From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your response to the air conditioning appeal last weekend. If you have brought back an appeal envelope from last weekend please place it on the collection plate at Mass today. There are still plenty of envelopes in the pews to make use of today or to bring back next weekend when we will conclude the appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Overall last weekend the result was a little disappointing. If you wish to see air conditioning in Mary Immaculate Church I appeal to you to make a contribution to the project, no matter how big or small. Thank you.

I would like to make a special appeal for volunteers to take a turn on the Mary Immaculate Church cleaning roster. This is to be “God’s Housekeeper”. It is a task for God’s glory and honour in His own house, as well as a service to God’s family, the Church, in our parish. At present, we have 14 volunteers who are rostered on in teams once a month, which can come around very quickly. If we had sufficient volunteers it would mean only being rostered on every 3-4 months or so, which is much more manageable. This would be a wonderful contribution that could be made by large families who could all be rostered on together as a team, but individuals are also very much encouraged to volunteer as well. For more information please phone the Parish Office on 3848 1107.

Our Reflection for this week, Part One of a Lenten meditation, follows.

Fr Andrew Wise PP

Out of Pride and Into Humility: A Lenten Meditation on a Teaching by St. Bernard of Clairvaux By: Msgr. Charles Pope.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux enumerates the twelve steps to deeper humility. To read St. Bernard’s reflections, consider purchasing his book Steps of Humility and Pride.

(1) Fear of God - To fear the Lord is to hold God in awe. It is to be filled with wonder and awe at all God has done, and at who He is. Cringing, servile fear is not recommended here. Rather, the fear rooted in love and deep reverence for God is what begins to bring us down the mountain of pride. It is a look to God, and away from ourselves and our egocentric tendencies, that begins to break our pride.

Scripture says, The fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov 9:10). To fear the Lord is to turn to the Lord, seeking answers, seeking meaning, realizing that in God is all wisdom and knowledge. To fear the Lord is to hunger and thirst for His truth and righteousness. To fear the Lord is to look outside and upward from myself to God. Here begins our journey down the mountain of pride, a simple and loving look to God, who alone can set us free from the slavery that pride and sinfulness created for us.

(2) Abnegation of self-will – In the garden, Jesus said to his father, Father, not as I will, but as you will (Lk 22:42). And this is what abnegation of the will means. It means to be willing to surrender my will to God’s will, to allow His decisions to subsume mine. Pride demands to do what it pleases and to determine whether it is right or wrong. But in this stage of humility, I am willing to look to God.

The saints say, “If God wants it, I want it. If God doesn’t want it, I don’t want it.” The prideful person says “How come I can’t have it? It’s not so bad. Everybody else is doing it.” But on the journey away from pride, having come to a fear of the Lord, we are now more joyfully ready to listen to God, and to submit to His vision for us.

(3) Obedience - And now, having attained a more humble disposition of heart, we are more able and willing to obey. Obedience moves from hearing God’s word to heeding it, to obeying God’s holy will, to being willing to surrender our stubborn wills to His. We are made ready, by God’s grace, to execute that will, to obey and put into action the will of God. And thus the descent of the mountain of pride begins, toward the freedom of children of God, little by little.

(4) Patient endurance - Embarking on this journey down the mountain of pride and striving to hear and understand God’s will and to obey Him, one can surely expect obstacles, both internally and externally. Our flesh, that is, our sinful nature, does not simply and wholeheartedly surrender, but rather continues to battle.

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PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 22nd February  
St Vincent de Paul Mass at 7:00am at St Elizabeth’s Chapel, for the repose of the souls of deceased less fortunate members of society.

Tuesday 8th March  
Anointing Mass at MI Church at 10:00am. Morning tea follows in Marymac Centre.

Saturday 19th March  
Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in MI Primary School Library.

Wednesday 6th April  
Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7:30pm at the Parish Office.

Friday 15th April  
Elizabethan Social Club Devonshire Tea & Craft Stall from 10:00am at St John Fisher Hall. Cost: 5:00. Please phone Philomena on 3349 2809 or Joan on 3848 3251.

Wednesday 27th April  
Parish Finance Council meets at 7:30pm at the Parish Office.

Monday 9th May  
Josephites Associates Meeting from 10:00am at Majellan House, Cnr Cardross & Wilkie Streets, Yeerongpilly. Contact Jay on 3848 8923 or Claire on 3848 3998.

