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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

23rd/24th July 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

Welcome to the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In my language, the word that expresses the idea of Father is 'Nna'. 'Nna' or its equivalent 'Mpa' is a deeply intimate word to address the father of the home in a way that is personal and communal at the same time. Most households with more than one child has the father addressed as 'Nna anyi' or 'Mpa anyi', which translates as 'Our Father'. In this famous prayer, Jesus calls God 'Our Father' and commands us who are the 'we' praying community to speak to God as 'Our Father'.

Pope Benedict XVI in his book titled: 'Jesus of Nazareth', tells us that this way of speaking to God in communal and personal way helps us to avoid the reciting of habitual formulas while our mind is elsewhere. By addressing God as 'Our Father', in every moment of life, He becomes the bedrock of our soul making prayer the foundation of our lives.

'The more prayer is the foundation that upholds our existence, the more we will be men and women of peace. The more we can bear pain, the more we will be able to understand others and open ourselves to them.' This is when prayer becomes not just what we do and how we live, but who we are. According to Pope Benedict, this silent prayer of God at the heart our thinking, our meditation, our daily activities, and our entire being is what Jesus meant when he said 'Pray without season.' Calling God 'Our Father' or 'Nna anyi' without season will also remind us that we are all brothers and sisters.

Kiribati community celebrates Independence Day in Kingaroy

Last week members of our parish communities from Kiribati, [most of them live in Kingaroy] celebrated their Independence Day. It was a joyful occasion where we shared great stories, music, dance, food, and many other fun activities. As a person from a very cultural community, I found it very moving and powerful. Thank you to Kiribati community for your invitation, and may God bless you for your contribution to our parish communities.

God's Blessings, Fr Stanley



Archbishop Mark has a message

Following the intensity of the Plenary Council assembly in Sydney, I found myself laid low by COVID-19 once I arrived in Mittagong where the bishops had gone for a few days of prayerful debriefing after the assembly.



I knew something was wrong once I started coughing almost uncontrollably. Sure enough, the RAT showed positive. So into isolation I went for a week.

It gave me quiet time to reflect on the assembly. Its decisions were undramatic, despite the moments of drama through the week.

However modest the results may have been, the assembly was a real achievement – a fascinating experience of the Holy Spirit at work and the Church in action. It planted a powerful seed that will bear fruit long into the future. And the years-long process that led to the assembly means that the Church in this country can never be quite the same again. In that sense, the process is the product.

I wasn't the only one struck by COVID-19 after the assembly. Members have gone down all around Australia.

But the Church still stands, a Church less in isolation than it was, a Church looking to become missionary in ways we've never been before.

NEWS FROM ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NANANGO

Last week was the first week back for Term 3. We have started the Term well and look forward to an exciting Term ahead.

On Thursday, our Year 1 / 2 class had a visit from Father Stanley, and asked him questions about Baptism. This was to help them understand the Sacrament and what occurs during a Baptism.



On Friday, our Year 5 / 6 class attended Mass at OLHC Church to help with their understanding of the parts of Mass and how Jesus is Sacramentally present in the Mass. Students in year 5 and 6 will learn to communicate their understanding of the key purposes of the Eucharist for believers.



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First Reading:

Genesis 18: 20-32

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading:

Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!



You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Gospel:

Luke 11: 1-13

17th WEEK in ORDINARY TIME - MASS TIMES

17th Sunday : 24th July 2022

Nanango Mass 8.00 am

Kingaroy Mass 10.00 am

Kingaroy Mass 5.00 pm

18th WEEK in ORDINARY TIME - MASS TIMES

Sunday : 31st July 2022

Nanango 8.00 am

Kingaroy 10.00 am

Friday : 05th August 2022

Kingaroy 9.00 am

Nanango 12.00 noon

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries:

Doreen Beauchamp, Faith Hodge, Jean Claude Robinson, Hunter Magee, Martin Kruger.

Prayers for the sick: OLHC Parish - Pat Langan, Amelia Cole, Patricia Moucka, Pauline Giles, Joan Cronin, Norma Rees, Helen Cronin, Greg Knaggs, Pearl Walters, Ian Walters

St Mary's Parish - Pam Sokoll, Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Maureen Taylor, Sylvia McArdle, Nick Groer, Michael Carroll, Teresa O'Sullivan.



WELCOME !

Would YOU like to be a *Mass Welcomer*, greeting Parishioners and visitors at the door of your church?



Please contact the Parish Office.
07 41 62 5121

IN THIS TOGETHER

South Burnett Housing and Homelessness Forum

Kingaroy Town Hall

Friday 22 July 2022 – 9am to 3pm

Register: <https://SBHousingForum.eventbrite.com>

Open to All

Lets work together to find housing solutions for our region

To help us ensure the topics and discussions on the day are relevant, or if you can't make the day but would like to provide some feedback or insights, we ask that you please take a few short minutes to complete a survey :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86GW6KT>

SOUTH BURNETT HOUSING WORKING GROUP



The South Burnett Housing and Homelessness Forum scheduled for today, Friday 22nd July, 2022, was unfortunately cancelled. Please keep an eye out for news about this huge problem.

The winter chill is adding to the suffering of thousands of people sleeping rough in Queensland and putting Care Agencies under much pressure.

A lack of affordable rental properties has forced many Queenslanders to resort to sleeping in cars, to couch surfing or staying in short-term



accommodation. On any given night, many people are homeless and are sleeping rough on benches, cardboard boxes, in doorways and under bridges. Many will settle for a bed in a crisis centre when or if they are available.

Home visit: Fr Stanley is available and looking forward to regular home visitation to parishioners, to our senior citizens, to the sick, for Communion, prayer or even just a 'cuppa'.

Blessings: Would you like the priest to bless anything which is of great importance to you? Homes, cars, devotional objects?

Significant occasions: Do you know anyone celebrating a special occasion, anniversary, birthday? Include your significant occasion in the Parish Newsletter!

Reconciliation: For those wishing to attend Reconciliation, this is available after any weekday Mass.

Should you prefer another time, please see Fr Stanley after any Mass or contact the Parish Office to arrange a suitable time.

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kingaroy@bne.catholic.net.au for any of the above requests.

DATE CLAIMERS

MEN'S OVERNIGHT CAMP:

Friday

9th September 2022



WOMEN'S LUNCHEON:

Tuesday, 23rd August, 2022

Keep your eye on the newsletter for updates and confirmation

Our Parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we stand, the Wakka Wakka people and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.

DATE CLAIMERS or NEWSLETTER ITEMS -- in our Parish newsletter, please contact the Parish office on 41625121 or email: kingaroy@bne.catholic.net.au **by Wednesday of each week.**