



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th October 2024 (YEAR B)

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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

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)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass

until the start of Friday 8am Mass

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm

(Parish Office)

All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

All Saints Day

Friday November 1st at 8.00am.

Padua will also have an Old Boys Memorial Mass Wednesday 30th October 5.00pm (outside)

All Souls Day

Saturday November 1st at 8.00am.

(outside at the Columbarium)

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'

To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin.

Bartimeus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimeus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path.

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 28th October

NO Mass

Padua Mass 9.00am

Grandparents Day

Memorial Mass 6.00pm

Tuesday 29th October

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 30th October

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Padua Old Boy's Memorial Mass 5.00pm

Thursday 31st October

Mass 8.00am

Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 1st November

Mass 8.00am

(All Saints)

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 2nd November

Mass 8.00am

(All Souls)

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 3rd November

[31st Sunday in Ordinary Time]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community



If you have any spare time and would like to be part of a wonderful community please join the Samaritans every Tuesday for a morning filled with fun, laughter, and meaningful conversations. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, make friends, and participate in exciting activities and games. Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

New volunteers always welcome.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Maria Papa, Dympna Jones, Michael Cappiello, Falina Land, Nancy Crismani, Antonia Puglisi, Crowe, Patricia Ryan Terry Thomas, Innes Ciotti, Veronica Dack, Charissa Gonzales

Anniversaries occur about now:

Belen Vargas, Narelle Gednes, Stephen Gibbons, Bruce Awning, Madeline Jones, Martin family, Piassey family, Sheila De Zilva, Jesuina Fernandes, John McManus, Michelle Elizabeth Quinn, Peter Rossitto, Maria Caruso, Diana Saffigna, Fiona Saffigna, Lois Wijetunge, Maureen Hudson

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 email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



ENCOUNTER KEDRON

Our Youth Group, Encounter Kedron is a home for High Schoolers (Year 7-12). A place where young people can connect with friends, faith filled leaders and encounter something and someone greater than themselves.

This term we're diving into the theme of Leadership and Advent! Join us for a night of games, great music, an engaging speaker and small groups.

BISHOP TIM NORTON:

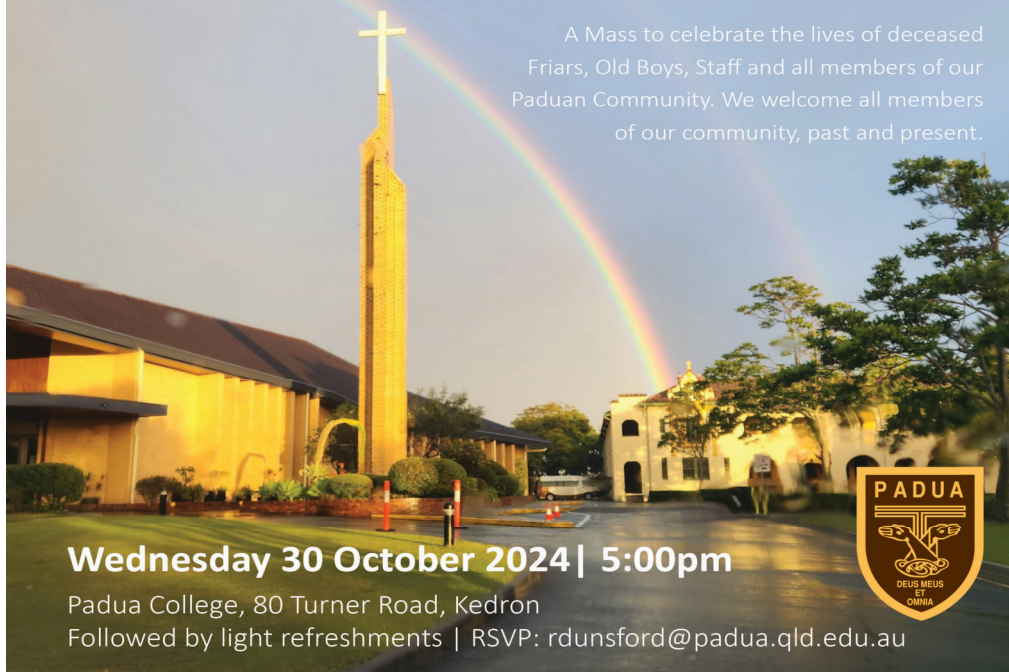
Pope Francis has appointed Brisbane Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Norton SVD to be the third Bishop of Broome. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President and Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, said Bishop Norton would bring "energy, enthusiasm and vision" to the Broome Diocese. "As a member of the Society of the Divine Word, Bishop Norton has a deep appreciation of the importance of cultural traditions in the living of the Christian faith," Archbishop Costelloe said. "He will be a blessing not only to the Catholic community in the vast Diocese of Broome, but to all who live in the north-west."



