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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

#### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Monday NO MASS and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass until the start of Friday 8am Mass

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS**

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

#### **BAPTISMS**

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am (unless of another event that day) (Booking is essential)

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

1st, 2nd and 3th Sunday of the Month - 9.30am (School Term Only)

#### **FAMILY MASS**

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am (School term only)

#### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm (Parish Office)

#### **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE**

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco Ph: 0448 356 599 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 5th November 2023 (YEAR A)

#### Reflection...

As we come to the end of the Church's year it's good for us to do some soul-searching. It has been a tough time for the Church and today's Gospel does not let us off the hook. In fact, it names one of the challenges before us. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, many victims were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.

Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. The behaviour of the Pharisees has a name: hypocrisy, and it's one of the reasons we have received such a public pasting in recent years. Some of it has been justified. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion. We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for *all* concerned.

The media may not like it, the public may be baying for blood and we might want an instant fix, so we put this tragic chapter behind us quickly, but forgiveness which is just and compassionate is the only way we can practise what we preach. It's going to take time.

On the other hand while some in our Catholic community have been exposed as hypocrites, some other truths remain consoling, or at least provide a context within which we can confront the sins of our fathers and mothers. For example, though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two percent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime. An accusation is not a conviction and even priests and religious deserve the presumption and rights of innocence before they are proven guilty. Even though the public perception may be otherwise, nearly all Catholic priests are faithful servants of the Gospel, doing what they can to practise what they preach.

Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 percent of all child abuse occurs there. This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

Furthermore, against those who claim that the Church is hypocritical, they cannot take away from us the fact that our community, in the name of Christ, remains the largest provider of education, healthcare and welfare both here and overseas. This often-heroic work will rarely make it to the front pages of newspapers, but it's the backdrop against which we face up to the criminal actions of a few and those who try to protect them from public scrutiny.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that, as hard as this time has been for us all, we are converted again by the forgiving, just and compassionate example of Jesus who calls us to leave behind any trace of triumphalism and arrogance and recommit ourselves to what we should do best: the self-sacrificing love of one another and the world.

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## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Monday 6th November NO Mass

**Taekwondo** 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm **SVdP** 7.00pm

#### Tuesday 7th November NO Mass

NO Rosary after Mass Samaritans 9.00am PFC Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 8th November Communion Service 9.00am Encounter Rehearsal 3.30pm NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 9th November
Communion Service 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.00pm
PPC Meeting 6.30pm

#### Friday 10th November

Mass 8.00am
Divine Will Prayer 8.30am
Intercessory Prayer 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)

Saturday 11th November Reconciliation 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12th November Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

**Baptisms** 11.00am and 11.45am **Mass** 5.30pm

## Please pray for our recently deceased:

Cheryl Maguire, Loreto Giacomantonio, Pietro Rossitto, Ross Hielscher, Heather Clarke, Scott Dixon and those whose Anniversaries

occur about now:
Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, Geoff Ludgate,
Madaline Jones, Lawrie Minton, Virgilio Escobar, Melenio Cabrega, Frank

Power, Maureen Hudson,

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time 12th November 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading - <u>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</u> or <u>1 Thessalonians 4:13-14</u>

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

## The Samaritan Community

Join the Samaritans Morning Activities, every Tuesday . Thank you from the Committee. Fr Joseph Nguyen ofm is looking at taking a group of parishioners on a Franciscan Pilgrimage in 2024

Below is the itinerary route that we will be looking to do We will be in Assisi for the Feast Day Dates and places will still need to be confirmed

Day 1 Brisbane - Dubai-Venice

Day 2 Dubai-Venice

Day 3 Venice

Day 4 Venice

Day 5 Florence

Day 6 Florence

Day 7 Florence - Rome

Day 8 Rome

Day 9 Rome - Pompeii

Day 10 Rome

Day 11 Rome – Greccio – La Foresta – Assisi

Day 12 Assisi

Day 13 Assisi – La Verna

Day 14 Assisi

Day 15 Assisi

Day 16 Assisi - Rome - Dubai

Day 17 Arrive Brisbane

We are asking for expression of interest for this wonderful experience. Please contact our parish manager Sandra for more details on 3267 4825.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the "Book of Remembrance" for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, Or you can drop the names off at the Parish Office, Or email:

kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



#### Stewardship

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.? - Matthew 23:12



The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door.

