## Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

Banyo, Nudgee, Nudgee Beach, Nundah, Virginia and sections of Clayfield, Northqate and Wavell Heights



Our mission is to be a welcoming, prayerful, embracing parish, united in Christ, strengthening the faith and transforming the spiritual life of the community. We aim to be caring and responsive, sharing the Good News, and living the values of the Gospel.



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Acknowledgement of Country

'We, the parishioners of the Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish, acknowledge the Turrbal People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People present.

The Word of God. Demons in apocalyptic thought.

On the First Sunday of Advent we reflected on one aspect of the prevailing apocalyptic worldview in the first century, namely, a fundamental opposition between this age and the age to come. This Sunday's Gospel with its three references to demons invites us to consider another kind of opposition that characterises apocalyptic thought, namely, the opposition between the material and spiritual worlds.

The ancients thought of the world as divided between the spiritual world and the material world. The spiritual world was inhabited by spirits (both good and 'unclean'), angels, and demons. In addition to being at war among themselves, these various spiritual forces had an effect, for good and for ill, on people and on the material world in which people live. At some future time there would be a definitive battle between the forces of good and evil when evil is utterly destroyed and the Kingdom of God is triumphant. This is the vision found in the book of Revelation.

A major part of the ministry of Jesus is his confrontation with demons and unclean spirits. In Mark, Jesus' first deed of power is to drive out an unclean spirit (1:23-26) and, in his final commission to the apostles, he indicates that the battle against demonic forces will continue (16:17). Mark does not describe Jesus' driving out demons as an act of healing — it is an act of power which establishes the greater power of God's kingdom over the kingdom of Satan. Jesus began his ministry by announcing that 'the kingdom of God is at hand' (1:15) but before it can be established the kingdom of Satan, which presently holds sway over the world, must be confronted, bound, and cast down (3:21-27).

Because the power of evil is greater than any worldly power — the power of Rome, of the religious establishment, family and society — Jesus' authority over the greater power demonstrates also his power over the lesser powers. His case-by-case victories over demons and unclean spirits anticipate his final and glorious victory when the kingdom of Satan will be thrown down (Rev 12:9).

Our Parish Pastoral Council. Thanks for your prayers for our Parish Pastoral Council. Our parish has commenced the process by which new Pastoral Councillors are chosen. This Sunday (January 31) marks

the end of the Recommendation Phase. Thank you for taking the time to consider recommending people. Those who have been recommended will be contacted to invite them to attend an Information and Discernment meeting to be held in Holy Trinity Church on Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend as the information gained might be helpful for other areas of parish life. I will put some Parish Council information in the next few newsletters. Looking ahead into the life of the Church as experienced in the life of the Parish, Catholics can surely see new opportunities for the spread of the Good News.

From Archbishop Mark. George Washington is supposed to have said in his early life, "I cannot tell a lie". There's doubt that he ever said it, but he certainly set great store on truth in both personal and political life. At times in a culture lying can come to seem the norm; and when that happens the culture itself becomes a big lie. This was true of Fascism and Communism in the last century; and the mountains of corpses they left behind show how destructive lying is. The Bible stresses the need for truth in our speech, which is one of God's greatest gifts to us; animals can make noises but they can't speak. We can speak in the miracle of language, which is one of the points where we share most deeply in God's creativity.

Because, in the beginning, God created the world with a word: such is the power of speech. But when our words are not truthful we share not in God's creativity but in the destructiveness of evil. We all lie from time to time, usually to cover our backs. But the protection is illusory. We end up damaging ourselves still more when we choose lying over truth.

Again, this applies to both personal and political life. In a time of affliction and anxiety like this, it's more important than ever that we speak the truth. It's also important that we listen to each other, because only God has full possession of the truth. You and I may know part of the truth, but we don't possess it whole. We come closer to the whole when we listen to each other and share the part of truth that each of us can offer.

Now is a time for leaders who know how to listen and who commit to speaking the truth. That may mean short-term pain, but it alone guarantees long-term gain for all. As Jesus says, "The truth will set you free".

