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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

4 September 2022 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Joan Greentree; Lyn Wratten; Margaret Bailey (Wendy Barnett's mum); Jill De Baway (Arnidael); Arthur Pengilly; La Buisman (John Keriklaan's Auntie); Kevin Murphy (Mary Smith's Brother);
Deceased:

Anniversary: Kevin Doolan; Louise Barnett; Robert Barr; Kate Webck; Stephen Ryan; John Purcell; Paul O'Donnell; Rae Campbell; Lorraine Reilly; Irene Lillian Gard; Shirley Stinson; Bill Lawson; Jack Perry; Wilfred Ryan; Catherine Smith; Rene McVicar; Irene McVicar; Maurice Tinson; Ida Baker; Allan Austin; Phyllis Gleeson; Kathleen Webster; Peter Keegan; Josephine Perkins; Leslie Howard; Margaret Heath; Ellen Byrne; Doris Press; Tessie Campbell; Vicki Turner

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace, Amen.

And for those who are ill: Lorraine Guyer; Lyle Passfield; Josie Norman; Tony Bourke; Kevin McKinnara; Val & Graham Callaghan; Deb Foddy; Sive Evans; Leanne Young; Fran Wallace; Carole Scanlon; Maureen Irvine; Chris George; Theo Gleeson; David Henry; Dawn & Colin Graham; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Giff; David Bonsey (Anne Easton's Brother-in-law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster
10/9/22 R: D Keriklaan
C: D Ryan & T Vereyken
Flower/Altar Roster for September - J Pritchett & R Maynard

Coming Event

Thurs 8 Funeral Liturgy for the late Lyn Wratten RIP
Mon 12 Funeral Mass for the late Mrs Joan Greentree RIP
Tues 13 Father Kingsley will return to Australia
Thurs 15 Father Kingsley returns to Quirindi
Sat 17 Mass at St Brigidi's at 5.00pm and Werris Creek at 6.30pm
Sat 24 Prayer and Reflection Day at 9.30am in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall

The Parish of St Brigidi Quirindi and the Catholic Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care and well-being and protection of children, young people, and people at risk in our community. Our message is that child protection and dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Please parents/guardians, ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the church during Mass to go to the toilet or for any reason.

Change of Mass Times 10 September to 12 September

There will only be Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm on 13th, 20th, 27th August and 3rd & 10th September. No Mass at St Brigidi's on the Saturday evening. No Mass at Willow Tree on Sunday Mornings during this time. Sunday Mass at St Brigidi's on 11th September 2022. No other Masses during the week. Mass will resume to normal on Saturday 17th September 2022.

Save the date 24th September 2022

You are all invited to attend the Prayer and Reflection day for the Parishioners in Quirindi, Willow Tree, Werris Creek.

Sister Carmel Drew RSJ of Narrabri will be hosting this Prayer and Reflection Day on Saturday 24th September in the Father Stan Campbell Hall, 9.30am to 3.00pm. Sister Therese Conroy RSJ will also be in attendance. Morning Tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 16th September by writing your name on the sheet provided at the back of the Church. We look forward to making both Sisters welcome and having you share this special day.

Save the Date 20th September 2022

St Joseph's School invite you to attend the Twilight Retreat for Term 3 to be held in St Brigidi's Hall on Tuesday 20th September from 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Being run by the CSO Retreat Renewal Team. All are welcome to attend. If you need more information please contact Wendy Rheinberger at the School on 6746 1033.

Raffle Tickets \$1.00. First Prize a Voucher Second Prize is a "Surprise". Don't miss out. Tickets are at the back of the church, write on both sides of the book and it will drawn at Morning Tea soon.

Liturgy Roster Our next Roster is due out soon, can you please advise what dates you will be away. There is a sheet at the back of the Church. Thanks

Saints to Remember

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast - 8th
St. Peter Claver - Memorial - 9th



Father's Day Prayer
God our Father,
you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love, care and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a Family. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen

Adapted from...

Message from Father Kingsley - He will return to Australia on Tuesday 13th September and will return to Quirindi late Thursday 15th September. No Mass till the weekend masses on Saturday 17th September 2022.

Lyn Wratten RIP it is with great sadness that we record the death of Lyn Wratten RIP. Lyn's funeral liturgy will be on Thursday 8th September at 10.30am at St Brigidi's Catholic Church. We pray for the family, relatives and friends at this sad time.

Mrs Joan Greentree RIP it is with great sadness that we record the death of Mrs Joan Greentree RIP. Joan's funeral mass will be on Monday 12th September at 10.30am at St Brigidi's Catholic Church. We pray for the family, relatives and friends at this sad time.

Planned Giving \$492.00 + Loose \$50.00 = \$542.00

First Collection \$244.35

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GETTING OF WISDOM

The search for wisdom has never been an easy one and each of us grapples with the challenge of making sense of the complex tapestry of life. As the first reading so pointedly observes, 'It is hard enough to work out what is on earth ... who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?' In the centuries that preceded Jesus' birth the people of Israel were fascinated, frightened and challenged by their encounter with the culture and philosophy of the Greek-speaking world. The book of Wisdom is one of the fruits of that encounter and was itself written in Greek. While the Greeks looked to Plato and Aristotle, the author of the book of Wisdom had come to see that true wisdom is a gift from God and is to be found in the traditions of Israel most particularly in the Law of Moses.

Jesus knew all too well that true wisdom has its price. As he journeys towards his death, those who would be disciples are forcefully reminded to carefully consider the cost of discipleship.

Paul was one apostle of the Lord who knew the cost of discipleship. For the sake of the gospel he had gone through many trials (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-29) and had suffered and learnt much. Writing from prison he now has to call on all his stores of wisdom to convince Philémon to take back his runaway slave Onesimus. In a world where slavery was an accepted reality, Philémon is challenged to see his former slave as a brother in Christ.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

4 SEPTEMBER 2022

Wis 9:13-18

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the reasoning mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and never been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. V. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday; come and gone; / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers; / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us; / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**



SECOND READING

Philém 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philémon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains. I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother, especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.