for retirees and their friends and there is room for either you and/or your friends to join them. Aldinga Tours have been found to be excellent providers. The price is \$1695 pp twin share; single supplement is \$250. A deposit of \$200pp is required by 16/12/19 with the balance by 8/3/20. Should you be interested, please contact Tony on 3349 4308 or email ajituy@optusnet.com.au to answer any queries you may have and to obtain a copy of the itinerary.

SHALOM RETREAT BRISBANE

November 15-17th, 9:00am to 5:00pm at St. Gerard Majella parish hall, Chermside West. Fee \$50pp incl lunch. Register at shalommedia.org/retreat/Australia. For more information, contact Vipin 0425 621 994 Rasin Augustine 0470 345 103 Antony 0434 286 384 email: antonyk@shalomworld.org

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THE IRISH COMMUNITY

Sunday, November 17th at 12 noon in St James' Church, Coorparoo. It will also be a Memorial Mass for Fr Paddy Dwyer OMI. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards.

HEALING AND RENEWAL RETREAT 2019

Conducted by bro. Jagath Nanayakkara & the Community of the Risen Lord. Admission is free. There will be Praise & Worship, Message and concludes with Benediction.

23rd Nov (Saturday) 10am - 5pm - OPENING TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S MIRACLE; 26th Nov (Tuesday) 7pm-9pm - 5-KEYS TO HANDLE ANY CRISIS WITH GOD; Nov 29th (Friday) 7pm to 9pm - HEALING SERVICE - Christ the King Church, Churchill Street, Graceville. If you need healing, if you have problems that can't be solved, if you are in a crisis and Jesus is the only answer, these programmes are for you.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Tuesday, November 26th commencing 7:00pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral of St Stephen precinct. Topic: Receptive Ecuemism: Living the undivided life. Speaker: Geraldine Hawkes. Contribution: \$10 payable at the door. Light supper provided. RSVP: Thursday, November 21st: 3369 6792 or admin at qct.org.au

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Cost: \$2.00

- Newly ordained, Fr Emene Kelemete is ready to serve the People of God
 - Ram raid at West End Vinnies' store sees thief pilfer \$20-\$30 worth of costume jewellery while causing hundreds of dollars in damages
 - Logan deanery renewal event Kingdom Now gathers 400 people for an evening of prayer, panels and workshops
 - A plan to strip South Brisbane parishioners of much-needed parking spaces around St Francis' church and hall sparks public outcry at community meeting
 - Much-needed rains lift spirits on but there is still a long way to go to combat drought
 - Josephite Sister Susan Connelly speaks out for Witness K and lawyer Bernard Collaery at public forum in Brisbane
 - Gen Z Prayer Book is out and ready to help young people find their faith
 - Teresita Wilson learned to pray the Rosary before she knew how to read or write, and it has never failed her
- Available in the churches this weekend



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledges the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep and spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves other ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



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