Thank you everyone for your Coronavirus patience. Every Ordinary Time Blessing.

Fr. Bernie.

#### LITURGY TIMES

#### SUNDAY MASSES — Book through Trybooking

Holy Trinity, Banyo 7.30am 5pm

Corpus Christi, Nundah 6pm Saturday evening

9.30am

#### WEEKDAY MASS — Book through Trybooking

Monday 1 February

7am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

Wednesday 3 February

St Blaise, bishop, doctor & St Ansgar, bishop 9am St Pius' Multipurpose Hall, Banyo

Thursday 4 February

10.30am Mass at Zion Nursing Home, Nundah 6.30pm Mass at Holy Trinity, Banyo

Friday 5 February

St Agatha, virgin, martyr

9am Mass at Corpus Christi, Nundah

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### SACRAMENT OF MERCY (PENANCE)

Please contact Fr Bernie at the Parish Office to arrange a time.

#### **BAPTISM**

2nd & 3rd Saturday of the month Please contact the Parish Office during office hours. At least THREE months notice is required.

#### FIRST PENANCE, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION

Annually. Please contact the Parish Office

#### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office. At least SIX months notice is required.

#### SICK CALLS, COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.



good works Conference of St Vincent De Paul Society, profusely thanks our Parishioners,

staff, parents and students of St Joseph's Primary school and Mary MacKillop College who contributed overwhelmingly towards our recent Christmas Hamper Appeal. The total amount raised amounted to \$4,200.

In all we assisted 63 carefully selected needy families in our region of Nundah, parts of Clayfield and Wavell Heights providing them with Woolworths/Coles \$50 Food Gift vouchers, as well as Kmart \$50 vouchers that really put huge smiles on the faces of recipient families especially the children.

We take this opportunity to also deeply appreciate the generous donations received through the year that encourages us to carry on our "Good Works" tradition by providing our community who are in dire need of food, clothing, furniture, White goods, Go-Cards, rent and phone bill arrears etc.

Thank you and God Bless. St Vincent de Paul Society Real Presence Nundah Conference.

#### Please Pray for Those who are sick:

Peter Ham, Justin Carr, Harry White, Dale Brown, Emilia Long, Alexander Diestel, Kateri Byrnes, Rod Perry, Ben Sloane, Lynette Bevis, June Boyle, Marie Hetherington, Gordon Elsmore, Graham Byrnes, Cyril O'Sullivan, Sienna Maeve & her parents, Josh & Ariel, Sanjay Kumar, Norm Mansini, Philip Kerr, Kurt Lucas, Hugh Hamilton, Neil O'Connor

Lord, show them your loving care

(If you know someone who no longer requires to be included on this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.)

#### **Recently Deceased**

Paul Carter Michael Farrell (UK)

#### Faithful Departed

Joseph Lam (Senior) Joseph Lam (Junior) Anne Tran Therese D'Avila Lam



'may they rest in peace

## Baptism Preparation

Saturday 6 February, 9.30am Corpus Christi Church, Nundah



## 'The Voice' Youth Ministry

#### **Youth Led Mass:**

This Sunday, 31 January 2021 9:30am Corpus Christi Church, Nundah, Next Sunday, 9:30am Corpus Christi Church, Nundah

## The Holy Father's Intentions for February

Universal intention - Violence against women We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

## Stewardship

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

**Tewardchip** 

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

#### A Vocation View

#### Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time - B

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks as one having authority. As we follow God's call we remember the same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ and help us discern our vocation.



#### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

#### **Mass Bookings**

Weekend Masses at Holy Trinity, Banyo. Bookings for mass on **7 February** will open on

Monday 1 February at 12pm and close on Friday 5 February at 9am.

#### https://www.trybooking.com/BKHQR

Weekend Masses at Corpus Christi, Nundah.

Bookings for mass on **6 and 7 February** will open on Monday 1 February at 12pm and close on Friday 5 February at 9am

#### https://www.trybooking.com/BKHRH

Weekday Masses at Holy Trinity, Banyo and Corpus Christi, Nundah.