ART UNION 2016 PRIZE DRAWS:  
1 March — EARLY BIRD DRAW — $300
5 April — $200, 3 May — $200, 7 June — $200, 5 July — $200, 2 August — $200, 6 September — $200, 4 October — $200.

JACKPOT DRAW, 1 November — $1000. Only 150 tickets to be sold! Great odds!

Every ticket sold is in every subsequent draw.

TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD AFTER ALL Masses THIS WEEKEND. BE SURE TO GET YOURS!

FAITH 16 IN OUR PARISH: On Thursday 25th February, Annerley Ekibin Parish will host the third in the series of these Lenten Pilgrimage events, "Mercy in Family Life" at the Marymac Centre. This is an important initiative developed by the Brisbane South Deanery and conveying the strong endorsement of Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Our Pastoral Council & Deanery Representatives need your assistance to ensure a rewarding, enjoyable and memorable experience for both Annerley Ekibin parishioners and the many visitors attending from other Brisbane South parishes. The evening will conclude with a light supper to encourage friendly interaction, and we would greatly appreciate those attending bringing a plate to share.

We also ask that our parishioners support as many of the events hosted by other parishes as possible.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND  
First: $1,369.90  Second: $3,512.15  
Thank you from a grateful Parish

WE PRAY FOR  
Those who are recently deceased: Dolores (Dolly) SEQUEIRA, Mrs KELK, Patrick GAYNOR, Stephen DICK, Sr Teresa WOOD and Linda TRIASMONO.

Those who are sick: Esther ADENEY, Theresa BAGLEY, Gabrielle BENTLEY, Neil BETTS, Baby BIRKETT, Stewart BOYD, Antoinette BRENNEN, Jeremy CARROLL, Robyn CLEMENTS, Jim CLIFFORD, Hilary COLLINS, Rina COOK, Rochelle COWARD, Marietta CRUZADO, Diane ELLIS, Rowena ENNIS, David FARRELL, Jane FARRELL, Madge FARRELL, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, Gwen GAIR, Helen GIAQUINTA, Dulcey HARVEY (Ingham), John HASTINGS, Sr Patricia HAYES RSM, Jan HEGARTY, Peter HEGARTY, Keith HOGG, Patricia JACOBS, Marlene JOHNSTON, Dominic KENNEDY, Robyn KINNES, Ryan MacGARY, Brian MALONEY, Eileen MATTHEWS, Bernadette MALONEY, John MITCHELL, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MOHR, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O’Dwyer, Bernie O’HARA, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Julie ROWEN (Mackay), Dorothy RYAN, Nick SANDAHAN (Jnr), Florence SNELL, Mary STUART, Heather TERRILL, Charlie WINTER, Gary WYLIE, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK, Marlene ZIERVOGEL.

All the faithful departed, especially Maria DE LUCA (WYETH) and David SOARES.

Faith 16 Year of Mercy: The Brisbane South Deanery will pilgrimage to Parishes in the Deanery every Thursday evening during the season of Lent 2016. Details for this program are below.

Faith 16: Merciful Like the Father: Pilgrimage through Lent

Week 3. Mercy in Family Life: Mrs Gail Godfrey  
25 February 2016, 7—8.30 pm  
Marymac Centre, Annerley

Week 4. Mercy in Prayer: Sr Mary Franzmann pbvm  
& Sr Ursula O’Rourke sgs  
3 March 2016, 7—8.30 pm  
St Bernard’s Church Upper Mt Gravatt

Week 5. Mercy in Community: Mr Rick Sheehan & guest speakers  
10 March 2016, 7—8.30 pm  
St Plus X Hall Salisbury

Week 6. Chrism Mass (Please note change of date)  
16 March 2016, 7, 00 pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen

From Page 1:  
Our flesh resists prayer, resists being submitted to anything other than its own wishes and desires. And thus, internally, we suffer resistance from our sinful nature. But little by little, we gain greater self-discipline and authority over our unruly passions. This is truly a struggle, requiring patience and an enduring spirit and will. 

Externally, too, we often encounter resistance as we try to come down from the mountain of pride. Perhaps old friends seek to seduce us back to former ways. Perhaps, too, the structures of our pride remain standing, structures such as willfulness, self-reliance, powerful positions, etc. They continue to draw us away from our intentions: to come down the mountain of pride and further embrace humble submission to God. Perhaps the world continues to demand that we think and act out of old categories that are not of God, and still hold us bound to some extent.

