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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

27th/28th June, 2020

The Dilemma; Family First or Jesus First?

The reading from Matthew 10:37-42 seems hard and unreasonable. We see Jesus telling his apostles that anyone who prefers mother or father to Him is not worthy of Him. His same teaching applies to parents with children. Then Jesus goes on to warn that those who refuse to take up their cross and follow Him are also not worthy of Him and finally He warns against those who are living the 'good Life'.

Jesus makes it clear that those who wish to follow Him must renounce themselves. The road to salvation will not be an easy one.

Perhaps we should look at the context of today's gospel where Jesus is addressing His apostles. The seriousness of this discourse sees Matthew naming the twelve and identifying who they are. Then Jesus sends them on their mission, telling them when to go, what to do, how to do it and what will or will not happen.

The tasks are not appealing; they may be persecuted, but this must not stop them from speaking. Despite the risks, Jesus tells them to be fearless and speak out. He lets them know of the downside if they do not.

Jesus then tells his apostles that he has not come to bring peace to the world but dissension, and that is the lead up to today's gospel. How and why? The final two verses apply to us. We noted at Pentecost last month, Jesus breathed on His disciples filling them with the Holy Spirit. As we, the confirmed, go out with the Good News, be mindful that we too are filled with the Holy Spirit, so let us be careful and prayerful in what we say.

We may be the only bible some people will ever read. As we preach the Kingdom of God, practically or verbally, we know that Our Lord's message is both radical and urgent. May Matthew's closing lines telling us the value of even a cup of cold water, given in Christ's name, will soften the frightening lines given at the start. Our efforts will be rewarded generously by our Saviour, on the other side of the grave.

Tom Gibson

Readings: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

READINGS FOR 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading

Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

**For the souls
of our
young folk
or not so young.**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

Laudato Si (2015) 236

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you. If you are in need of help for anything during this time please remember that you can call us.

Your continued support of the Parish Planned Giving program is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Frank Dollisson, Beth Cox and Elsie and Col Besgrove. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation will commence in Jul. All children in Year Three and above, who have been baptised in the Catholic tradition are invited to take part. If you have a child you would like to enroll please contact Rachel by phone the Parish Office, 3349 2280 or email her at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au.

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PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> Log into the parish Facebook page and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged. Check out this week's video from a parishioner.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

Press Ctrl and click on www.archbne.org/bzw

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Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

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Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

SUNDAY MASSES

We are offering two masses on Sundays commencing 7:30am at St Joachim's and 9:00am at St Agnes'. St Agnes' Church can accommodate 48 people and St Joachim's can have 65.

Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass. Due to registration sheets needing to be printed registrations close at 4:00pm on Fridays.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday masses have recommenced on Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am. Bookings must be made prior to attending Mass. Due to registration sheets needing to be printed registrations close at 4:00pm on the Wednesday and Thursday respectfully.

THIS PROCESS WILL NEED TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT ADVISES THAT CONTACT TRACING IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

HOW TO BOOK

A TryBooking page has been opened to facilitate the booking of masses. All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking:

1. Select **Book Now**
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5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

If you do not get a confirmation email or you have difficulty making a booking please the parish office. We will assist you. **If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.**

I hope this makes things a little clearer for you.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please sign the registration sheet at the front door. You must sit in the section which you chose or was allocated to you. If you have forgotten it will be noted on the sign-in sheets. Please sit between the crosses and remember to social distance within the pew.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also being made available to anyone who is interested. I will offer Reconciliation after Mass on Thursday and Friday or by appointment. If you wish to make an appointment please ring the parish office.

With god's blessings

Fr Josen

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