Bookings for week beginning Monday 8 February will open on 1 February 2021 at 12pm.

Monday 8 February 7am Mass — bookings will close on Friday 5 February at 9am.

Wednesday 10 February 9am Mass — bookings will close on Tuesday 9 February at 9am.

Thursday 11 February — bookings will close on

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Friday 12 February — bookings will close on Thursday 11 February at 9am.

https://www.trybooking.com/BKHTM

Centacare provides practical and pastoral activities each weekday at the Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley for people living with a mental health issue. Centacare mental health workers can support people with their application process to the NDIS to assess their eligibility, provide supports funded under an existing package, or explore other sources of funding to join in activities if not NDIS eligible. Centacare also offers a pastoral and spiritual care program at the Fortitude Valley site which is free to join. For more information or to register interest please contact Centacare on 3853 7400 or email:

ccsbrisbanesouthgeneral@bne.centacare.net.au.

#### **LENTEN PROGRAM**

The Lenten Program has taken on a more individual approach instead of a group approach this year.



Look to Jesus will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer. The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond.

If you are interested in purchasing the Lenten Book, Look to Jesus, please place money in an envelope with your Name and Lenten Program on the front of the envelope. The cost of the book will be \$4.00.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL MASS**

Please note the 9am Wednesday Mass this week will be in the Multipurpose Hall at St Pius Primary School Banyo, and not in Holy Trinity Church. All welcome. You must still register your attendance either through using Trybooking or by phoning the Parish Office as for any Mass.

#### **ZION MASS**

Thursday 4 February, 10.30am Zion Nursing Home, Nundah



#### **HEALING MASS**

Are you in need of healing? Register to attend the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th February, 2021, at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP, will be the celebrant. Personal healing prayer will be available. COVID restrictions will be followed. Register attendance by contacting Len Airey on 0421977849

#### The Green Corner

Sometimes living in the city and getting caught up with the busyness of life, it's easy to find ourselves increasingly disconnected from nature. In his documentary, My Octopus Teacher, Craig Foster reconnects with nature in a most remarkable way. He takes us into an underwater kelp forest off the coast of South Africa. There he develops an unlikely friendship with an octopus who welcomes him into her world with an outstretched tentacle. He comes to realise what an extraordinary creature she is and what an unimaginable life she lives. He also realises how spending time with her in that wild kelp forest helps him become whole again. He realises just how precious wild places are, commenting "she taught me to feel that I was a part of her world, not a visitor." The documentary is a wonderful testimony to the potential for connection with the many forms of wildlife around us, if we are curious and open to the possibility that "the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail, in the seamless garment of God's creation....." (Laudato Si' [8]).

The film is available on Netflix, and it's a great way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did! See the trailer here.

Last year during National Recycling Week, our Laudato Si committee hosted a stall showcasing alternatives to soft plastics. This Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am we are hosting a Zoom meeting demonstrating how to make your own beeswax wraps. If you want to join in, follow the link as per below. Alternatively, contact the Parish office to request a recording of the demonstration.

https://zoom.us/j/99128067221?pwd=emRBaGlhcmR3alliRGhKcldWdTNkdz09

Meeting ID: 991 2806 7221

Passcode: Nundah

#### PROPER OF THE MASS

#### **Introductory Rites**

## **Liturgy of the Word**

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

#### **Profession of Faith**

**Apostles Creed** 

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Eucharistic Prayer II

Memorial Acclamation II When we eat this bread

Communion Rite

# Readings—Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

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The privacy of all individuals with whom Banyo-Nundah Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. Our Privacy Policy is available at <a href="https://www.bne.catholic.net.au">www.bne.catholic.net.au</a> or on request.

# Help protect the health and safety of the community

Please do not enter these premises if you have any of the following symptoms.











Please also refrain from entering if if you have travelled overseas in the past 14 days or have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

During your visit, please maintain social distancing and practice good hygiene.









our Smile and

Wash your hands regularly

Cover coughs and sneezes







#### PARISH DIRECTORY

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