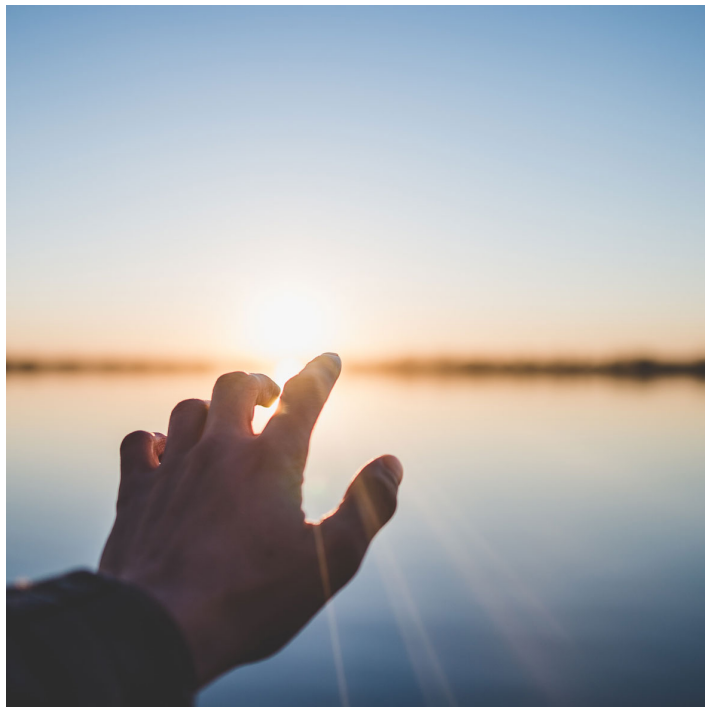


LNS PARISH BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

10/10/2021



Recently Deceased: Michael Gillespie, Joseph Ferris & Raymond Reginal Bruton.

Anniversaries: Michael Dunn.

Sick: Imelda Dickeson & Tony Harris.

READINGS

Entrance Antiphon**Ps 129:3-4**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?
 But with you is found forgiveness,
 O God of Israel.

First Reading**Wis 7:7-11**

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
 I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
 I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
 compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
 I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
 for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
 and beside her silver ranks as mud.
 I loved her more than health or beauty,
 preferred her to the light,
 since her radiance never sleeps.
 In her company all good things came to me,
 at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14**

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
 and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
 Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Give us joy to balance our affliction
 for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
 let your glory shine on their children.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading**Heb 4:12-13**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, ‘Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ And he said to him, ‘Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.’ Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, ‘There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!’ The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, ‘My children,’ he said to them, ‘how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were more astonished than ever. ‘In that case’ they said to one another, ‘who can be saved?’ Jesus gazed at them. ‘For men’ he said, ‘it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.’

Peter took this up. ‘What about us?’ he asked him. ‘We have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.’

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Shorter form

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Loving Gaze

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

You might like to read and ponder this article from the Catholic Weekly

Transforming families will transform the Church:

Building living communities of faith is the first step after personal conversion in spreading the light of Christ and working for the mission of the Church

By **Peter Rosengren**

-October 6, 2021

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/transforming-families-will-transform-the-church/>



AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PREACH

Last week Lower North Shore parishioner Tricia Gemmell was invited to preach the sermon at Pitt St Uniting Church.

Patricia is a wife, mother and grandmother, and semi-retired teacher of French, Latin and Italian. Her lifelong interest in theology and spirituality finally led her to formal study and she graduated with a Masters in Theology in 2014.

She belongs to the Grail, an international movement and community of women, founded in the Netherlands in 1921 by Jacques van Ginneken SJ. She currently serves on the National Leadership Team and is the coordinator of the International Spirituality Network. In 2016 she presented five lectures on Eco-theology and spirituality at the Grail

summer school in Portugal.

You might like to listen to Tricia's sermon here:

Tricia's sermon starts at the 26:13 minute mark of the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwa-LXd2qIU>

As you may be aware, the NSW Government has outlined a roadmap to ease Covid restrictions when vaccination rates reach 70% and 80% of the adult population.

We will be following Bishop Anthony's recommendation as follows:

1. From Monday 11 October our St Thomas's Willoughby will be reopened for private prayer and devotion between 10am and 11am each week day. It is for our people to be mindful of government requirements for this stage of the Roadmap and to engage this opportunity with a sense of responsibility and COVID safety. During this stage:

1. Public Masses remain suspended and "private" Masses with a congregation will not take place.
2. Confessions will not be publicly scheduled but most certainly will be available by personal arrangement with the clergy of the parish.
3. Baptisms, unless in the event of impending death, should be delayed until the next stage.
4. Weddings and funerals: up to 50 people may attend. These need to be vaccinated.

2. From the Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, public Masses will resume in all our churches according to our usual schedule. In accord with the government regulation, the vaccination status of our people who attend our churches, or who undertake a ministry in them, will not need to be verified. During this stage:

- a. Other rituals such as Baptisms and other services of prayer and devotion will resume.
- b. Confessions will be publicly scheduled again.
- c. The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer is based on the 4 sqm principle (uncapped), including for funerals and weddings.

