



# Cannon Hill Catholic Parish

Incorporating

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Holy Family Church

Cannon Hill

Tingalpa



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

*The community of the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH JULY 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

**What do you treasure the most and how do you keep it from being lost or stolen?** In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable (Mt 13:44) "went in his joy" to sell everything. Because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Rom 14:17) as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us; but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

The pearl of great price also tells us a similar lesson. *Why would a merchant sell everything for a peerless pearl?* No doubt because he was attracted to what he thought was the greatest treasure he could possess. Discovering God's kingdom is like stumbling across hidden treasure or finding the one pearl of great price.

When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure - **the Lord himself**. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things - our friends, job, our "style of life", what we do with our free time. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. **The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure.** In this parable the treasure certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek for. If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty.

What can a story of a dragnet and a great catch of fish tell us about God's kingdom? What is Jesus' point here? Just as a dragnet catches every kind of fish in the sea, so the church acts as God's instrument for gathering in all who will come. Just as the dragnet does not or cannot discriminate, so the church does not discriminate between the good and the bad, the useless and the useful. God's kingdom is open to all who will accept and believe. But there will come a time of separation, at the close of the age, when the angels will send the good and the bad to their respective destinations. Our task is to gather in all who will come. God, in the end, will give the good (*those who accept and follow Christ*) and the bad (*those who refuse Christ*) the reward they deserve. God offers the treasure of his kingdom to all who believe in Christ.

When Jesus had finished speaking about his parables, he turned to his disciples and asked them, **"Have you understood all this?"** (Mt 13:52). Jesus asks us the same question. If we want to understand the meaning and significance of the parables for our daily lives, then we must reflect and think through what the Lord is saying to us through his instruction. The Holy Spirit is our guide and teacher who helps us to grow in understanding of God's word in the Scriptures.

We would be impoverished today if we only possessed the treasures of the word of God in the "Old Testament" Scriptures or if we only knew the treasures of the "New Testament" Scriptures. Both the Old and New Testament Scriptures are given by the same eternal Father, inspired by the same eternal Holy Spirit, and fulfilled by the same eternal Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was with the Father from the beginning and who was sent from heaven to take on human flesh for our salvation.

There is a profound unity between the Old and New Testaments. Both are divinely inspired by one and the same Spirit (2 Tim 3:16). The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfils the Old - the two shed light on each other. The Old Testament prepared the way for the coming of Jesus Christ as the redeemer of all who would be saved through his sacrifice on the cross. The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New. That is why Jesus interpreted the Old Testament Scriptures for his disciples and explained how he came to fulfil what was promised and foreshadowed in the Old (Lk 24:27). That is why we read the Old Testament in the light of Christ's saving death and resurrection.

*"Lord Jesus, may your word take deep root in my heart and transform my way of thinking, discerning, and acting. May your Spirit open my ears to hear and understand the word of God in the Scriptures that I may revere and treasure both the Old and the New Testaments which God has prepared for all who desire to enter his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy."*

**Have a Blessed Sunday and I wish you all a Wonderful Week. Fr Basti OMI**

**Psalm:** Lord, I love your commands.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth.

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**Readings for next week:**

**1st Reading:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**Psalm:** 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

## COMING MASSES, MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Regular Mass & Service Times:

#### Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9am at St Oliver Plunkett  
Thursday - 9am at The Holy Family Church

#### Weekend Mass:

Saturday - 6pm at St Oliver Plunkett  
Sunday - 8am at The Holy Family Church  
Sunday - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett

**Eucharistic Adoration—1st Friday of the month**  
following 9.00am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

**Baptisms—2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held during**  
9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word—1st Sunday of the month**  
during the 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

**Welcome Mass for Families receiving Baptism—**  
1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am, St Oliver Plunkett,  
followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall.

**Saturday 5th August** Alpha Program, 3.30pm Parish Hall.

**Sunday 6th August** Children's Liturgy of the Word,  
9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Wednesday 2nd August**, Parent's Preparation Session for  
First Holy Communion, 7pm St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Saturday 5th August** Presentation Mass for children  
enrolled for First Holy Communion, 6pm or Sunday 6th  
August, 9.30am, St Oliver Plunkett Ch. (Parents & Children)

**Friday 4th August** Eucharistic Adoration following 9am  
Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church, and,  
National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's  
Day

**Monday 7th August**—Baptism Preparation for families  
already enrolled, 6.30pm, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Tuesday 8 August** Feast of St Mary MacKillopp,  
Mass 9am, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Wednesday 16 August**—Public Holiday, Ekka.



*World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023: You young people...  
Get ready for this, to open horizons, to open hearts.  
Open your heart to other cultures... Don't put up a wall  
in front of your life, walls close you in, the horizon makes  
you grow. - Pope Francis WYD 2023*

## GOSPEL

### He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) LISBON** Thursday, 20th July, 120 young people gathered in the Cathedral for a special blessing from Archbishop Coleridge ahead of their journey to World Youth Day in Lisbon. "The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference reported more than 3000 pilgrims would be sent from Australia to World Youth Day.

