

29th July
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR B

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 5:00 pm St Anthony's
6:00 pm St Luke's

Sundays: 7:00 am St Luke's
9:00 am St Anthony's

RECONCILIATION

9:00 am – 9:30 am

1st Saturday of the month – St Anthony's
3rd Saturday of the month – St Luke's

Or by appointment.

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**ST. ANTHONY & ST. LUKE'S
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A Stewardship Moment: " *There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?*" John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Baptism Preparation Session

The next Baptism Preparation evening is being held on Tuesday 21st August at 7.30pm. To book in, please phone the Parish Office on 3820 0100.



Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all or our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

READINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST READING (Kings 4:42-44)

They will eat and have some left over.

RESPONSE: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

2ND READING (Ephesians 4:1-6)

The is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL (John 6:1-15)

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

As Christians who sincerely love God and His Church, we tend to assume that God will always care for us, protect us and keep us out of harm's way. This is not such a huge expectation from a loving God, we often imagine. Unfortunately, our daily experience shows that things do not generally occur as such. The truth is that Christians, just like other people also face challenges and difficulties, even of the worst kinds.

To justify or explain this, we can easily argue that God did not create a perfect world. After all, He only declared that the world that He created was "good". He did not use "perfect" to describe it. All the same, an answer like this could hardly assuage the confusions faced by a person confronted with some obnoxious challenges and difficulties, especially those that are of a personal nature. It is even worse if the person has prayed repeatedly for the "cup" to be taken away from him or her. Sincerely, hardly would any explanation simply explain or justify situations like this. So, where is God when a Christian or his loved one(s) suffer?

On one can pretend to know all the answers to this question. Maybe only God can effectively answer it. However, one thing that we should always bear in mind is that God's love and companionship always surrounds us. No matter how difficult the situation may be, God never abandons us. Suffering, just like dying too, are necessary components of our human experience. As unattractive as they are, we cannot fully escape from them. Even Jesus Christ in his human nature, suffered.

Moreover, no matter how difficult your situation or experience is, know that someone else has survived similar or even worse situations. Your worst challenge and difficulty today might become the funniest story you may tell in years to come. When the going gets tough, the tough get going!

God Bless,



Fr. Emmanuel

B.C.E SURVEYS



St Anthony's recently completed an internal review process to ensure that this great school continues to improve moving forward. To ensure that all schools have improvement as part of their on-going agenda, Brisbane Catholic Education has introduced a survey to provide clear feedback to school leadership teams and our system. There are 3 types of survey; a staff, student and parent survey.

Students in Years 4-6 will complete a survey in class which will take 30 minutes. Please inform the school if you don't want your child to participate.

All parents at St Anthony's are encouraged to complete the B.C.E survey which can be accessed via a link within the Parent Portal. The survey takes 10 minutes to complete. If you'd prefer to complete a hard copy survey, there are copies available at the front office.

The survey provides parents, students and staff with the opportunity to affirm the great things that take place at St Anthony's while providing constructive feedback that allows for general school improvement moving forward. We have until the 20th August to submit all surveys. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the surveys; jbates@bne.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY: It has been an incredibly exciting start to term in the Library! Children have been bringing me their **Premier's Reading Challenge Sheets** and putting their counters into the House Challenge Jars with great excitement. Don't forget that it's not too late to start filling in the sheets! Many have also received "**Caught Reading Tickets**", it's so much fun sharing in their enthusiasm. Friday's assembly will be the first time that I can share the running totals.

