Dear Parishioners,

The Bishops of Australia have called for a special effort of prayer and fasting this month to pray for recognition and respect for the institution of marriage and family life in our society as it has been given to us by almighty God. To this end I would like to invite everyone to participate in a Day of Fasting and Prayer for this most important intention on Friday 28th October. The 9:00am Mass that day will be offered for this intention and for all the families of our parish and our Oratory supporters. On the evening of 28th October everyone is also encouraged to attend the Holy Hour at 7:30pm in Mary Immaculate church. We will then pray the Rosary together along with a special litany, and other prayers for marriage and family life. You are also invited to observe 28th October as a day of fasting according to your own capacity. It is helpful to recall the Lord’s words that there are certain situations that can only be remedied by prayer and fasting.

Thank you to everyone at St John Fisher church who filled out the consultation form last Sunday about a proposed change to the Sunday morning Mass to 8:30am. The results of the consultation were as follows:

- Yes to 8:30am Mass time: 22
- No Preference between 8:30am and 9:00am: 12
- Preference for change to an 8:00am Mass time if not 8:30am: 6
- No to any change to the Mass time: 7

Given this result of the consultation the Sunday morning Mass time at St John Fisher church will change from 9:00am to 8:30am from Sunday 6th November. Thank you also for your understanding that this change has been proposed because, as a parish served by the Oratory, there are added demands on our priests on Sundays that you would not usually find in a ‘normal’ parish.

Finally, I’d like to offer special thanks to the anonymous donor who recently contributed a large sum in the Oratory donation box. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The following interview with Robert Cardinal Sarah appeared in the October 2016 issue of the French newspaper La Nef; it was given on the occasion of the publication of his new book La Force du silence (The Strength of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise) The book has not yet been translated into English. Cardinal Robert Sarah is the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. We will present the whole wide ranging interview in parts as our weekly reflection over the coming weeks.

Cardinal Robert Sarah: “God’s first language is silence.” In commenting on this beautiful, rich insight of Saint John of the Cross, Thomas Keating, in his work Invitation to Love, writes: “Everything else is a poor translation. In order to understand this language, we must learn to be silent and to rest in God.”

It is time to rediscover the true order of priorities. It is time to put God back at the center of our concerns, at the center of our actions and of our life: the only place that He should occupy. Thus, our Christian journey will be able to gravitate around this Rock, take shape in the Father allows Himself to be approached only in silence. What the Church needs most today is not an administrative reform, another pastoral program, a structural change. The program already exists: it is the one we have always had, drawn from the Gospel and from living Tradition. It is centered on Christ Himself, whom we must know, love and imitate in order to live in Him and through Him, to transform our world which is being degraded because human beings live as though God did not exist. As a priest, as a pastor, as a Prefect, as a Cardinal, my priority is to say that God alone can satisfy the human heart. I think that we are the victims of the superficiality, selfishness and worldly spirit that are spread by our media-driven society.
We get lost in struggles for influence, in conflicts between persons, in a narcissistic, vain activism. We swell with pride and pretention, prisoners of a will to power. For the sake of titles, professional or ecclesiastical duties, we accept vile compromises. But all that passes away like smoke. In my new book I wanted to invite Christians and people of good will to enter into silence; without it, we are in illusion. The only reality that deserves our attention is God Himself, and God is silent. He waits for our silence to reveal Himself. Regaining the sense of silence is therefore a priority, an urgent necessity. Silence is more important than any other human work. Because it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and toward others so that we can place ourselves humbly at their service.

Why is the idea of silence so essential in your view? Is silence necessary in order to find God, and in what way “is it man’s greatest freedom” (no. 25)? As “freedom”, is silence an ascetical practice?

Cdl. Sarah: Silence is not an idea; it is the path that enables human beings to go to God. God is silence, and this divine silence dwells within a human being. By living with the silent God, and in Him, we ourselves become silent. Nothing will more readily make us discover God than this silence inscribed at the heart of our being. I am not afraid to state that to be a child of God is to be a child of silence. Conquering silence is a battle and a form of asceticism. Yes, it takes courage to free oneself from everything that weighs down our life, because we love nothing so much as appearances, ease and the husk of things. Carried away toward the exterior by his need to say everything, the garrulous man cannot help being far from God, incapable of any profound spiritual activity. In contrast, the silent man is a free man. The world’s chains have no hold on him. No dictatorship can do anything against a silent man. You cannot steal a man’s silence from him.

I think of my predecessor in the See of Conakry in Guinea, Archbishop Raymond Marie Tchidimbo. He remained in prison for almost nine years, persecuted by the Marxist dictatorship. It was forbidden for him to meet with or speak to anyone. The silence imposed by his jailers became the place of his encounter with God. Mysteriously, his cell became a true “novitiate” and that miserable, sordid little room enabled him to understand somewhat the great silence of Heaven.