Name: Email:

Next week Fr Joseph, Fr John, Fr Joe and Fr Harry will be away in Sydney with the rest of the Friars. During their absence, we will have **no Mass on Tuesday** but **Wednesday and Thursday** we will have **Communion Service**. For emergency situations after hours, please contact the parish office on 32674825 and leave a message and someone can get in touch with you. Please keep all of our Friars in your prayers as they attend their meeting in Sydney.



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#### WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR MINISTRIES

As you know, it takes many people to keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. It needs the involvement of as many of us as possible, sharing our gifts and time with one another, for the good of one another, as well as our own nourishment. Over the years, we have been so blessed by the generosity of many parishioners who have done this, often in unseen ways. To all of you, my sincere thanks!

But we also recognise that over time, some of our volunteers need to reduce their activity while still remaining as praying participants of our parish. For this reason, while encouraging our current volunteers to continue their service, we'd like to welcome new volunteers to come forward to make their contribution to our community, simply to the extent that they are able. We are happy to be flexible!

Where we can use the help is for Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Church Cleaning, Collection Counting, and our Tuesday Morning Samaritans Group.

We are also wanting people for the 5.30pm to go on a roster,. This will help out our priest who would be on that evening mass.

A huge thank you to all who have already volunteered but if you think you could also assist or you just want to know more, please contact Sandra at the parish office by phone or email—kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

#### Friday Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like to be part of an intercessory prayer group and help make a difference, you are invited to join others following the Parish 8.00am Mass **every SEC-OND FRIDAY**, in front of the Tabernacle in the church. Spontaneous prayer will be encouraged. for the many needs of our Parish, our world, families and friends, indeed for many issues which need holy intervention. It is intended that the prayers will go no longer than twenty minutes or so and will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Divine Will Prayer Group** meets monthly. Meeting starts after mass (8:45am). All welcome. Study the 'Book of Heaven, The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom" as told by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. Phone Sue 0419731780"

## VOLUNTEERS, BBQ

Sunday 19th November 2023 At 11.30am

**RSVP 10th November** 

Parish office on 32674825 or email <a href="mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au">kedron@bne.catholic.net.au</a>
For catering numbers

# THANK YOU!

#### Laudato Si

The University of the United Nations Bonn Campus just issued "The 2023 Interconnected Disaster Risks" report analysing six such points which represent immediate and increasing risks across the world. They are: accelerating extinctions, groundwater depletion, mountain glacier melting, space debris, unbearable heat and an uninsurable future. https://interconnectedrisks.org/

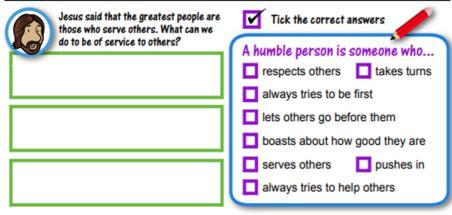
"Laudate Deum" helpfully reiterates the urgency of the climate crisis that we face, noting how Creation is being crucified today as politicians, business people – and even some church people – fail to act. It is inspiring that Pope Francis set the climate crisis as the 'locus theologicus' of our times. (Fr. Rigobert Minani, The Ecclesial Network of the Congo Basin and Ecclesial Networks Alliance for Integral Ecology – ENA convenor). See CIDSE website: https://www.cidse.org/

## Something for the Kids...

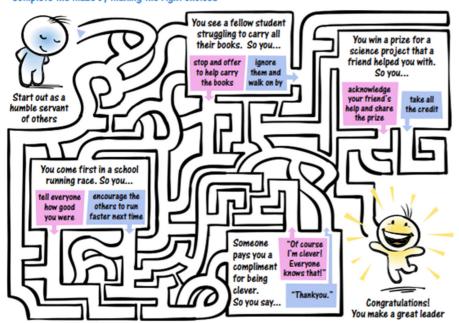




31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Complete the maze by making the right choices



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The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

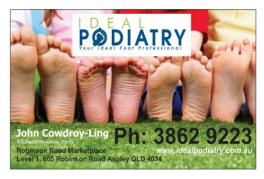
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