



Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of July:

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

My dear Parishioners,

Reflecting on the three parables presented to us in the Gospel of this weekend, we open ourselves to the Grace of God in Jesus, presented to us by the Word of God.

(Mt 13:30) "He will gather his wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out."

That's precisely what our Lord didn't do. He had all sorts of people around him, a coalition of people, the learned, the ignorant, the good-living, the bad living, tax-collectors, prostitutes, the lot. "What in God's name is he doing?" they said. "Why doesn't he get down to business? Why doesn't he weed them out?" Often the weed brings the seedling away with it. Removing the weeds may pose an even greater threat. As any gardener knows, weeding can be the greatest threat of all to the life of the young seedling. "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" The answer of Jesus is a categorical, "No." And the reason is self-evident. Only God has eyes sufficiently discerning and fingers sufficiently gentle for this job. Life would be so much better for everybody, if only we would leave it to Him.



(Mt 13:31) The parable of a mustard seed that is sown in a garden. What's special about this mustard? That it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it grows, it becomes a bush bigger than the other vegetables. The Father's project has some very humble beginnings, but its transforming force can't be imagined even now.

(Mt 13:33) The parable speaks of a woman who mixes a little leaven into a large mass of flour. Without anyone knowing how, the leaven goes about working silently until the whole mass is fermented. That's what happens with God's project of humanising people. Once it is introduced into the hearts of even a few, it goes about quietly transforming human history. God doesn't act by imposing enormous pressure on us; rather, by attracting our consciences to a more worthy life, one that is more just and fraternal.

We need to collaborate with God's project by following Jesus. If we just trust in the word of Jesus, the Spirit of God is still working among us, promoting solidarity, a love for truth and for justice, yearning for a happier world.

With prayerful wishes...

Fr Peter D

Please remember in your prayers, those who are sick, and have died recently and whose anniversaries occur during this time, **especially Fr Frank Vaughan.** May I request you to keep all those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive and those in isolation in your special prayers.

We pray for all our Catechists going back in Term 3, to our local public schools.

Meeting of Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: My gratitude to all those who attended the meeting. It was a great evening filled with mission and hope in the midst of challenges. My gratitude to Fr Biju and Roger for leading us in reflection and prayer. As we continue to look forward with hope and good will, may the love of the Lord embrace us all.

God Bless... Fr Peter D

Our Congratulations and blessings to *Dolores & Benjamin Capati* on their 30th Wedding Anniversary. May the goodness of the Lord surround you and your families and thank you for what you generously do for our community. It's a special blessing for us all.

Planned Giving Envelopes: To all those on our planned giving system I wish to acknowledge with gratitude your generosity. Your contribution is a great help to the Mission of the Church and especially to our Community, within and beyond the Parish. I am ever grateful for your on-going support. This year the new envelopes were delayed due to uncertainty of the situation. For your continued support ***may I request you to please if possible:***

1. Please ***collect your planned giving envelopes from both the Churches*** OR
2. Switch over to a direct debit system, through the Parish, ask our staff to help you out.

For our Non planned givers: your continued offering is a great support, thank you for your generosity in your own way. May I request you to join our planned giving programme. It gives us a better understanding in terms of budgeting. Together we all make a difference, in various ways.

2019-2020 Tax receipts for Charitable Works Fund & Caritas (Project Compassion): If you wish for a printed copy or an email copy of the same, we are happy to support your request. Please call or email the parish office. Receipts for planned giving envelopes are also available. But please note only donations to Project Compassion & Charitable Works Fund are Tax Deductible.

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My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your generous service to the community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us.

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have taken on board the live-streaming project, trained and practiced too. Some of you have moved from the **L-plates to Green & Red Ps.** Your generosity, and that of your family too, has been tremendous. It's a sign of You and Us journeying in faith together. I pray that together we continue to make a difference.

On the feast of Corpus Christi, I did mention to you all that I'm looking forward to restoring one of our old Monstrance that is in the Cathedral cupboard. It dates back to the 1900s, and homemade by W J Sanders & Company with all its ornate intricacies. It's worth good money today. To restore it to its original glory, does cost us \$ 7,700/- which includes GST but with your generosity, it may take shape, can we keep the conversation going. ***I acknowledge with gratitude those who have already mentioned their support and contributing for the same. I'm excited to know your keen interest in the restoration process too. Thank you in advance.***

The word **Monstrance** comes from the Latin word *monstrare*, while the word *ostensorium* came from the Latin word *ostendere*. Both terms, meaning "to show", are used for vessels intended for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. (Wikipedia)

Welcome back to School: After a relaxing break, welcome as you return with great passion for Term 3.

Changes to Sacramental Program: Bishop Anthony Randazzo has made adjustments to the age of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Read more at: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/bishop-randazzo-announces-change-to-the-celebration-of-the-sacrament-of-confirmation>