The Australian contingent is one of the largest to ever attend an international World Youth Day, with the Archdiocese of Sydney and Melbourne each taking more than 500 pilgrims. "

- Catholic Leader

**We hold our youth in our prayers this WYD (1 Aug- 6th Aug) , that they will be inspired by the many young people they meet from around the world, living and witnessing the Gospel in their lives.**

**May God bless our YOUTH, our HOPE for the future.**



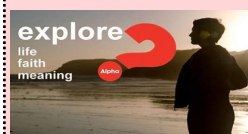
## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Mon:** Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference—  
Fortnightly @ 6.15pm Contact Paul 0418 750 367

**Tue:** Parish Leadership Team—Fortnightly at 6.30pm  
Next Meeting: 12. 00pm, 3rd August 2023

**Wed:** Parish Liturgy Meeting—Monthly at 4.30pm  
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 25th October 2023

**Thu:** Parish Finance Council Meeting—Bimonthly at 4.30pm  
Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 21st September 2023



### ALPHA IS BACK AT CANNON HILL PARISH!

3.30-5.30pm Saturdays  
15th July -16th September

The second Alpha session took place last Saturday and will continue for the next 8 weeks. If you were unable to register but would still like to attend please

feel free to join us next Saturday afternoon.

email: [alpha.cannonhill@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.cannonhill@gmail.com)

**Give the Gift of Faith.** Your generosity towards Cannon Hill Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your will or other estate plans. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming Cannon Hill Parish in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.



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# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



## OUR SICK

Contact Parish Office for names to be included in this list. Names will be taken off after a short time unless otherwise instructed.

Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Harry Davis, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Teresa Oexle, Beryl McInally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Glenda Kiehne, Veronica Roberts, Angela White.

Please contact the Parish Office 3899 2837

if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a visit by Fr Basti.

Please leave a message if the office is unattended or for an urgent response call Fr Basti 0493 096 073.

## RECENTLY DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Gwen Steffen

### Mass Intentions - Week beginning 1st August 2023

Tuesday 9am - For the Youth & World Youth Day Week of Celebrations  
Wednesday 9am - For Climate Change Action & Care for our Common Home  
Thursday 9am - For the Sick and those in Aged Care  
Friday 9am - For Reconciliation, Healing and Equality in for all Australians

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

**\*\* Mass intentions to be advised the week prior to request\*\***

**EUCHARIST ADORATION** will be held this coming Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August following the 9am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Ch.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM First Holy Communion** Parent's Preparation Session - Wednesday, 2nd August at 7.00pm (parents only) St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Presentation Mass - Saturday, 5th August at 6.00pm OR Sunday, 6th August at 9.30am (parents and children), St Oliver Plunkett Church. Full details [www.cannonhill.org.au](http://www.cannonhill.org.au)

### KENYA MISSION UPDATE

A Parishioner has generously donated a \$100 Coles voucher to help with Paul's continuing fundraising efforts, so raffle

tickets will once again be on sale for \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, etc.

Paul's Go Fund Me page is <https://gofund.me/93a0cb93> or use the QR Code to buy raffle tickets:

Paul will be heading off to Kenya in two weeks. He has enough IT equipment to bring to Kenya, but he is still happy to take any working devices as he can sell them and use the proceeds for fundraising.

Please contact Paul with any queries on 0412 852 111 or drop off any devices to the Parish office – thanks!



**AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** Each year, the Australian Catholic Bishops release a major social justice statement for Social Justice Sunday, Sunday 27th August. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church. The title of the 2023-24 Statement is **Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**. Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC), invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Date: 7pm, 23 August, 2023, RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement\\_2023](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023)

Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo

### SEASON OF CREATION Calling for your photo's /artwork...

The **Season of Creation** is an annual Christian celebration beginning on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, **September 1**, through to the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, October 4.

The theme this year is **'Let Justice and Peace Flow'**, raising awareness of our need to take up climate & ecological justice. The **Season of Creation** is a special time dedicated to deepening our relationships with Creation and our Creator.

**Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invites you to share your artwork/photo's/poems/song/ any creative works on their facebook page.**

A selection also to be exhibited at St John's Cathedral Brisbane.

You can upload creation at [www.fb.com/QCEnvNet](http://www.fb.com/QCEnvNet) or email [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au) or phone 3369 6792.

**Photo's & artwork to QCEN by 6th August.**

**IN OUR PARISH, we would also like to invite you to email photographs, artwork, or any creative works to [cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au)**

**We would like to use your photo's/artwork in the celebration of mass during this season.**

### ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION Module II—Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures

This second module, Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures, engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity, and how to interpret scripture within the Catholic tradition. Beyond the mechanics, this module provides an experience of listening to the voice of God in scripture, ensuring that scripture moves beyond mere text to being experienced as God's word to us.

**When:** 7pm, Mondays starting 21st August

**Where:** Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary (487EarnshawRd, Banyo) **Cost:** Individual \$250 | \$150pp for groups of 5+

Find out more and register at [catholicformation.au](http://catholicformation.au)

Flyers available at main doors.

