

Social Justice

Si Action Platform is Popular

The Laudato Si Action Platform, which aims to empower the Church to achieve total sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology, is being widely embraced within the Church.

The Parish Pastoral Council in the parish of Bracken Ridge, Queensland has committed to enrolling in the platform. A spokesperson for that PPC said that, "The message of Laudato Si really inspires the average Catholic in the parish to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

Many Church organisations and groups, as well as numerous others from around the world, have shared more than 160 resources via the platform including how-to guides, prayers and reflections, homily materials, school curriculum materials, games, study guides, educational videos and webinars.

The Sisters of Mercy said, "We hope to be part of a global movement implementing Laudato Si together as core to our Christian mission, hearing the call of our common home and knowing that things can change".

Enrolment is open until April 22 and can be done through this link:

www.laudatosiactionplatform.org

If you wish to come to our meetings please email Chris Firmstone on chrisfirmstone@gmail.com.

Social Justice Committee
Warnervale Catholic Church



www.marymackillopsocialjustice.wordpress.com

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new planned giving envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you for your continual generosity.

If you would like to receive envelopes please fill out the form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr Philip or put it on one of the collection plates.

A Catechist's Story by Khiara

Why did I become a catechist?

To take up my role as a missionary disciple of God; to play my small part in God's big plan. I became a catechist to share God's love with the kids and attempt to show them why He should have a central place in our lives.

Why do I continue to be a catechist?

Most of the children are 'un-churched' so the knowledge that catechists can impart and the witnesses we can be in their lives is so crucial. I get so much joy out of teaching them to pray and filling them with a passion to know God more.

How have I grown by being in this ministry?

Being a catechist has certainly deepened my own faith with our Lord. Joseph Joubert once said "to teach is to learn twice over". There is something about sharing your experience of God that solidifies your own God experiences. I feel very blessed to have witnessed God's grace at work in the lives of children - some have connected with our Parish for the sacramental programs; others have started to pray each night; others still enjoy 'lightbulb moments' when they connect all the dots throughout the year and start to see the big picture of God's salvific plan. Witnessing God's grace at work is encouraging and edifying in itself!

For more information on this amazing Ministry please don't hesitate to contact myself, phone: 0402815633 or email: kerriemdedera@westnet.com.au.

CALLED TO BE
A CATECHIST

THIS WEEK

Monday 28 February

Tuesday 1 March

7pm—Reconciliation parent information session

Wednesday 2 March

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30am, 9:15am, 6:30pm Mass

Thursday 3 March

Friday 4 March

Saturday 5 March

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February



For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Return and Earn



This week we raised \$45.20

Thank you for your continued support! **Please remember containers need to be empty of liquid; and not crushed or broken.**

Please place glass in the crates.

Cans and Bottles must have 10c refund logo.

MacKillop Pray Group

Fr Philip will be commencing a MacKillop Intercessory prayer group on **Tuesday 1st March at 6pm in the Church**. The prayer sessions will continue at 6pm every week. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Donations can be made online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate/>



Thank you!

PASTORAL WORKS
Broken Bay

Please remember our sick: Cecelia Henry, Anne Firmstone, Con Pantos, Terence McBride, Allan Curtis, Jim Swanson, Finn McConnon, Cara De Guzman, Olga White.

Deceased/Anniversary: Maria Taype, Patricia Parker, Maria Toronczak, Thomas Antony, Trinidad, Emilio Sr, Alberta, Alfonso, Ian Okon, Nola Mansfield, Dave Pennings, Angelya & Adam Laukaitis, VC Maru.

Mass Intentions: Rafael Santos, Mrs Marciana Ong, Ana Ison, Rebecca & Amelia, Peter & Frank Walsh, George & Helen Pantos, Connie Claramunt, Mary & Nicholas Gatte.



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the trees grow is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of a man.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to you Lord
to make some music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like a palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing sap when they are old,
still full sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong **R.**

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Second Reading

St Paul to Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, no again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, no gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; an bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.