



21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, YEAR B

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
for August**



The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This week's Vox Populi comes from Seminarian Tan Nguyen. Originally from Vietnam, Tan is studying to become a priest for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)



First Reading Joshua 24:1-2,15-18	Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3,16-23 R.v.9	Second Reading Eph 5:21-32	Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63, 38	Gospel Jn 6:6-69
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“INCLUSIVITY” - A Reflection
When I first read this statement I did not think I needed to do much more than read the two passages suggested. I was wrong!
 The story of the Good Samaritan I have taught over the years and treating others as yourself is a familiar action that we all try to practice. It is the second part of the Great Commandment, “... love everyone as you love yourself.” The second passage from Pope Francis’ message on World Communication Day 2021 was a totally different matter. The opening theme “Come and see” I believed related to journalists whose basic understanding should be that their work be reported from an informed understanding and not based their journalistic decree of opinion. If you stretched that further it should apply to us as well when we are discussing any subject, we should make ourselves aware of the facts and listen to other’s understanding of that issue. What does the theme of the Pope’s message have to do with “inclusivity”? Further reflection on this theme, “come and see” took my mind in another direction completely as I focused on the Pope’s message again and saw the word “experience” in my mind. Then came a giant leap to today’s problems with the Covid virus tearing through all social structures by transmission one to another. I started to realise that my annoyance towards those who refused to obey rules or to be vaccinated could most likely stem from the fact that they haven’t “seen” nor “experienced” therefore don’t understand.
 People of my age have experienced those earlier deadly viruses as they caused illness and death. We can see clearly the enormous difference made to society by the work of medical scientists who have formulated and made available vaccines that have almost eradicated the presence of these diseases.
 I personally am happy to accept any kind of tried and tested vaccine because I have seen and I have experienced. As a child, a friend’s brother of 10 years contracted polio. Because of the nature of the illness and his mother being a nurse they set up an iron lung in their lounge room and that’s where he lay for months impacting on the whole family and neighbouring friends. It was a frightening experience watching this young boy struggling to survive, and luckily he did!

A relative and young friend suffered tuberculosis. As a result they were whisked away to the Blue Mountains to a Sanitarium for nearly 18 months, no visitors allowed except parents and then only rarely. We as contacts were subjected to a number of X-rays on the most antiquated and frightening machine.
 A neighbour contracted Rubella in her first semester of pregnancy and Peter, the son has lived a life of blindness from birth. These experiences and others have made me understand that vaccines are necessary even if the rare person reacts poorly to them and in some cases even has complications and dies.
 What does this have to do with inclusivity? What does the word truly mean? Is it something newly developed by linguists? On searching through a variety of resources I was surprised to find the word dates back to the 1920’s. There are many who have tried to define the word, a noun, which most feel has a weightier meaning but is similar to “inclusiveness”. I was fascinated at some of the definitions. One defines it as having a quality or state of being inclusive; another an awareness of unconscious bias towards people; another the embodiment and integral part of being inclusive. The one definition that I felt gives so much meaning to the word is “how we together live, love and struggle”.
 Trying to understand how the word impacts on our behaviour could be explained quoting the analogy we use when teaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation about the impact of sin. A stone when dropped into water causes ripples far wider than we can see, impacting farther areas around the site those we would never consider. Would this idea then apply to the way we practise “inclusivity”. It seems that makes it possible to say that to treat everyone inclusively we must be aware that to assume an exclusive stance on some social issues the reaction on some people in society will cause a negative impact. This statement seems harsh when we have freedom to choose, but does it mean that having the freedom of choice would come with a condition? That condition would be if and when we make choices we make them considering if they are for “the common good”.
 Where do we go for examples of how to practise “inclusivity”. An easy answer with our Christian faith, is back
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SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE: Our Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person, and by our dedication to sustained education, practice and conversation about moral, legal and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community.