Please join us for our 2024

**Padua College Community
Memorial & Old Boys Mass**

A Mass to celebrate the lives of deceased Friars, Old Boys, Staff and all members of our Paduan Community. We welcome all members of our community, past and present.



Wednesday 30 October 2024 | 5:00pm

Padua College, 80 Turner Road, Kedron

Followed by light refreshments | RSVP: rdunsford@padua.qld.edu.au



Celebrating All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day The origins of All Saints' Day

In the Catholic tradition, November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November and the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on 2 November. While no longer holy days of obligation in Australia, the Church has consistently encouraged prayers for the faithful departed and, during November, a list of the names of the dead is usually placed in the church so that the community can remember them in prayer.

All Saints' Day commemorates all the saints in heaven. The feast dates back to the early Church, when communities would gather and celebrate the anniversary of the martyr's death. During the persecution under the emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each saint, so the Church established a common feast day for all the martyrs.

The first mention of this feast came during the pontificate of Pope Gregory III (731-741). On 1 November, 732, Pope Gregory consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St Peter dedicated to honour all the saints.

The choice of day may have been also intended to co-opt the Ancient Roman 'Feast of the Lamures,' on which Romans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. A century later, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on 1 November to the universal Church.

The feast took on such importance in the life of the Church that from the beginning it was celebrated with a vigil and, from the time of Pope Sixtus IV (1471-84), with an octave.

The liturgical celebration on the day before the feast became known as hallowed evening or Hallowe'en. All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, 'great multitude which no man could number' (Revelation 7:9), especially those who have no proper feast day of their own. All Saints' Day is a time to consider the example saints offer us and to reflect on how we can imitate their lives. As Pope Benedict XVI said, All Saints' Day calls us 'to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints.'

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day follows All Saints Day on 2 November and is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. Believers remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified and attain the Beatific Vision. All Souls Day originally was celebrated in the Easter season, around Pentecost Sunday.

Believers pray for the souls which, on departing from the body are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, and are not yet able to be granted the Beatific Vision of with God in Heaven. The idea is that the living faithful can help them with prayers, almsgiving and especially the Sacrifice of the Mass.

By the tenth century, the celebration had been moved from Pentecost to October. Sometime between 998 and 1030, St Odilo of Cluny ordered the commemoration of the faithful departed on 2 November in all of the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation.

From there, it spread among the other congregations of the Benedictines and among the Carthusians over the next two centuries. Soon afterwards, the commemoration of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory spread to the entire Church from the diocese of Liege under Bishop Notger in the ninth century.

The day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance, with requiem Masses held. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead on All Souls' Day, by visiting a Church and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. There are three conditions to gaining a plenary indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion and prayer for the pope's intentions.

Many people also visit and sometimes decorate the graves of deceased loved ones on All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Laudato Si

Clearly we need new thinking as we find ourselves in what some call 'polycrisis' and 'systemic collapse'. In thinking about thinking, there are theories like "Fourth Person – the knowing of the Field" (see *Otto Scharmer MIT Presencing Institute*). Indigenous speakers demonstrate 'listening to country' (e.g. see *Marcia Langton's Welcome to Country: 2nd Ed.*) **Laudato Si'** would have us aim for a deep conversion to feel and act as if matter really mattered and to see the 'kingdom of God'. "Listening to the Field" is something we at Sacred Heart Samford are literally trying to grasp by asking ourselves what an "integral site ecology" approach is to the mundane sounding "hard landscaping and PWD Access" or "the ground is a tank"? As was we try to understand not only what was here on this site (Regional Ecosystem pre-clearing flora and fauna species and heritage archeology) what is here on this site (soil analysis and [regional ecosystem pre-clearing flora and fauna species](#)) but what caring for this very field, listening to this very land could reveal as hope for the whole community by way of a shared, healing future, human and non-human right here.

Piety Store

If you are looking for a gift, why not have a look at the Piety Store. We have new stock that has just arrived. There is a good selection and we can order items from the catalogue if your selection is not in stock. The Piety Store is situated at the foyer of the Church and is open before and after the weekend Masses - 5pm on Saturday; 7.30 am and 9.30am on Sunday.

In store at the moment are Daily Reflection Books for Advent and Christmas. Little Blue Books— \$5.00 and Wollongong Diocese Books \$8.00.

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Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the QR code and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office.

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2024 Year of Prayer*



"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."

Pope Francis

Prayer

You speak, Lord God, even in silence and we listen with ears of the heart. We listen and our eyes are opened to see all things as they are. We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened to speak of our joy and our sorrow, to sing your praise and seek your help. This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven to earth, heart speaking to heart. Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer, teach us to pray anew, lead us deep into the heart of Jesus who is our prayer for ever and ever.

Amen.



+Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

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