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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

31 July 2022 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently Deceased For Those Who Have Died

Buisman (Lynn Kathleen's Auntie); Kevin Murphy (Mary Sam's Brother); Gill Cook; Michael Kelly (Moree); John Martin (Moree); Pat Reidy; Ray Lamb (Gunnedah);

Anniversary: Ena O'Donnell; Sandra Tightly; Mary Donnelly; Bernard Greer; Gloria Gannon; Norma Howard; Neville Wilson; Jacquelyn Slade; Sonny Rayment; Anthony O'Donnell; Patrick McCulloch; Philip McMahon; Mona Greer; Thomas Conroy Sr; Helen Easey; Leo Pierce; Sheila McNamara; Peter Kerklain; Barbara McNamara; Myra Gleeson; Horace Norman; Florence Wintler; Kevin Mitchell; Alan Reaper; Dorothy O'Dwyer; Harold Irwin; Sarah Conroy; John Curran; Therese Power; Daphne Banister; Mary Hamilton; Ravis Worboys *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: Josie Norman; Tony Bourke; Kevin McNamara; Val & Graham Callaghan; Deb Foddy; Skye Evans; Leanne Young; Fran Wallace; Carole Stanton; Maureen Irvine; Chris George; Theo Gleeson; Jenny McGinniskin; David Henry; Dawn & Colin Graham; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Billy Goddin; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigg; Joan Greenree; David Bonsey (Anne Easton's Brother in law) **all the members of the Parish who are ill.**

Roster

7/8/2022 R: M Corbould
C: M & P Perkins

Flower/Altar Roster for August - P Perkins & A Scott

Sun 31
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Sun 7
Mon 8
Mon 15

Coming Events

Mass at Willow Tree at 7.30am followed by Morning Tea
Mass at Carroona at 11.15am
Good Shepherd Appeal & Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal
Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross Mass at Quirindi at 9.30am and Werris Creek at 11.00am
Solemnity of The Assumption Mass at Quirindi at 9.30am and Werris Creek at 11.00am

The Parish of St Brigid 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 6 August to 12 September
There will only be Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm on 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August and 3rd & 10th September. **No Mass at St Brigid's on the Saturday evening. No Mass at Willow Tree on Sunday Mornings during this time.** Sunday Mass at St Brigid's on 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August & 4th & 11th September 2022. **No Masses during the week. Mass will resume to normal times after this.**

Special Collection - Good Shepherd Appeal
There will be a special collection on 6/7 August for the Clergy & Seminarian Education & Priest Retirement Fund. Donations to Priest Retirement Fund is tax deductible. Envelopes at the back of the Church.

Thank you. Many thanks to John Kerklain for obtaining a relic from the original Coffin of St. Mary of the Cross Meckillop for our Parish of St Brigid's. John has framed the relic together with its Certificate of Authentication, and it was blessed by Fr Kingsley on Sunday 24 July '22. It now hangs near Our Lady's Altar for veneration.

Planned Giving Those of you who are not yet Planned Givers are invited to join. Please remember it is not a binding contract but an offer to help support your parish with its day to day expenses. Many thanks to all those contributors for the support given to the Parish. If you wish to use direct debit for your Planned Giving our Bank account details are as follows:
Account Name: St Brigid's Church Account
BSB No. 082 105 Account Number is 001001457
Please ensure that you write your name on the deposit or email the details to:
stbrigids@bigpond.com or
quirindiparish@armidale.catholic.org.au

Seeking Centacare NENW Board Members. Centacare NENW is seeking applications for up to two Non-Executive Directors (NED). The Board of Centacare NENW is a Board of Governance. It is a skills-based board comprised of up to nine members; all non-executive Directors are chosen for the diverse set of skills they bring. The Board determines the policies, strategic plans, and performance targets for the organisation to ensure suitability of services, growth and sustainability. Applications close at 5 pm on Friday 29th July 2022. Please go to the link for further information and how to apply: <https://centacare.nenw.armidale.com.au/carees/external/job/view/324> Or for further details please contact Ms. Louise Clarke by email at chair.centacare@armidale.catholic.org.au or phone 0428 695 184.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Planned Giving \$862.00 + Loose \$60.00 = \$932.00 (includes a yearly giver)



Please pray for Sister Sylvaine Oshachi Etob who will be taking her Perpetual Profession of vows on Saturday 13th August 2022. This is Father Henry Kingsley's Sister. God bless you both and keep you safe.

We wish Father Kingsley safe travels and enjoy your time with your family. We look forward to seeing you in September.
We thank Fr Ross O'Brien for supplying whilst Father Kingsley is away.

DIOCESE OF BROOME - Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service. NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS
The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060; Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org; Web: www.broomedioocese.org; Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission? Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

First Collection \$230.90

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit:
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 July 2022

FIRST READING

Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. 'This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.'

■ 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

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP



things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

■ The word of the Lord.