



St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm



9th August 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Deceased: Maley O'Donnell
Anniversaries: Mari Thomson, Beryl Meredith, Sheila McNamee, Anthony T O'Donnell, Ena O'Donnell, Victoria Ignacio, Jesse Ignacio, Patricia Mason, Joe Gijli, Bill Norman Jr, Bill Norman Sr, Ron O'Dwyer, Dominic Bowen, Eric Robinson, Lorna Matheson, Alan Reading Sr, Helen Hind, Anne Gee, Elouise Harrison, Bernie Howard, Clare Perkins, Tiny Stockdale, Margaret Heath, Sue Schunacker, John Egan, Eleanor Heyman, Maureen Pengilly, Roy Smith, Cas Reading.

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:

Rita Looney, Ashley Sparkie, Bobbie Paton, Fr. John Willis, Judy Purcell, Fr. John McHugh, Molly, Joel & Charlie Ineson, Clare Crane, Bill Gleeson, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Seawell, Ian Gallagher, Michael Guyer, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lucy Gail, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, David Williams, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McManus, Ivy Taylor, Joan Greenlee, Rosalynn Chan, and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

The Sacred Liturgy

Quirindi:

Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Werris Creek:

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

Willow Tree:

Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am

Sunday Except the 5th Sunday of the Month where it will be 7.30am

Confessions:

Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and after each Mass except Saturday night

Weekday Mass Times:

St Brigid's: Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.30am.

Werris Creek: Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any Sunday at 11.30am

Sunday at 11.30am

Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction

No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month during Mass

Coming Events

- Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal and Good Shepherd Appeal For Clergy & Seminarian Education Support - Sunday 9th August 2020
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 9.30am - Holy Day of Obligation
- Catholic Men's Gathering Saturday 15th August 2020
- Social Justice Sunday 30th August
- Christ Mass - Monday 14th September with Mass at 5.00pm, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Peter's Pence Collection - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Coronavirus

The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. **No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.**
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

We welcome Father Tuan Tran to St Brigid's Parish. We hope you enjoy your time here in Quirindi.

Saints to Remember
St Lawrence - Feast - 10th
St Clare - Memorial - 11th
St Jane Frances de Chantal - Memorial - 12th
Sts Pontian & Hippolytus - Feast - 13th
St Maximilian Mary Kolbe - Memorial - 14th
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity - 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - is a Holy Day of Obligation. It doesn't cover your weekend mass as Saturday night is the vigil for the Sunday mass. Mass is at 9.30am at St Brigid's and Werris Creek at 11.00am.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal and Good Shepherd Appeal

Clergy Education and Retired Clergy Collection have been combined into one collection which will be conducted on 9th August 2020 to coincide with the conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please stipulate if you wish for your donation to go to one particular fund otherwise it will be split 50/50.

Catholic Men's Gathering

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as a free event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from **Saturday 18th August 2020**. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion (link to resource) or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the aim of the ACBC National Men's Gathering is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parish/dioceses and our communities.

Registration will be free and will be available from **Monday 29th June**
Event Program: Available from **Saturday 15th August, 2020**
Please see **Father Vic** for more information

VISITING THE SICK AND INFIRMED.

Please feel welcome to take a copy of the details in reference to Father Vic and Special Ministers of the Eucharist visiting Parishioners who are sick in hospital or are "house bound". This notice is available on the table at the back of the Church. If you have any further question please speak with Father Vic.

Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee

Planned Giving \$436.00 + \$62.00 = \$498.00

First Collection \$369.40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I; Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come', said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

WALKING ON THE SEA WITH JESUS

Jesus sends his disciples off to cross the lake by boat, while he disperses the crowd. When eventually he rejoins the disciples, now battling with a headwind and heavy seas, he does so by walking on the sea.

In biblical imagery to tread down raging water is something only God can do (Psalm 77:19; Job 9:8; Isaiah 43:16). Jesus' reassurance to the terrified disciples, 'It is I, fear not', echoes the revelation of God to Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:14).

What prompts Peter's desire to come to Jesus across the sea? Love or bravado? Perhaps a mixture of both—but also, surely, faith. Faith enables him to trample for a time the forces of destruction. But when he looks away from his Lord, to focus instead upon the wind and sea, doubt creeps in, and with doubt the gravest danger.

Peter 'models' the mixture of faith and doubt to which all believers are prone. Jesus' gentle rebuke, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', applies to us all. Sometimes the Lord calls us to leave the security of the boat and come to him across the waves. We begin to falter when we take our eyes off Jesus and focus only on the difficulties that come our way.

Then we can make our own Peter's cry for rescue and feel, as he felt, the Lord's strong hand reaching out to raise us up. The Lord is not absent: he is 'with us' ('Emmanuel': Matthew 1:17, 28:19) to the end of time.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

THE SAVING WORD

09 AUGUST 2020

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord

Call.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ **The word of the Lord.**
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84:9-14, R. v. 8
R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my

people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ — it is the truth — my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord, / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!