

### **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.

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th September 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In today's gospel, Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships. We must not brood over an offense, but we have to speak directly and privately. Therefore, what is the lesson that we can learn from Jesus' instructions about how to mend a damaged relationship (Mt 18:15-20). If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage.

If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force.

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. But even this must be understood properly. How do we treat a Gentile or tax collector? We treat them with a desire for their continued conversion. We treat them with continued respect, while at the same time acknowledge that we are not "on the same page." However we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors, ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration.

### When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your own grievance and injury in order to help your brother's wound?

Today, upon any relationship you have that requires healing and reconciliation, seek to follow this humble process given by our Lord and continue to remain hopeful that the grace of God will prevail.

The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will, and an unwillingness to forgive. The love of Christ both purifies and sets us free to do good to all - even those who cause us grief. The call to accountability for what we have done and have failed to do is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up on praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help, we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom.

### Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

"Lord of true healing, give me a humble and merciful heart so that I may reconcile with those who have sinned against me. I forgive them, dear Lord, just as You have forgiven me. Give me the grace to seek reconciliation in accord with Your perfect will. Jesus, I trust in You"

### Have a Blessed Sunday and I wish you all a wonderful Week. Fr Basti OMI

**Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us,

Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm: 102:1-4, 9-12
2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

### **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.

**Sunday 10th September**—Safeguarding Sunday, building Safe Communities for children & all people (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference).

**Tuesday 12 September** Anointing & Healing Mass, 9am, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Thursday 14 September** Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Mass 9am, Church of the Holy Family.

Friday 15 September End of School Term 3

**Thursday 21-Sunday 24 September**, Ignite Youth Conference, St Laurence's College, South Brisbane.

**Sunday 24 September**—World Refugee and Migration Day (Holy See) Multicultural Mass, 2.30pm, Cathedral of St Stephen.

**Friday 29 September** Feat of Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Mass 9am, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

### Monday 2 October

Public Holiday—Labour day

Tuesday 3 October, School Term 4 commences.

Friday 7th October Eucharist Adoration following 9am Mass.

#### **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: 6.30pm, 12th September 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

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation?.... We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.

- Pope Francis Message for World Day of Prayer for Creation

### **GOSPEL**

## If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



MULTICULTURAL MASS the annual Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass is an opportunity for all God's people to come together in worship at the Cathedral of St Stephen,
Sunday 24th September, 2.30pm.

The liturgy is one of the most colourful and energetic throughout the year and a wonderful opportunity to experience so many beautiful languages in prayer, song and dance in worship.

It is a very spiritual experience, come along and see for yourself!

"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are...using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of the faithful. For more information on naming Cannon Hill Parish or our perpetual endowment fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.





### 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 McInally, 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, Robbin Firth.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Vardanega

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mass Intentions - Week beginning 12th September 2023

Tuesday 9am - Anointing & Healing Mass

Wednesday 9am - For Justice, Healing and Reconciliation for all Australians

Thursday 9am - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Friday 9am - Anniversary Mass intention for Dennis Scanlan

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish \*\* Mass intentions to be advised the week prior to request\*\*

#### ANOINTING AND HEALING MASS

to be held this **Tuesday 12th September** at 9am, St Oliver Plunkett Church. At this mass we pray for physical, spiritual and emotional healing for the sick and elderly.

#### **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

In this 150th year of Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends to a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, Saturday **30th September, 11.30am**. Followed by refreshments in the grounds. Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the cathedral.

**RSVP For Mass & Catering by Friday 22 September to** cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or Oh: 3324 3030.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children who received the Sacraments of Penance, 40 children (Friday morning) and First Holy Communion, 40 children (Saturday morning) may they continue their journey of faith and may God bless them and their families.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE There have been some changes made recently to volunteer requirements. Any person that wishes to volunteer for roles during Mass, e.g. reader, Communion Minister, will no longer need to register as a volunteer or complete Safeguarding Training. always in need of volunteers, so this will make it easier if you wish to participate in a role at Mass in the future.

THE BRISBANE FESTIVAL MALE VOICE CHOIR invites you

to a program of Sacred Music, presented by men from Festival Male Voice Choirs in Brisbane, Bundaberg, Toowoomba & Sydney.

> When: Saturday 23 September, 2:30pm Where: Living Church, 1541 Creek Rd, Carina.

Admission FREE, donations accepted to help cover expenses. Please join us for an afternoon of incredible male voices performing sacred music.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been

abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

Cannon Hill Catholic Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

UPDATE FROM KENYA MISSION Hi everyone from Kenya or "Jambo" as the locals say. By the time most of you read this I will be on my 25hour trip back home. With your help we raised over \$7000 and I have spent all of it. Mostly on IT related expenses but

also a lot on donations of food and other stuff. I have been working out of parishes in Meru, Kionyo, Kisaju and Karen (Nairobi). I have been teaching students and priests all about IT and have spoken at many masses where I have tried to teach the locals to say G'Day Mate I have lots of pictures and stories to share, I just need to work out how best to share without a 2 hour presentation after mass.

Life in Kenya can be very hard if you don't have money, the picture shows a primary school grades 1 to 8. Grades 1 to 5 are in the wooden building 6 to 8 are in the unfinished concrete building. Next door is a much nicer school that has overseas sponsors. It takes the top



10% of students from this school and provides scholarships, this leaves this school with underperforming results.



### Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

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

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Ronda Vorrasi (Ph. 0456 535 091)

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: Sachin Rasquinha, Paul Vorrasi, Briony Russell, Aaron Tippetts, Norma Martiri



### 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/

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### **From Archbishop Mark**

Finally we know the date for the Referendum vote. As with political elections, I wish in some ways the vote was tomorrow. Not that this is like voting in a political election. The Referendum process has been badly politicised, with politicians and activists on both sides trying to smash the opposition rather than unite the nation. But the choice on 14 October is moral and ethical rather than political. Some say that a Voice to parliament and executive will divide the nation, but we are already divided. The question is how Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia can be brought together at a time when the gap isn't closing but growing wider. For Christians, the issues focused by the Referendum need to be viewed through the lens of the Gospel and ultimately with the eye of Jesus who isn't above or apart from the process. In preparing to vote for the good not of some but of the whole nation we need to listen carefully to the Uluru Statement but also and more especially to the voice of Jesus. - Sourced from The Good News

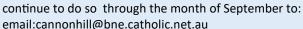
Also this weekend a Pastoral Statement on the Referendum is available at the main doors of the Church. Digital version <a href="HERE">HERE</a>

Let Justice

and Peace Flow

### **SEASON OF CREATION**

Thank you to everyone who sent in photo's for reflection at weekend Masses, please



Humour...





# Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023 cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au 3324 3030 If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd. email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023

### Iona College Catholic Boys College

Principal: Mr. Trevor Goodwin Rector: Fr. Michael Twigg Phone: (07) 3893 8888

Email: admin@iona.qld.edu.au Website: 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



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Policy available at https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/ or on request.