Ten Steps to Help Us Draw Closer to God:

First, repent. In the words of St Paul, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Second, confess. Jesus says, “If you have sinned, confess your sins to the Father.”

Third, come to Jesus Christ as the one on whom you believe for salvation. He makes himself available to those who seek him.

Fourth, listen. The Church teaches that we need to accept the Word of God and put it into practice.

Fifth, read. Scripture is the living Word of God. When we read God’s Word, we encounter God himself. But there’s more: J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Georges Bernanos and so many others — these were deeply intelligent and powerful writers whose work nourishes the Christian mind and soul, while also inspiring the imagination. Reading also serves another, simpler purpose: It shuts out the noise that distracts us from fertile reflection.

Sixth, pray. Prayer is more than just that portion of the day when we advise God about what we need and what he should do. Real prayer is much closer to listening, and it’s intimately tied to obedience. God certainly wants to hear what we need and love and fear, because these things are part of our daily lives, and he loves us. But if we’re doing the talking, we can’t listen. Note too, that we can’t really pray without humility. Why? Because prayer requires us to lift up who we are and everything we experience and possess to God. Pride is too heavy to lift.

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Eighth, believe and act. …a dramatic “road to Damascus” style conversion doesn’t happen to most people, and not even St Paul stayed on the road very long. Why? Because in revealing himself to Paul, Jesus immediately gave him something to do. We know and more deeply love Jesus Christ by doing what he tells us to do. In the real world, feelings that endure follow actions that have substance. The more sincere we are in our discipleship, the closer we will come to Jesus Christ.

Ninth, nobody makes it to heaven alone. We all need friendship and community. … Even Jesus needed these two things: friendship and community. The Apostles were not simply Christ’s followers; they were also his brothers and friends, people who knew and supported him in an intimate way. All of us as Christians need the same two things. It doesn’t matter whether we’re a religious, layperson, deacon or priest, single or married. Friends are vital. Community is vital. Our friends both express and shape who we are.

Tenth and finally, nothing is more powerful than the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist in leading us to the God we seek. God makes himself available to us every week in the confessional, and every day in the sacrifice of the Mass. It makes little sense to talk about the “silence of God” when our churches are made silent by our own absence and indifference. We’re the ones with the cold hearts – not God.
He’s never outdone in his generosity. He waits for us in the quiet of the tabernacle. And he loves us and wants to be loved wholeheartedly in return. If we’re willing to give that love, these steps will lead us to him.

The Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap. Archbishop of Philadelphia

**PARISH DATE CLAIMERS**

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**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 to be advised).

There will be **FIVE** sessions for Penance on Wednesday afternoons, leading up to Easter.

**Faith 16 Year of Mercy:** Pope Francis (2015) in announcing the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy reminded us that we need to “contemplate the mystery of mercy” as mercy is a source of peace, joy and serenity that our salvation relies on and is revealed in the Most Holy Trinity. Pope Francis continues telling us that mercy is God’s ultimate and supreme act in which God comes to meet us, it is the fundamental law that dwells in each heart and it connects God and man as hearts are opened by the hope of everlasting love despite our sinfulness.

Pope Francis calls us to recognise and live the season of Lent in this Jubilee year with greater intensity and to treat the season as a time to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. The Brisbane South Deanery in listening to this call 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**

**Brisbane South Deanery:** Pilgrimage through Lent

**Week 1.** Mercy in God: **Rev Dr John Chalmers**
- 11 February 2016, 7-8.30 pm
- St Agnes Church, Mt Gravatt

**Week 2.** Mercy in Luke: **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**
- 18 February 2016, 7-8.30 pm
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunnybank

**Week 3.** Mercy in Family Life: **Mrs Gail Godfrey**
- 25 February 2016, 7-8.30 pm
- Marymac Community 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 Pius X Hall Salisbury

**Week 6.** Chrism Mass
- 17 March 2016, 7.00 pm
- Cathedral of St Stephen

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**
Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies. From February 10th to March 20th, our community will join hundreds of other cities participating in 40 Days for Life. Some of our Teresianes Flores young women will be taking part. For more information, contact Catherine: 0431 117139.

Go to www.40daysforlife.com/brisbane or 40dlf.net

**THE LITTLE KING’S MOVEMENT**

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

**WE PRAY FOR**

Those who are recently deceased:
- Sr Teresa WOOD, Linda TRIASMONO, Pam WISE and Amy ROBERTSON.
- Those who are sick:
  - Adler ADENY, 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 FORREST, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, Gwen GAIN, Helen GIACQUINTA, 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, Cheryl MALONEY, Eileen MATTHEWS, Bernard MCALEARY, John MITCHELL, Marie MITCHELL, Harry MOHR, Kathryn MORRIS, Robyn O’DYWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Julie ROWE (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**
Second Sunday After Epiphany: Wilston, at 7:30am

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**

First: $1,384.45  Second: $3,325.80  Thank you from a grateful Parish
Rosters for next week

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COUNTERS

Monday, 18th January, 2016
Pat Brophy, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE
Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro
Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah, Alicia Cooke
Church Cleaning (MI) Carol Keates, Anne Low
Laundry (SEC) Mira Tedjo, Kate Ahern
Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

Volunteer Musician or Musical Helper Required at St John Fisher Church: Please phone the Parish Office on 3848 1107 for details.

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, 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. Forms may be returned through any weekend collection or the Parish Office.
Good luck!

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday, 18th January, 7:00am Mass at SE: For the Intentions of the Donor
Tuesday, 19th January, 6:00am Mass at SE: For the Soul of Angela De Ambrosis
Wednesday, 20th January, 7:00am Mass at SJF: For the Intentions of the Donor
Thursday 21st January, 6:00am Mass at SE: For the Holy Souls
9:00am Mass at MI: The Hon. Glen & Mrs Williams, Golden Wedding Anniversary

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 18th - 24th January 2016

Monday 18th January
7:00am Mass [OF] SE
7:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

Tuesday 19th January
6:00am Mass [OF+] SE
7:00am Mass [EF] MI
9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

Wednesday 20th January
7:00am Mass [OF] SJF
9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 21st January
6:00am Mass [OF+] SE
7:00am Mass [OF+] MI
9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 22nd January
7:00am Mass [OF] SE
9:00am Mass [EF] MI
7:30pm Holy Hour MI

Saturday 23rd January
8:00am Mass [EF] MI

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI
6:00pm Vigil [OF] SJF

Sunday 24th January
7:30am Mass [OF] MI
9:00am Mass [EF] MI
9:00am Mass [OF] SJF
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

CONFESSION 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)

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

(Previously suspended. Resumes February 11th)

Usually 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.

Friday, 22nd January, 7:00am Mass at SE:
For the Special Intentions of Violet & Santo Sobello
Saturday, 23rd January, 5:30pm Vigil at MI:
For the People of the Parish: Pro populo
Sunday, 24th January, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For a Special Intention.
Sunday, 24th January, 5:00pm Mass at MI:
For the Soul of Linda Triasmono

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.
Blessed Mother Teresa
SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5
About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 95
(Said by all)
O sing a new song to the Lord
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12: 4-11
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2/1-11
There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine'. Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you'. There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now. This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Memorial Acclamation:
Number Two
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

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