



KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31
Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

MASS TIMES:

St Benedict's Church

81 Mowbray Tce, East Brisbane

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass
Reconciliation: 5.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00 Mass
Changes will be in newsletter

St Joseph's Church

26-36 Leopard St (Anglesey St),
Kangaroo Point

Sunday: 9:00am Mass

SVdP Helpline - 07 30101096
Furniture Helpline 1300 551 894

We pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are ill, especially **Mary Miller, Jeanette McMahon, Michael Mulligan, and Carmel Gleeson**

Names of the Sick: due to privacy laws, names of the sick can only appear in the newsletter with the permission of immediate family.

We pray for our recently departed, especially **Enid Galt**, may they rest in peace.

For those who anniversaries are at this time, we remember them.



Dear friends,

In Foydor Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, Ivan complains to his brother, Alyosha that he cannot accept the concept of forgiveness if it means ignoring justice and letting people go free without consequence. Ivan says to his brother that he chooses to stay outraged and resentful rather than seek reconciliation and be at peace. He says, "I would rather remain with my unavenged suffering and unsatisfied indignation, even if I were wrong. Besides, too high a price is asked for harmony; it's beyond our means to pay so much to enter it. ... It's not God that I don't accept, Alyosha, only I most respectfully return him the ticket."

Most of us at some stage have felt like Ivan and wished to "return our ticket" to God. Is this what happens in today's parable: the poor man with only one talent returns it intact and, in effect, "returns his ticket" to his master? Nothing is lost but nothing is gained either.

This parable sounds unfair and the treatment of the idle servant seems unjust. He was given less to begin with and he handed back the same amount. Why then did the master get so angry? Our contemporary workplace bullying laws wouldn't accept this kind of behaviour from any boss or master.

So, with our market-based economy and our unquestioned embrace of capitalism, how might we understand this parable? The Lectionary provides a short version and a longer version, so that gives us a hint about how the church is attempting to aid our hearing. The short version ends with the master praising the work of the

first servant who doubles his five talents. We don't really know how the servant did this (there's no mention of the casino) but we do know that the master is pleased that his investment paid off. In the shorter version, it's at this point we all say, "Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ". The longer version ends with the hapless, "good for nothing" third servant handing back what he was given and being treated harshly as a result. The shorter version means that we don't have to contend with an image of God as a mean-spirited, money-hungry investor.

Perhaps the most straight-forward understanding is the traditional interpretation—make the most of what you have been given! Regardless of what we consider our gifts to be, God does expect us to be generous givers more than passive receivers. The shorter version of this gospel is more generous in its interpretation proving the point that the smallest of gifts can often be the richest.
Fr. Anthony

MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN



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Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 21 Nov

Altar Servers 22 Nov

Commentator	Readers	Holy Communion Ministers
B Navratil	C Parkes, J Joughin	Priest

St Benedict’s	St Joseph’s
	James, Amelia, Fox

Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 22 Nov

Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	Opener	Piety Stall	Counters
R Donovan	Priest	R Donovan	P Skehan	G Stein

Planned Giving
Direct Debit
\$445.00
Loose/Envelopes
\$460.15

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon - St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude

Tue - St Elizabeth of Hungary

Wed - Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sat - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Visit our parish WEBSITE at

<http://catholicparishebkpt.org.au>

Visit the website and subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held in the parish on Sunday following the 9.00am mass or other times by arrangement.

Preparation is held on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Cathedral at 9.30am.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER FREE ONLINE EACH WEEKEND

Sunshine Coast teen who grew up in a tent puts Best Foot Forward to empower and educate girls

Brisbane deacon given rare honour for chaplain service

Northside parish open for prayer 24/7

Brisbane dad walks 24 hours straight to fundraise for Vinnies

Hailstones batter Rosewood church but patron saint’s stained-glass panel remains untouched

Queensland’s slippery slope towards euthanasia

New McCrindle report finds Australians are spiritually hungry despite anti-Christian narrative

More than 2.5 million people are still isolated in the pandemic

LUCKY NUMBERS

\$2.00 could win you \$25.

Support your parish and buy your lucky number from the piety stall. Drawn weekly
Winner - Bishop Ken #24

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Keep up to date with everything going on in the Archdiocese and your Parish.

MASS THIS WEEK AT ST BENEDICT’S

Wednesday 18 November at 9.00am

FAREWELL FR ODINAKA Before Fr Odinaka takes up his appointment as Parish Priest of Nambour, we are hoping to have the opportunity to say farewell and thank him for his contribution to our parish. There are envelopes available this weekend if you would like to give a donation as a gift to Fr Odinaka. Please return them via the collection plate or hand them in at the piety stall. This will be presented to Father at his final Sunday mass in our parish. Thank you

BAPTISM Please contact the parish office if you are enquiring about Baptism for your child this year as weekends are filling up. The final Baptism preparation session for 2020 will be held on Saturday 5 December.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is used to remember our loved ones who have played such a significant part in our own life story. You will find **Mass Intention envelopes at the entrance of both churches this month, and the Book of Remembrance has been placed on the Sanctuary.** You are invited to take a few moments to remember, pray and record the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope provided. The office will then ensure all names from these envelopes are recorded in the Book. During November we will use our book of remembrance as the focus of our prayers.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION Each year the Archdiocese of Brisbane takes up this collection as a retiring collection. This is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world and gives Catholic’s in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. This year the collection will be taken up on the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King - 21-22 Nov.

HELD IN GOD’S LOVING HANDS - A QUIET WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries). Fri 11/12-13/12 or Fri 15/01—17/01 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Please see the flyer for further details.

REACHING BEYOND 2020 People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities’ needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au



COVID-19 SAFE PLAN Our parish has an approved Covid-19 Safe Plan to help keep everyone safe and well. Please ensure you follow the directions, use the hand sanitiser and keep your distance. If you are feeling unwell or have cold symptoms, please stay home and get well. Remember to register your contact details as your enter the church.

POSITION VACANT Applications are open for the position of parish secretary at Acacia Ridge Parish. The position is a full-time 38 hour role and will begin in January 2021. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

POSITION VACANT SACRISTAN Applications are open for the position within the St Stephen’s Cathedral Parish. The role plays a key role in ensuring full, active and prayerful participation at St Stephen’s Cathedral Masses. The position is a full-time 37.5 hour role. For additional information, please VISIT <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

PLANNED GIVING If you would like to contribute to the parish planned giving, please complete a direct debit form located at the piety stall or email the parish office and one can be sent to you. Alternatively the form can be downloaded from the parish website. If you prefer to give by weekly envelopes, please email the parish office and we can arrange. Thanking you.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet for the final time this year on Wednesday 2 December at St Benedict’s at 4.30pm.

ALL KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE AND BE SAFE AT THIS CHURCH