Patient endurance is often required to see such things borne away. Yes, it often takes years, even decades, of patient and persistent action, for the sinful world to lose its grip on us.

Please see next week’s Newsletter for Part Two of this Reflection.
### Rosters for next week

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**COUNTERS**

- **Monday, 22nd February, 2016**
  - Nick Jabore, Bernie O’Hara

**CHURCH CARE**

- **Sacristy (SEC)** Maria Monro
- **Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI)** Mabel Saah, Alicia Cooke
- **Church Cleaning (MI)** Noel Everding
- **Laundry (SJF)**
- **Laundry (SEC)** Mira Tedjo, Kate Ahern
- **Laundry (MI)** Mabel Saah

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### Parish Diary & Mass Times: 22nd - 28th February 2016

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**No 7:00am [EF] Mass today**

**Sunday 28th February**

- **7:30am** Mass [OF] MI
- **9:00am** Mass [EF] MI
- **9:00am** Mass [OF+] MI
- **5:00pm** Mass [OF+] MI

- **OF** = Ordinary Form | **OF+** = *Ad orientem* | **EF** = Extraordinary Form

**MI** = Mary Immaculate | **SE** = St Elizabeth’s | **SJF** = St John Fisher

### Confeussion Times:

- **Monday 6:45pm (MI)**
- **Wednesday 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)**
- **Thursday 7:30am - 8:00am (MI)**
- **Thursday 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)**
- **Friday 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)**
- **Friday 7:30pm - 8:30pm (MI) During Holy Hour**
- **Saturday 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)**
- **Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)**
- **Saturday 5:45pm by request (SJF)**
- **Sunday 8:30am (MI)**

**Adoration at Saint Elizabeth's Chapel on Thursday nights has now recommenced.** It is a great blessing to have all-night Exposition and Adoration at Saint Elizabeth’s each Thursday evening through the year. We aim to have two rostered adorers for each hour. This helps if someone is ill or can’t make it, or is running late, so that there is always someone there to watch with Our Lord. We currently need a second rostered adorer for each hour from 6pm to 9pm each week. If you could commit to be a rostered adorer for an hour from 6pm, 7pm or 8pm, would you please let Father Adrian know by contacting the parish office.

**RCIA:** RCIA and adult faith formation for anyone interested in learning more about the faith, Wednesdays from 7.30pm, parish office.

**St Gregory’s Latin Mass Community**

Second Sunday of Lent: Wilston, at 7:30am

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 20th February,** 6:00pm Vigil at SJF:
For Peter Hansen (deceased) and the Intentions of the Hansen Family

**Sunday, 21st February,** 9:00am Mass at SJF:
For the Intentions of the Donor
9:00am Mass at MI: For the People of the Parish: Pro populo

**Monday, 22nd February,** 7:00am Mass at SE:
For the Repose of the Souls of deceased less fortunate members of society

**Tuesday, 23rd February,** 6:00am Mass at SE:
For the Holy Souls

**Wednesday, 24th February,** 7:00am Mass at SJF:
For the Holy Souls

**Thursday, 25th February,** 6:00am Mass at SE:
For the Soul of Dolores (Dolly) Sequeira
7:00am Mass at MI: For David Soares, Anniversary

**Friday, 26th February,** 9:00am Mass at MI:
For Maria De Luca (Wyeth), deceased

**Saturday, 27th February,** 5:30pm Vigil at MI:
For Margaret Concannon, recently deceased

**6:00pm Vigil at SJF:** For the People of the Parish: Pro populo

**Sunday, 28th February,** 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the Intentions of the Donor
5:00pm Mass at MI: For a Special Intention

The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour before the early Masses, Monday to Friday, at SE & SJF.

- All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday at St Elizabeth’s Chapel beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 6:45am on Fridays.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 7:45am at Mary Immaculate Church.
SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him, 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 26
(Said by all)

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?
O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the salvation we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up to the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: Number One
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

St Vincent de Paul
Annerley Conference
The Annerley Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society requires televisions to distribute to households in need. Second-hand sets will be safety-tested before distribution. If you have a TV that you'd like to donate, please phone Kevin on 3892 6113.

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?
OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE
BUT REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND
WOULD LIKE TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND
OF THE BRISBANE ORATORY?
If so, please fill in the form below and place it on the collection plate or mail to our Parish Office:
P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.

□ I am a new parishioner
□ I am from elsewhere but would like to be registered as a friend of the Brisbane Oratory

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