

## Cleaning Roster for Next Week

Madaline Brugger



## Flower Roster for Next Week

Noela Leituala

## Registering as a Volunteer

All Mass volunteers will need to be registered with the Archdiocese of Brisbane as a Volunteer prior to any volunteering duties can be carried out. The registration process can extend to either a Blue Card application and/or Police Check. To get more information and details about the new online registration process, please come up to the Parish Office if you are interested in helping out.

## Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Blake Dufty, Amanda Harding, Cor Habraken, Sarah Kathleen Jones.



## Anniversaries: 6th October - 12th October

Linda Carmel McVie, Janice May Nugent, Frankie Gibilard, Avril Janette Abbott, Brooklyn Anne Reese, John Fryars, Josefine Theresia Steflicek, Ron Rice, Pauline Apps, Brenda Thompson, Vincent McKenna.

## Recently Deceased

Barry Roberts, Erin Johanna McKinlay, Tony Cavanagh.

## GIRM 56

The **Liturgy of the Word** is to be celebrated in such a way as to favour meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided. In the course of it, brief periods of silence are also appropriate, accommodated to the assembled congregation; by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the Homily.

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**6th October 2019**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**




## The Power of Faith

The disciples of Jesus asked Him to give them more faith. We don't know what caused them to make such a request. We do know that the request was made after Jesus' instruction to them:

*'if he wrongs you seven times a day and seven times comes back to you and says, "I am sorry", you must forgive them' Luke 17, 4.*

The disciples probably believed that with more faith, they could be better equipped, or it would help them to carry out Jesus' instructions better. Forgiveness is easier to talk about than do, especially when the bitterness is deep rooted in one's feelings. Uprooting this bitterness from one's heart means, self-liberation, setting a person free from self-destruction. When a person continues to focus on his/her bitter feelings, forgiveness is impossible. Our society encourages us to focus on our feelings and thus to find ways to release bitter feelings in a healthy way.

It is not an instrument that makes beautiful workmanship, but rather the instrument in the hands of a master who does the beautiful piece of work. Having faith in Jesus doesn't mean that we do the work ourselves, but rather through us, God works great things. We become an instrument in God's hands. There is no need for Jesus to increase His disciples' faith, but rather their little faith in Him, as small as a mustard seed, is good enough for Jesus, through them, to move the amount of work as large as a mountain. Faith is not measured by its quantity. It is not a matter of *how much* faith one has, but rather it is one's humility and



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readiness to be an instrument in God's hands, and that counts. God will do the mighty works through a person who loves and trusts God, even if his/her faith is small and weak. The end of today Gospel's message (v.10) made clear that servants need to do what they must do, and expect nothing in return from their master. Good and faithful servants gave no orders, but faithfully carried out orders from their master. The servants themselves have nothing to be proud of, but rather they are proud about the wisdom of their master, who has given them instructions so that great works have been achieved.

Having faith in Jesus means to serve the Master with humility and obedience. Through our humility and obedience, God will do great things we can never think of. In Luke, faith moves a tree; in Mark 11, 22-23 faith moves a mountain. In our prayers, we often pray, that Jesus will increase faith in us. We believe faith brings a certain kind of power that changes our lives, and the lives of our loved ones. We believe faith works like some form of antidote to sooth our pains, and infuses our lives with the mystical power to overcome life's heavy burdens.

In replying to His disciples' request, Jesus gave them not what they asked for. Instead he explained how faith works. He told them that their little faith in Him is good enough for Him to do great things. It is not the power of our faith that works, but Jesus' power works through our faith. Several occasions in Luke's Gospel, Jesus praised the faith of the people. Faith heals the blind beggar Luke 18, 42; faith restored the dead to life Luke 7,9. Our faith makes no miracles but through our faith Jesus performed miracles.

Vudinh Tuong

**School Construction - Access**

**Access to the Church** should be back to normal next week. However, a permanent access to the Church is available through the gate in front of the School Administration Building.

Please do not walk through any gated off areas.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and will pass on any further information as the construction continues.

**Dates to Remember**

11th	Oct	Mental Health Week Celebration	Fortitude Valley
Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to Mass Friday 1.00pm St Patrick's Church, Cnr of McLachlan and Morgan Streets.			
12th	Oct	Rosary Pray	Goodna
Rosary Pray will be held in the St Francis Church at 11.00am, continuing into the Parish Hall at 12.00pm for refreshments. All are welcome.			
12th	Oct	Awaken Together in Christ	West End
You are welcome to join Awaken for Praise, Worship, Talks & Healing 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End - 6pm 07 3844 2744			

*Child Protection Sunday 2019*

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, who are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people of our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

The next Baptism will be held on 20th October 2019.



**Home Visit**

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.

**Loop System**



The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

**Mass Times next Week**

8th	Oct	-	Tues	-	9.00am	Mass
9th	Oct	-	Wed	-	9.00am	Mass
10th	Oct	-	Thurs	-	9.00am	Mass
11th	Oct	-	Fri	-	9.00am	Mass

**Saturday Reconciliation**

12th	Oct	-	Sat	-	4.00pm - 4.30pm	
					-	5.00pm Mass

**Sunday Mass**

13th	Oct	-	Sun	-	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th October**

2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