COVID safe practices related to the celebration of our liturgies will be re-introduced including:

- Avoiding the handling of objects by multiple persons;
- The Chalice will not be shared; Holy Communion for the Faithful is to be under one species only;
- The Sign of Peace should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head.
- Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue will be asked to wait until the end of the Communion Procession.

It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

Given that our parish facilities other than our church buildings will be subject to the status of people's vaccination it all face-to-face parish meetings, social gatherings, and use of facilities such as meeting rooms and halls will continue to be suspended until after 1 December.

3. From 1 December 2021

- Density for gatherings in our churches will shift to one person per 2 sqm for both indoor and outdoor gatherings.
- Congregational singing will be possible at our liturgies.
- There is no restriction on the use of other parish facilities such as meeting rooms and halls.

Please note we will continue to communicate to you our plans in the coming week

Three speakers—one from each of the Abrahamic religions—including Sr Michele Connolly RSJ, will help conference attendees recover some of the lost traditions of inspiring women leaders highlighting the contribution and the difference they made in their time.

Date: Sunday 10 October 2021

Time: 2:30—4:00pm (AEDT)

Online: via Zoom

Register at: <https://evets.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>


A live stream on Zoom

Abraham Conference 2021
Sunday | 10 October | 2.30pm-4pm (AEDT)



Jacquie Seemann Charak
Or Chadash Synagogue



Sr Michele Connolly rsj
Catholic Institute of Sydney



Yamamah Agha
Settlement Services International

Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions

Role Models for Our Time

Jewish, Christian and Muslim speakers draw from their religious traditions women role models for our time



Jane Jeffes, MC
Producer/Director,
Firefly Productions
Former Executive Producer,
ABC Radio, Religion & Ethics

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Positions Vacant

Pastoral Support Worker - Youth Ministry Coordinator Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives (P/T)

Do you have a passion for working with youth and young people to help them engage with their faith in a fun, caring and supportive team?

Job Description

St Ives Catholic Parish has identified Youth as a major priority in its three-year plan to transform the parish. The newly created role of Youth Ministry Coordinator will be employed on a part-time (12 hrs p/w) 12-month contract (with potential to convert to permanent) The working schedule is flexible, however the successful candidate will be required to be available for evening and weekend work. The role works under the direction of the Evangelisation & Discipleship Coordinator.

The role

Your main responsibilities will be to develop and implement an engaging contemporary program of youth and young adult activities that is aligned with the Parish Youth Ministry framework, producing Parish communications and other materials relevant to the Youth Ministry with a focus on digital communications and social media usage.

You will work with our amazing volunteers to build and maintain Parish youth groups ensuring a sense of fun, faith, community and belonging for the youth and young adults.

About you

The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic about the Catholic faith and eager to share Jesus' message of love. You'll be a natural leader with demonstrated experience in developing, coordinating and implementing a schedule of activities for youth and young people.

You'll have an ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and be able to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders.

Considering your audience, you'll need to be technologically savvy with demonstrated experience in digital communications and social media with strong verbal and written communication skills.

An ability to play a musical instrument will be highly regarded.

Interested?

For more information including the position description contact Jen Perrott at jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au or the Parish Office on 9144 6998.

If you are interested in applying for this role please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillset required for this role to reception@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close **Friday, 22 October 2021**.

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This appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check Clearance in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW).



Parish Secretary – Catholic Parish of Pittwater (Avalon and Mona Vale)

Permanent, full-time role

Could you see yourself as the face of our Pittwater Parish communities, providing a sense of warmth and welcome to visitors?

The Pittwater Parish is seeking to recruit a full-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices.

An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.

If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

For further information, including to request a copy of the position description please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close **Wednesday 13 October 2021**.

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The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.



Bay Connect

Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commences on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

THE CHOSEN MONDAY

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of *The Chosen*, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

FORMATION FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way," said Tomasz.

To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

A Caring for the Earth Retreat

There is a whole lot more to *Laudato Si'* and *renewing the oikos of God* than Climate Change and fossil fuel emissions. Yet, this present demand has led people to assume that if we make a few personal and technical changes, we can all get back to the good life. This emphasis on climate justice, although important, is too narrow. We are not hearing clearly, the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

We need to listen, now, more than ever, to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit directing the necessary changes we need to make, in the way we regard Creation.

Therefore, you are invited to join

“Quantum Spirit in Creation”

at the Guntawang Environmental Bush Retreat in Oakdale, NSW, to follow the ecological approach, called for by Pope Francis, to transform our way of living in the world.

Time: 7.00 pm Friday 29th October to

2.00 pm Sunday 31st October, 2021.

45 Sheeheys Creek Road, Oakdale 2570

In the Lands of the Burraborang people of the Gundungarra Nation.

Cost: \$95.00

www.guntawang.org.au

Applications/Information: antiphon1@outlook.com