BCE Listens Survey



One of the ways we can continually improve as a school is to seek regular feedback from our community. Over the next four weeks, we will be launching the Brisbane Catholic Education Listens suite of surveys and asking our parents and carers, our students and our staff what they think of St Luke's. As partners in your child's education, what you think of our school matters. We're calling these surveys 'listening surveys' because we want to hear from as many in our community as possible. Our goal is to ensure we continually improve our efforts to provide an enriching Catholic education for every student in our care. All surveys will be confidential. Parents/carers and staff will have a month-long window to complete the survey (from 20 July to 20 August) and teachers will be allocating a small amount of class time (we estimate about a 30 minute session) at an appropriate time in the first few weeks of this term for our students from Years 4 to Years 6. An information sheet will be sent home to parents and carers this week and you can find out more on our school portal. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can contact our school survey coordinator on jdcameron@bne.catholic.edu.au



We ask that you pause for a moment to offer a prayer for the sick in our community and especially for; Christina Abante, Kent Adams, Allan Anderson, Kannika Bagster, Kerry Boyde, Jason Brady, Dorothy Briske, Sabina Brooker, Teresa Cabrita, Nicholas Davies, Palita de Almeida, Diana Devlin, Suzie Fleming, Georgia Freemantle, Lesley Gledhill, Peter Goodwin, Jan Gray, Tony Grogan, John Guy, Frank Hall, Baby Charlie Halliday, Kevin Hardy, Emily Hasdell, Ronald Haynes, Barbara Kelly, Dorothy Kelly, Irena Kelly, Jim Kelly, Lyn Leacey, Antonina Letizia, Jennifer Letizia, Catherine Makridakis, Trish Marot, Jane Martin, Lesley Masters, Leanne Mason, John McKay, Judith Mortimer, Annabelle Morton, Wendy Mullins, Barry Murphy, Carol Nash, Alison O'Reilly, Estelle Parker, Shane Parkinson, Carmen Phairs, Terry Poulos, Eleanor Power, Teresa Rafter, Tam Reddich, Patricia Rodgers, Maria Ruano, Rosa Maria Santos, Matthew Scott, Matilda Sequeira, Max Spelta, Gerry Stack, Diana Staples, Lorraine Steele, Graeme Stevenson, Ann Sullivan, Kerry Thomas, Lawrie Thomas, Richard Tomaszewski, Pauline Veal, Ava Wenzel, Lesley West, Belinda Wheeler, Meryl Zahner and all those others who have asked for our prayers.

Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Weekly Offerings for the Week ended 22nd July 2018 - Mass Offerings \$3776.75 (Envelopes, Loose, Direct Debits & Credit Cards)
Mass Attendance for the Week ended 22nd July 2018 - 5pm St Anthony's 87; 6pm St Luke's 41; 9am St Anthony's 274; 7am St Luke's 53.

18% of your offerings go to the Archdiocese and the rest are used for paying for Parish Staff, utility bills, insurance, Parish Administration, ministers and sacraments, building maintenance, charity, updating office and church equipment, newsletters and other publications and maintaining parish ministries among other things.
 God Bless you and thank you for your generosity.



More Wool is Needed to make rugs for elderly patients in the Geriatric Rehabilitation Wards of the PAH and Beanies for premi babies and Seafarers who visit the Stella Maris Centre at Wynnum. Please leave any donations at the Church or the Parish Office.

12 Noon - 8th August Parish Luncheon

Come and celebrate Deacon Ray's 70th Birthday and Retirement in St Anthony's Parish Hall from noon on Wednesday 8th August. Admission: A small plate of finger food to share. ALL WELCOME. For information please phone Jackie 38242023, or Margaret 38240903.



"Sharing Our Giftedness Day" at Emmaus Centre, St Luke's School Sunday 19th August – starting at 10.30am SHARP – 3pm



We will come together on this day to: Share our God-given talent in a creative way with others; share our stories to get to know one another better in order to grow closer as a community of love; and share time in prayerful relaxation/reflection.
Come along from 10.00am (to share a cuppa) and be ready to start at 10.30am (promptly). Choose 3 of the 4 choices + Lunch – all for \$20. You will take home 3 lovely treasures, made by your own hands – as well as sharing some tasty treats and conversation with old and new friends. **Bookings must be made and paid for by Friday 3rd August. Complete the sheet at the back of each Church, and pay ASAP.**



Care and Concern

The next Care and Concern meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st August at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. New members always welcome. Come and join the ministry.



Volunteer with Palms Australia Teachers always required!

