Our Lady’s Secondary College
Phone 3392 6291
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Mr Michael Armstrong (Principal)
Phone 3255 9468
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Phone 3848 1107 (Office hours)
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Oratory House
16 Ferndale Street, Annerley
Phone 3392 9247
http://brisbane-oratory.org/
Fr Paul Chandler (Moderator)
Fr Andrew Wise
Fr Adrian Sharp
Fr Scot Armstrong
Br Shawn Murphy
Br Francis King
Br Conor Power
Br Matthew Buckley
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From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your consoling expressions of sympathy, support and prayers on the occasion of my mother’s death at 84 years old on Christmas night. Thankfully I arrived in Sale, Victoria, on December 24th to be with Mum and the rest of our family before she died. They were sad and difficult days, but I am grateful to the Lord for the grace and strength needed during this time, especially in offering Mum’s Requiem Mass last Saturday, January 2nd.

The statue of Our Lady and half the Stations of the Cross have been temporarily removed from Mary Immaculate Church for restoration work. They will be back in about a month’s time.

As announced previously a special holy hour with confessions will take place on Friday evenings this year as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This begins on Friday, 22nd January between 7:30pm and 8:30pm in Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcomed and encouraged to come to the holy hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament and to confess if they wish as well.

Thank you to the young women of Flores Teresianes who have a roster for the year to make sure there are at least two adorers present in the Church before the Blessed Sacrament for the hour. I pray that there will be many others joining them as well. Each week the holy hour is for general prayer and adoration, but also to pray that people will open their hearts in repentance and trust so that they may be able to actually experience the greatness and power of Jesus’ Divine Mercy in their lives and wholeheartedly respond accordingly.

Fr Andrew Wise PP

The reflection this week is the first of two parts on Ten Steps to Help Us Draw Closer to God — in 2016.

Over the years I’ve heard from many good people who want a closer relationship with God. But they’re stymied by what they perceive as God’s silence. What they often mean, without knowing it, is that they’d like God to do something dramatic in their lives; something with a hint of Mt Sinai that proves His credentials.

But God typically doesn’t work that way. He’s not in the theatre business. God wants to be loved and even in a sense ”courted” – which means that we can’t be passive partners in the relationship. We need to pursue God as we would the persons we love.

So here are a few steps – in no particular order – that can help us draw closer to God. First, start by listening to Him. Faith isn’t a 12-step action program. Nor is it an algebra problem that needs to be “solved.” It’s a love affair. As with a spouse, the most important thing we can do is to be present and listen. This requires the investment of time and focus. If a spirit of impatience or pretending to listen doesn’t work with your spouse, why would it work with God?

Second, cultivate silence. We can’t listen when our world is filled with noise and toys. C.S. Lewis often said that noise is the music of hell. Our toys – those things we choose to distract us – keep us diverted from focusing on the main questions of life: Why are we here? What does my life mean? Is there a God, and if so, who is He, and what does He ask of me?

Third, seek humility. Humility is to the spirit what material poverty is to the senses: the great purifier. Humility is the beginning of sanity. We can’t really see much less love – anyone or anything else when the self is in the way. When we finally, really believe in our own sinfulness and unimportance, many other things become possible: repentance; mercy; patience, forgiveness of others. These virtues are the foundation stones of that other great Christian virtue: justice. No justice is ever possible in a spider’s web of mutual anger, recrimination and hurt pride.

Reading for next Sunday
16th/17th January, 2016
1st: Isaiah 62/1-5
2nd: 1 Corinthians 12/4-11
Gospel: John 2/2-11
The world’s thy ship and not thy home.

St Therese of Lisieux

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

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<td>Elizabethan Social Club AGM &amp; Australia Day Function. Pies &amp; Peas, etc. Bring &amp; Swap Store. SJF Hall, 10.00am. Cost $7. Bookings: Joan on 3848 3251 or Philomena on 3349 2809.</td>
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<td>Josephites Associates Meeting at 10:00am at St Fabian’s Hall, Yeronga. Contact Jay on 3848 8923 or Claire on 3848 3998.</td>
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THE LITTLE KING’S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Little King’s Movement, catering for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities, conducts a Door Knock and Parish Appeal once a year. There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic values, is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

Please support the Little King’s Annual Appeal in our Parish on the weekend of 23rd/24th January, 2016. Complete one of the Appeal envelopes provided and return it in any weekend collection.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Thank you to all parents who returned Sacramental Program enrolment forms to us. The Parent Information Session for the Sacraments will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016 at 7:30pm at a venue to be advised.

The first preparation session for the Sacrament of Penance for the children will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd at 4:00pm (venue also still to be advised). There will be FIVE sessions for Penance on Wednesday afternoons, leading up to Easter.

On behalf of the Oratory Fathers, thank you to all who gave so generously through Christmas Offerings.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

WE PRAY FOR

Those who are recently deceased: Sr Teresa WOOD, Linda TRIASMONO, Pam WISE, Amy ROBERTSON, Tim GAFFNEY, June BREEN and Ana TONGA

Those who are sick: Esther ADENEY, Theresa BAGLEY, Z. BASSETT, 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, Jane FARRELL, Madge FARRELL, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, ., Genn 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-WALSH, Chemil MALONEY, Eileen MATTHEWS, Bernard MEALARY, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MORI, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O’DWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Julie ROWEN (Mackay), Dorothy RYAN, Nick SHANAHAN (Jnr), Florence SNELL, Mary STUART, Heather TERRILL, Charlie WINTER, Gary WYLIE, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

All the faithful departed.

St Gregory’s Latin Mass Community
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Wilston, at 7:30am

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
First: $1,319.54  Second: $3,553.05
Thank you from a grateful Parish
Rosters for next week

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Linda’s Triasmono’s family wish to thank everyone for your prayers, thoughtful words, and acts of kindness, during Linda’s battle with her health. You gave us the strength to support Linda, and each other, particularly during those last difficult weeks. We also wish to thank everyone who helped us in so many ways in the preparation of her funeral Mass. A special thank you to those who provided refreshments afterwards. We are truly grateful for your kindness. Christine Nitz

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. Application forms now available in Churches and at the Parish Office. Good luck!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 10th January, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the People of the Parish: Pro populo
9:00am Mass at MI:
For the Soul of Laurie Gallagher
Monday, 11th January, 7:00am Mass at SE:
For a Special Intention
7:00pm Mass at MI:
For Ellen Marshall recently deceased
Tuesday, 12th January, 6:00am Mass at SE:
For a Special Intention
9:00am Mass at MI: For Colin Bassett,
Eugenia Salao and all the Faithful Departed
Wednesday, 13th January, 7:00am Mass at SJF:
For a Special Intention
9:00am Mass at MI: For Sr Ida Dwyer PBVM, Birthday
Thursday, 14th January, 6:00am Mass at SE:
For a Special Intention
Friday, 15th January, 7:00am Mass at SE:
For all souls in purgatory, especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.
Sunday, 17th January, 9:00am Mass at SJF:
For the Benefactors of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation
9:00am Mass at MI: For the People of the Parish: Pro populo
SUNDAY MASS READINGS
9th/10th January 2016

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

`Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear’ say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

71 (Said by all)

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants.
How many are your works, 0 Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small.
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.
You take back your spirit, they die,
turning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!


A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you’.

The Gospel 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.

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

Name…………………………………………………………
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