

Cleaning Roster for Next Week

William Family



Flower Roster for Next Week

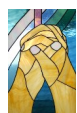
Tien & Nhu

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, Marie Bonne.



Anniversaries: 20th October - 26th October

Francis O'Neill, David Moloney, Lorraine Ann Barker, Cho Hoang, Raymond Dennis Johnson.

Recently Deceased


Barry Roberts, Erin Johanna McKinlay, Tony Cavanagh, Di leep Weerasingha, Thomas James McCarthy.

GIRM 45 - Sacred Silence

Sacred Silence, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration.

- For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves;
- Whereas after a reading or after the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard;
- Then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed... so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.



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20th October 2019

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Persistence in Prayer

In the beginning of the parable, Jesus told his apostles about the need to pray continually. He then talked about the behaviour of the powerful unjust judge, who turned a deaf ear to the persistent plea for justice from the poor widow. Finally, the parable ended with Jesus' assurances that those who don't lose heart in prayer will receive God's

justice in due time.

The unjust judge was the one, *'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man'* v.4. However, the poor widow, the unjust judge's victim, received help from no one. Help came only from her own strength and efforts. Her persistence wore out the unjust judge who finally heeded her voice and gave her the justice she was asking for. The unjust judge was lord of himself. He loved no one except himself. Even when he gave the poor widow what she asked for, it was not out of his love for her, nor respect for justice, but it was for his own benefit. He gave her justice to stop her coming to trouble him. When human justice is done purely by human efforts, bias and errors in judgments can be a common thing. Wars, poverty and man-made catastrophes caused by poor judgment on the part of world leaders, have made life miserable for many. To reduce human suffering we need guidance from above, and the rule of thumb is to love God, and to love our neighbours. Any judgement that is based on the foundation of loving God, and loving our neighbour is fair and just because such judgements are not solely guided by human knowledge, but by God's. Mistakes can rarely happen.

Spiritual dryness does happen in prayer, but persistence in prayer will combat that problem. God talks to us in any circumstances of our lives, and that includes times of spiritual dryness. We need to pray and pray always, because without prayers we will soon turn inward to self love. We would become an anonymous unjust judge, who has no fear of hurting people. Without a prayerful life, we don't even know that we walk in darkness, and follow our own wisdom, and serve only our own interests and power. Without constant prayer, our love for God and for others will be jeopardised. Our lives will be swallowed up by responsibility, and the ordinariness of daily business. Constant prayer helps us to open our eyes to see, that our loving God mysteriously cares for us, and for the world much more than we do. Our world has so many problems, but do not lose hope. Turn to prayer, because the power of prayer is stronger than any human's mistake. Persistence in prayer helps us to understand that God always listens to our prayers. Expecting to receive exactly what we ask for may be disappointing, because God may give us something else rather than what we ask for. We need to remember that God's justice is far better than we can understand, and whatever God grants is best for us. People of faith, love to communicate with God, and prayer is a form of strengthening our relationship with our loving God.

Vudinh Tuong

Senior's Group - Improvements

As a result of raising the \$704.20 from the White Elephant Stall, it has now been approved to contribute part of the funds towards the following:

- A new flat top grill BBQ;
- \$100.00 for the up keep of the gardens;
- 100 new bread and butter plates.

Some of the funds will also be spent on the Senior's Group Christmas Lunch on Monday 25th November 2019 from 10.00am - 2.00pm. We can't wait to catch up with everyone.

God bless you all, may his love be showered upon you and yours.

Agnes Fryars for Senior's Group

Dates to Remember

27th Oct St Patrick's Laidley Centenary Cook Book
Please contact gatton@bne.catholic.net.au if you wish to order any books.

27th Oct Religious Instruction Sunday Goodna Parish
Next week, Sunday 27th October, we will have a special presentation on the work our Religious Instructors do in our local State Schools and how you can support this ministry.

Position Available

3rd Nov Volunteer Hospital Pastoral Carer Surfers Paradise
Upper Mt Gravatt
Please contact Judy on 07 3324 3193 or judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

7th Nov Youth Group Coordinator Bracken Ridge
Please contact Bronwyn on 07 3261 3670 or bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

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

22nd Oct -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
23rd Oct -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass
24th Oct -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
25th Oct -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Reconciliation

26th Oct -	Sat -	4.00pm - 4.30pm	
		5.00pm	Mass

Sunday Mass

27th Oct -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th October

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

