

Holy Family Church

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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th August 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends.

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, highlight that God wills all of the world to be saved. In the first reading the Israelites learn that foreigners who follow the decrees of the Lord also worship God. In the second reading Paul speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles. And in the gospel Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman.

Faith and Persistence: The Canaanite woman's unwavering faith and persistent plea for help display the importance of trust and perseverance in approaching Jesus. Despite initial challenges and seemingly discouraging responses, she remains steadfast in seeking Jesus' intervention, leading to the manifestation of her faith.

Humility and Teachability: The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman also illustrates the significance of humility and openness to learning from Him. The woman acknowledges Jesus' authority and power, and even in the face of what may seem like a rebuff, she demonstrates a teachable heart, prompting Jesus to acknowledge and praise her great faith.

Being Inclusive: In this passage, Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman who comes to Him seeking help for her demonpossessed daughter. Despite cultural barriers and the initial response of the disciples, Jesus demonstrates inclusivity by engaging with her and addressing her needs.

God's Love for All People: Jesus' interaction with the Canaanite woman highlights God's love for all people, transcending cultural and ethnic boundaries. This encounter emphasizes that God's compassion extends to everyone, regardless of their background or nationality.

Jesus' Mission to Restore Us: This passage describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. (Tyre and Sidon were fifty miles north of Israel and still exist today in modern Lebanon.) A Gentile woman, a foreigner who was not a member of the Jewish people, puts Jesus on the spot by pleading for his help. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her, and this made his disciples feel embarrassed. Jesus does this to test the woman to awaken faith in her.

The encounter with the Canaanite woman underscores Jesus' mission to restore and heal humanity. By showing mercy and granting the woman's request, Jesus demonstrates His divine power to bring healing and deliverance to those in need.

What did Jesus mean by the expression "throwing bread to the dogs"? The Jews often spoke of the Gentiles with arrogance and insolence as "unclean dogs" since the Gentiles did not follow God's law and were excluded from God's covenant and favour with the people of Israel. For the Greeks the "dog" was a symbol of dishonour and was used to describe a shameless and audacious woman. Jesus tests this woman's faith to see if she is earnest in receiving holy things from the hand of a holy God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs".

Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her faith and for her love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with earnest faith - whether Jew or Gentile - was refused his help.

Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith?

"Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May I trust you always and pursue you with indomitable persistence as this woman did. Increase my faith in your saving power and deliver me from all evil and harm."

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

Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,	Psalm:	next week: Isaiah 22:19-23 137:1-3, 6, 8 Romans 11:33-36
		-	Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Wednesday 23rd August

Launch of Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement, St James' Parish Hall, Coorparoo, 7pm.

Sunday 27 August

Social Justice Sunday (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) Friday 1st September

Eucharist Adoration following 9am Mass.

World Day of Prayer for Creation (Holy See) Commence Season of Creation (Sept 1– Oct 4).

Saturday 2nd September

Children's Session for First Holy Communion—4.15pm OR Sunday, 3rd September, 8.00am, St Oliver Plunkett Ch Wednesday, 6th September

First Holy Communion Rehearsal, 7.00pm, St Oliver Plunkett Church

Friday 8th September, Celebration of Sacrament of Penance, 9.30am St Oliver Plunkett Ch. Saturday 9th September, Celebration of First Holy Communion, 9am St Oliver Plunkett Church

REGULAR MEETINGS

- Mon:Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference
Fortnightly @ 6.15pmContact Paul 0418 750 367Tue:Parish Leadership Team
Next Meeting: 6.30pm, 29th 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

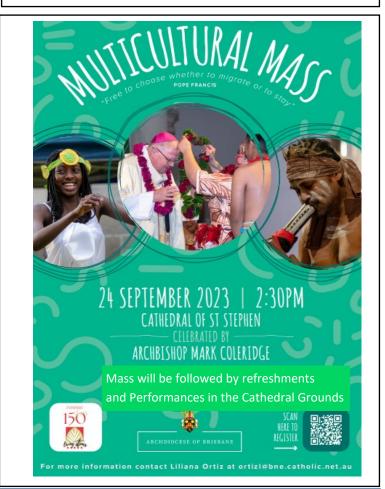
The Lord knows that the boat of our life is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing, but invites us to face difficulties so they too might become opportunities to meet Him

- Pope Francis @Pontifrex, August 13th, 2023

GOSPEL

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even housedogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



"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.

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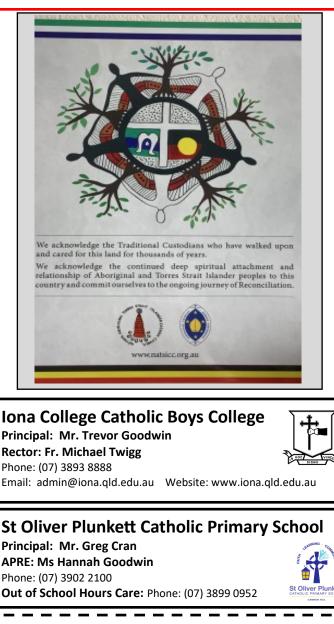
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