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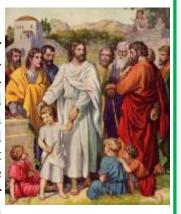
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

19th September 2021

"The Little Ones"

The story of the disciples arguing over "who is the greatest" is a wonderful lesson in humility. But it is also one of accountability. Jesus points out a child and says: "Whoever welcomes one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." He takes a little child and talks of welcoming. And for Him, "welcoming" means sitting with



them, putting His arms around them, caring for them, taking them as His own.

Often, the Gospels take a phrase or word of Jesus and give it a wider, more significant meaning. Such is true with the phrase "little ones" – we can take it to encompass all those who are seen as "small" or "little" in the eyes of others – not just children. Jesus uses this phrase to point to the downcast of society... those without hope... those sinned against... the oppressed... the forgotten. These are the "little ones" who continually surround Jesus. These were those for whom He continually cries out. These were the "little ones" whom He embraced.

So the Lord sits them down, embraces them, and gently reminds them that the only road to greatness is one of servitude. "If anyone wishes to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of all." We live in a time when current-day "disciples" are in constant need to be reminded of this.

It is this Lord who lives on in our community of faith, crying out in the name of the poor. It is that same Lord who continues to warn us not to let our hunger for material wealth or status blind and deafen us to the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Salvation is an exodus experience. It is a movement from being imprisoned to being set free, from darkness to light, from fear to trust, from ignorance to understanding, from abuse to compassion. It is a journey from self-concern to the humility of caring for the little ones, the least of our brothers and sisters. And this has everything to do with the Kingdom of God.

Fr Baby

BAY CONNECT—Online resources for everyone

The Diocese of Broken Bay has launched **BAY CONNECT**, an online program of regular activities to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities. Access the Bay Connect page here: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect We encourage you to join as many activities as you can.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has rebranded to Pastoral Works Broken Bay. We appreciate any support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when our churches re-open.

Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom

Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer invite you to join them for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) every Thursday at 5pm. If you would like to participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page or email the Parish Office at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au for more information.

LIVE STREAM: Sunday Mass 9am

We will be live streaming our 9am Mass this Sunday 19th Sept. You will find the link at our Facebook page: Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish or click this link https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3

We Need Foster Carers

If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Please continue to pray for the candidates and their families. We invite our candidates, their families, sponsors and all Parishioners to join our live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9am. https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3

CatholicCare can help with Coles/Woolworths vouchers.

Call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at <u>info@catholiccaredbb.org.au</u>. They are here to help our parish families. Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

St Vincent de Paul - help available

Vinnies Support Centres are still able to take calls and arrange food vouchers or food items to be delivered to those in need. Our closest Vinnies centre is Wyong. Ph 4353 5614. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

PPC Diocesan Gatherings

A reminder that two gatherings have been organised for all PPC members. The first was held on Wed 15th Sept and the second will be held on Tues 9th Nov at 7pm. Please email the Parish office toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au for more details.

Safeguarding Month

This week we remember in our prayers the safety and well-being of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to COVID-19.

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

Save the Date: starts 3 Oct 2021, for more info, visit the website: http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

Ever Wondered Why People Become Catechists?

Have you ever wondered why people give up some each week to prepare lessons and then go to the local government school, either a primary or secondary school, to teach the students there about the Catholic faith?

Then click on this link. It will take you to the CCD section of the Diocesan website where you can watch "I Am a Catechist". You will hear some answers. https://

www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/ccd To find out more about this ministry, contact Michael Tebbutt by phone or email. Mobile: 0437 440 169.

Email: Michael. Tebbutt@bbcatholic.org.au

5 Good Reasons to Become a Catechist

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and need to encounter good role models of faith.
- You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
- The Walking With Jesus resource offers interesting lessons, relevant background information for the catechist and modern PowerPoint presentations with stories and songs to engage the students.

International Day of Peace Interfaith Prayer Service

Celebrate the UN International Day of Peace with an online Interfaith Prayer Service. Tues 21 Sept, 2.00pm Where: Zoom - https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/96010303812 Occasional address: Rev. Simon Hansford, the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia NSW & ACT Synod.







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Unit 4, 11-13 Arizona Road, Charmhaven 2263 Ph: (02) 4393 2443 Email: charmhaven@internode.on.net Today we celebrate the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.** Please keep each other in your prayers, and remember to stay home and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Prayer for People Affected by Covid-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

<u>COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay</u> Latest Update: 9th Sept 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions, <u>our churches and all Parish buildings are currently closed</u>. This remains in place until further notice (when vaccination rates reach desired levels, likely to be mid-October).

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au or call 4396 4455 and leave a message. If you need to drop something off, please use the small slot next to the Parish office door. Alicia is currently working from home some days so please be patient with responses to phone messages. Email is preferred. In an emergency, please call one of the priests on their mobile (see front page of this Bulletin).

Planned Giving during Lockdown

Option 1: Switch to credit card—The invitation to switch/begin regular credit card giving remains available. The form is available on the Parish website. Please print & complete the form, then return it to the office by email toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Option 2: Donate directly to the Parish Bank Account—please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account.

Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish BSB 062 784, Acc # 100001614

Ref # Your surname (and envelope number if you have one).

We thank you all for your financial support, and we now ask that if you are able, please consider making a small contribu-



tion to our 1st Collection which of course has been significantly impacted by having no Masses for the past 2 months. Please use the same account details as above, but use '1st Collection' as the reference. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Would you like to receive this Bulletin by email?

Email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au and provide the email address that the Bulletin should be sent to.



In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased Murray Evans, Lesley Croker,

Fr James Duck, Brian Knox, Jack Harris

Anniversaries

John Sullivan, Christopher Lee, Robert Playdon, Eileen Crocker, Vera Anderson

Remembrances

Bob Moon, Bill Tyson. Madaline Webster, Gail Beer, Ellen Ashton & family, Gail Beer, Eileen Thorpe, Moore & Langley families, Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Noel McCool, Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Jehezkiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Funerals

Fr James Duck - Mon 27th Sept 10am, Waitara (Livestream details will be provided next Bulletin)
Lesley Croker - Fri 24th Sept, St Mary's, by invitation

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



September Birthdays

Helen Cashin (6th Sept) Nat Rosina (11th Sept)

Call the office to have your birthday included!





Happy Anniversary

Manni & Mary Debono (12th Sept) Michael & Verra Sater (14th Sept) Eric & Jan Grimes

Connected in Christ is BACK!

Click here to access this great resource

Mackay Family Funerals

In Association with Mackay Family Crematorium A.B.N. 79 085 423 589

Head Office: 249 Pacific Highway West, Ourimbah 2258 PO Box 89 Ourimbah NSW 2258. Phone: (02) 4362 2733 Fax: (02) 4362 2899



Volunteer Angels

Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555 The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys
us and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6, 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. R.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. R.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. R.

Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,

it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

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

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading - Numbers 11:25-29 Second Reading - James 5:1-6 Gospel - Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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