East Timor needs teachers - ready to take your Skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333.
For more opportunities visit palms.org.au/volunteer

Plenary Council 2020

Towards the Plenary Council: Short Course in Theology



"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia? This question will be the subject of future "Listening" sessions in our Parish. If you wish to be informed, in order to be a valuable contributor, consider the four Wednesday evening sessions at ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3 Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St Brisbane. On Wednesday 8,22 & 29 August and 5 September from 6pm – 8pm. Subject matter will be "Wrestling with the Tradition; Becoming the Church of Vatican 11; The Future of Catholic Education/Institutions & The Mission of the Church in the 21st Century. Contact Margaret at the Parish Office for more info..."

Ladies Group extends their



heartfelt gratitude to The Soup Makers, the kitchen workers, the set up crew, our supporters and **ALL** who made the 30th Anniversary Celebration such as success.



St Luke's Catholic Childcare Centre 51 Degen Road, Capalaba has limited vacancies across all groups. Please phone 3245 3300 to make enquiries.

| THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE | | | |
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| MONDAY | 30 July | 8.45 am 9.00 am | Little Saints Play Group Mother's Prayers – St Luke's |
| TUESDAY | 31 July | 7.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm | Mass – St Anthony's Rosary – St Luke's Christian Meditation – St Luke's |
| WEDNESDAY | 1 August | 7.00 am 9.00 am | Mass – St Luke's Care and Concern |
| THURSDAY | 2 August | 9.00 am | Prep J Class Mass – St Anthony's |
| FRIDAY | 3 August | 7.00 am | Mass – St Luke's |
| SATURDAY | 4 August | 5.00 pm 6.00 pm | Mass – St Anthony's Years 5/6 School Involvement Mass – St Luke's |
| SUNDAY | 5 August | 7.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am | Mass– St Luke's Mass – St Anthony's Confirmation Activity Day 2 – St Anthony's Baptisms – St Anthony's |

Rosters for 4th & 5th August 2018

| MINISTRY | ST ANTHONY'S PARISH | | ST LUKE'S PARISH | |
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| CLEANERS | Trish Purcell & Dot Simmons | | Peter and Julie Bakes | |
| COUNTERS | Alex Sowah, Sam Sowah, John Plettell & Adrienne Fahy | | Tracey Armatys & Kieran Gilboy | |
| MOWING | George Gabrielle | | | |
| MASS TIMES | 5.00pm | 9.00am | 6.00pm | 7.00am |
| SACRISTAN | Kathy Ellis | Pam Boyle | Gana Ralph | Tracey Armatys |
| DATA PROJECTOR | Colin Benemile | David Haley | Hein Peeters | Trish Pearcy |
| USHERS | Graham and Mary Ericksen | Anna Caton Helen Bowman | | |
| ALTAR SERVERS | John Benemile Daniela Benemile | Jacob Terry Ryan Weerasinghe | | |
| READERS | Trish Winter Narelle Dobson Kathy Ellis (Intro & P of F) | Monique Orendain Shirini Miranda Jemar Miranda (Intro & P of F) | Year 5/6 School Involvement Mass | Bernie Sue Tracey Armatys Sharyn Leaf (Intro) Deacon Ray (P of F) |
| EUCCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing | Carmel Culpeper Annita McSherry Kathy Metzen Madonna Ogden (W) Les Culpeper (W) | Jack Orendain Les Henderson Carmel Haley * Inez Barry (W) Mary Boyd (W) | Jeanine Bowlen Deacon Ray Peter O'Connor | Deacon Ray Paul Blacklock Kevin Rourke |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY | | Jayne Aguiar & Tanya Parnwell | | |
| HOSPITALITY (Tea/Coffee) | | Caton Family & Friends | Sharon Evans | |
| TRANSPORT | | Margaret Mathison | | |
| COLLECTION TEAM | Edwin Benemile Gina Benemile | Sylas Larisma Lito Larisma | | |
| NEWSLETTER FOLDERS | Graham & Mary Ericksen | | | |