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**Sacramental Program 2017**

We are now taking enrolments for the next intake of Children and their families who are looking to go through the Sacramental Program, beginning in 2017. The dates for Parent Information Sessions are:

- **Tuesday October 18** at Mary Immaculate Primary School (in the music room under the church) at 7:15PM
- **Wednesday October 19** at St Elizabeth’s Primary School (in the Christi Centre) at 7:15PM

If you would like to enrol your child in the program, or wish to know more, please contact Ria McIntyre in the Parish Office by email: sacramental_annek@bne.catholic.net.au

Fr Scot Armstrong (Sacramental Coordinator)

Ria McIntyre (Assistant Sacramental Coordinator)
Rosters for next week

MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Kevin Rowen, Barbara Nicolaides
Sun (MI) 7:30am Judy Harris, Marie Meiski
Sun (SJF)9.00am Vince Kartelo
Sun (MI) 5:00pm John Butterworth
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Sat (SJF) 6:00pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair, Kevin Rowen, Valmai Winter
Sun (MI) 7:30am: Bertha Clark, Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan, Ester Evangelista, Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan
Sun (SJF) 9:00am: Peter Menagh
Sun (MI) 5:00pm: Liam Herbert (also available as a reserve. Please phone 0417 727 480)

COUNTERS
Monday, 17th October, 2016
Pat Brophy, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE
Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro
Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah, Alicia Cooke
Church Cleaning (MI)
Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

UNDERSTANDING THE TRADITIONAL MASS and ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
For those who sometimes feel lost at Mass and want to learn more about it and how to participate in it, there will be a set of four talks on the Mass and active participation occurring on Saturdays during November.

The purpose of the talks is to introduce the average layperson to the meaning of the Mass, it’s various parts and prayers, as well how to fruitfully participate in Mass. The talks will be given by Br Shawn and Brisbane Oratory Music, following this schedule:

- 5/11 – What is the Mass? What do we mean by “active participation”?
- 12/11 – The Mass of the Catechumens.
- 19/11 – The Mass of the Faithful.

Each talk will take place at 9:15am, after the 8:15am Mass on Saturday, in the music room below the church.

PLEASE NOTE:
Weekday Masses Omitted For This Week
Monday, 17th October, 6:00am Mass at SE

St Gregory’s Latin Mass Community:
Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost:
Wilston 7:30am

RECENT MASS INTENTIONS
Thursday, 13th October, 9:00am Mass at MI:
For Audrey & Luke Lennox, recently deceased
Friday, 14th October, 9:00am Mass at MI:
For a Special Intention
Saturday, 15th October, Private:
For the Intentions of the Donor
8:15am Mass at MI: For a Special Intention
Sunday, 16th October, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the People of the Parish: Pro populo
9:00am Mass at MI:
For Clare Mennis, 6th Anniversary of death

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 17th - 23rd October

Monday 17th October
6:00am NO MASS [OF+] SE
7:00pm Mass [EF] MI

Tuesday 18th October
6:00am Mass [OF+] SE
7:00am Mass [EF] MI
9:00am Mass [OF] MI Prep & Year 3

Wednesday 19th October
6:30am Mass [OF] SJF
9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 20th October
6:00am Mass [OF+] SE
7:00am Mass [OF+] MI
9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 21st October
6:30am Mass [OF] SE
9:00am Mass [EF] MI
7:30pm Holy Hour MI

Saturday 22nd October
8:15am Mass [EF] MI

Sunday 23rd October
7:30am Mass [OF] MI
9:00am Mass [OF] MI
9:00am 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:
Mon 6:45pm (MI)
Wed 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)
Thu 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)
Fri 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)
Fri 7:30pm - 8:30pm (During Holy Hour)
Sat 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)
Sat 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)
Sat 5:15pm by request (SJF)
Sun During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)

Sun 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 6:45pm on Fridays.
* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at Mary Immaculate Church.

> 9:00am Mass at SJF: For the Intentions of the Donor
5:00pm Mass at MI: For the Benefactors of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, living and deceased

Monday, 17th October, 7:00pm at MI:
For a Special Intention

Tuesday, 18th October, 6:00am Mass at SE:
For the Intentions of the Donor

Wednesday, 19th October, 6:30am Mass at SJF:
For a Special Intention

Thursday, 20th October, 6:00am Mass at SE:
For Rosa & Giuse

Friday, 21st October, 6:30am Mass at SE:
For Michael and Jacqueline Drew, Marriage Anniversary

Saturday, 22nd October, 5:30pm Vigil at MI:
For the Intentions of the Donor

Sunday, 23rd October, 7:30am Mass at MI:
For the Intentions of the Donor
9:00am Mass at MI: For a Special Intention
SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13
The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 120
(Said by all)
I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.
The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.
The Lord will guard you from evil,
his guard and your soul.
The Lord will guard your going
and coming both now and for ever.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

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.

Frassati Youth
12-18 years
Meets Friday each fortnight at
St. Elizabeth’s school
at 630pm
UPCOMING: 21st October
28th October
Dinner – Games
Talk – Prayer – Fun
Call Abbie Powick
0477 055 778

There’s still time to purchase your Art Union tickets between now and the final Jackpot Draw of $1,000 on November 1st.
Please contact the Parish Office or pick up an application form in either church.
A win like this will sure boost your Christmas shopping or holiday budget!

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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