### THE "SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

will be held in **St Stephen's Chapel** on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023** (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. Please join us for **PRAYER, PRAISE & WORSHIP**. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day** celebrated 4th August "Children's Day was first held in 1988. Part of the reason it was started was because there were many of our children in orphanages and institutions who did not know their birthday, so Children's Day was set aside each year to celebrate the birthday of these children. The day was also needed to give Aboriginal children "confidence and make them feel special and included." Sourced: <https://deadlystory.com>





# Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Meno Basti Jayantha OMI (pp.cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au)

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Desley Clutterbuck (Ph: 0456 535 091)

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Sachin Rasquinha, Paul Vorrasi, Briony Russell, Aaron Tippetts, Joanne Edwards



## CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Yuggera and Turrbal Country

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre: 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill Q 4170

Holy Family Church: 41 Belmont Rd, Tingalpa Q 4173 (enter via 56 Palgrave St, Tingalpa)

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am - 2.30pm

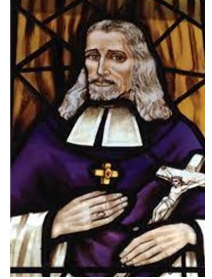
Phone: (07) 3899 2837 | Mobile: 0493 096 073 (after hours)

Web Page: <https://www.cannonhillparish.org.au/>

Facebook Page: Cannon Hill Catholic Parish | WhatsApp: 0493 096 073

MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES as per the left hand on the inside page

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS: by appointment only at St Oliver Plunkett Church



**SAFEGUARDING & SECURITY** There have recently been a couple of minor incidents around St Oliver Plunkett Church so external security cameras have been installed as a matter of precaution. The church building is also well-signed to advise the presence of CCTV. The combination of cameras and signage should be sufficient deterrents to inappropriate activity.

### Italian Youth Choirs Concert

**Saturday 5 August**

**2.00pm-4.00pm**

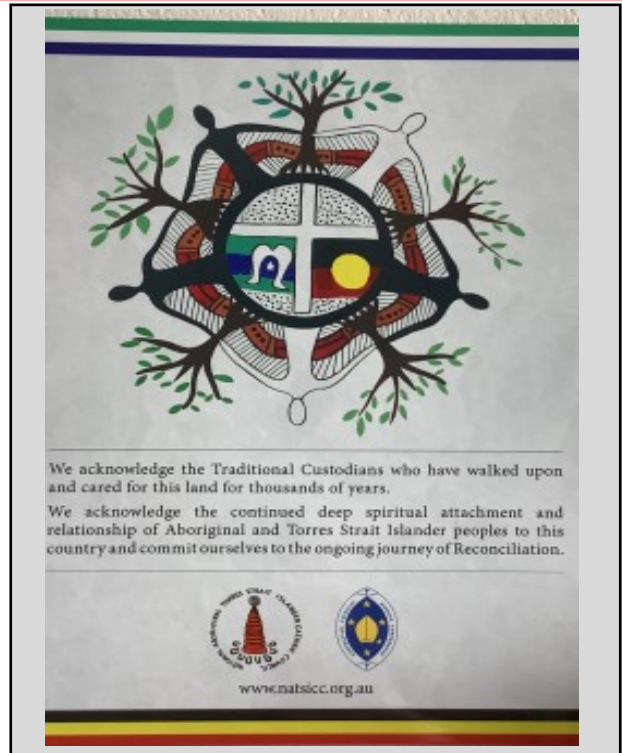
**Our Lady of Graces Church  
100 Mayfield Road, Carina**

**Please join us for a wonderful afternoon!**

The Italian Youth Choirs of *Gioventù in Cantata* and *Giovani Voci Bassano* will be visiting Brisbane in early August.

As part of the choirs visit to Brisbane, there will be a couple of concerts during their stay – one concert to be held at Our Lady Of Graces, Carina and another at the Cathedral.

The concert at Our Lady of Graces Church will be on Saturday 5 August, 2pm-4pm. The concert will focus on the theme of respect for the Earth, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, as well as a repertoire of Italian songs.



**SCAM WARNING:** There are currently a large number of scam messages being sent by text to parishioners which use the names of Brisbane Clergy asking for assistance, meetings, money etc. Please be aware of these Scams and do not respond. Our Clergy would never contact you in this way. If you receive a message like this, do not engage with the sender, instead forward the message to 0429 999 888 (this is the Australian Government's spam reporting line).

### Iona College Catholic Boys College

Principal: Mr. Trevor Goodwin

Rector: Fr. Michael Twigg

Phone: (07) 3893 8888

Email: [admin@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:admin@iona.qld.edu.au) Website: [www.iona.qld.edu.au](http://www.iona.qld.edu.au)



### St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School

Principal: Mr. Greg Cran

APRE: Ms Hannah Goodwin

Phone: (07) 3902 2100

Out of School Hours Care: Phone: (07) 3899 0952



**Humour...**

I remember the spoon's taste more than the Ice Cream .



**PRIVACY ACT** The privacy of all individuals with whom the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information. As part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane WE MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES 7. Policy available at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/> or on request.