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to how Jesus lived his life. The gospels are full of the way Jesus welcomed everyone, and highlight his peaceful fight against some of the traditional practices that caused distress and isolation to many people of the time. Maybe we will not manage to plunge to the core of “inclusivity” but we have excellent examples and lessons from the gospels, the early days of the church and many of the holy people throughout the ages. It is the reason that I love the definition “how we together live, love and struggle”, it creates a deep understanding of how each of us depends on the other. In conclusion “inclusivity” when practised by everyone in society should create an atmosphere almost free of chaos and one of peace. Is it possible that we should expect this of large groups made up of very, very different people? It would seem at the moment with peoples’ attitude to the behaviour outlined by government and medics in relation to stopping the spread of the Covid virus and that we have a long way to go to arrive at a state of “inclusivity”.

Marie Gately (Sacramental Coordinator)

In continuation from last week’s bulletin: A Ministry beyond boundaries...PARISH LIVESTREAMING MINISTRY.

Behind the scenes of every presentation, there are hidden tasks that happen, my gratitude on behalf of the Parish, to: Cyrilla Almeida, our graphic designer, who presents all the images that are seen on live streaming.

Joe Gonzales who helps and maintains our computer that presents slides and music, thank you for your ongoing support and continuity in ministry, may you and your families be richly blessed.

Fr Peter deSouza

Yakhumndeni (African Orphans) - Father’s Day Stall

Any interested in purchasing Jams, chutneys, marmalades, pickles etc. Or wish to order a cake please call Helen Schyvens on 9487 1563.

(Please place order of cakes with at least 3 days notice)

COVID Update Our Church buildings are closed but our livestreaming service is still available from our Cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9.30AM as well as weekdays at 7AM.

Congratulations to Bishop Anthony Randazzo who will be celebrating his 5th Episcopal Ordination of Bishop on Tuesday 24 August. Congratulations, Blessings and Prayers from Hornsby Cathedral Parish Team and Parishioners.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

We remember those who died recently –

Carmen Elaine Gale • June D’Souza • Patricia Paxton • Brian Niven • Edociana Fernandes • Patrick Rock •

Anniversaries – June Rodricks •

We pray for the sick — John Bolster • Lisa Hogarth • Megan Sarich

**Reflection: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time B
by Deacon Roger Delmonte**

Life is full of crossroads and detours. At times the road of life we take seems straight, clear, and smooth. At other times, it is winding, dangerous, and rough. But one thing is certain, whichever road we take, we all must make a choice. Making a choice constitutes our freedom and determines our destiny. This is what makes life beautiful and exciting, at the same time, challenging and frightening.

Our journey of faith is also a journey full of crossroads and detours. At some stage, we all have to make our ultimate choice for Christ and his Kingdom. Like Joshua in our 1st reading, we cannot but choose who is our God to whom we will give our allegiance to. We can no longer just “go with the flow,” or let our surrounding culture shape our spiritual and moral choices. Likewise, like Peter in our Gospel, we know and believe that Christ is the ultimate way, the truth, and the life. Without him, we are nothing, for He has the words of eternal life.

Hornsby Cathedral Parish Young Adults presents to us Father’s Day Zoom Liturgy

Thursday 2nd September 7-8pm

For families who would like to participate see zoom link:

[https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62768859140?](https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/62768859140?pwd=UGRzZHg5VGIBbHIBZlFjaGw3SmFDQT09)

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Password: 552890

Catechist Corner

Interested in attending a Zoom training session on Teaching Strategies (teaching skills) on Mondays, 10-12pm

- Listening & Questioning – Monday 6 September
- Miracles and Parables – Monday 13 September
- Prayer in the Classroom – Monday 20 September

Register at least 6 days before by contacting sueanne.sherwood@bbccatholic.org.au

Find out is being a Catechist is for you.

Trust in your call from God and answer that call by contacting Louise Spencer – spencercxyz2427@gmail.com

Zoom meeting

All Parishioners are welcome. COME AND JOIN US for a prayer and catch up on Tues, 24 Aug at 11am on [https://bbccatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?](https://bbccatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09) [pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09](https://bbccatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09)

ANNOUNCEMENT - Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works

Broken Bay Bishop Anthony Randazzo is delighted to announce the new name and brand Pastoral Works Broken Bay, replacing the Charitable Works Fund (CWF).

For more information, go to

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks>

Those who wish to contribute you are welcome to do so.

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

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1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.