St Brigid's Parish

Stuart - Wulguru - Woodstock

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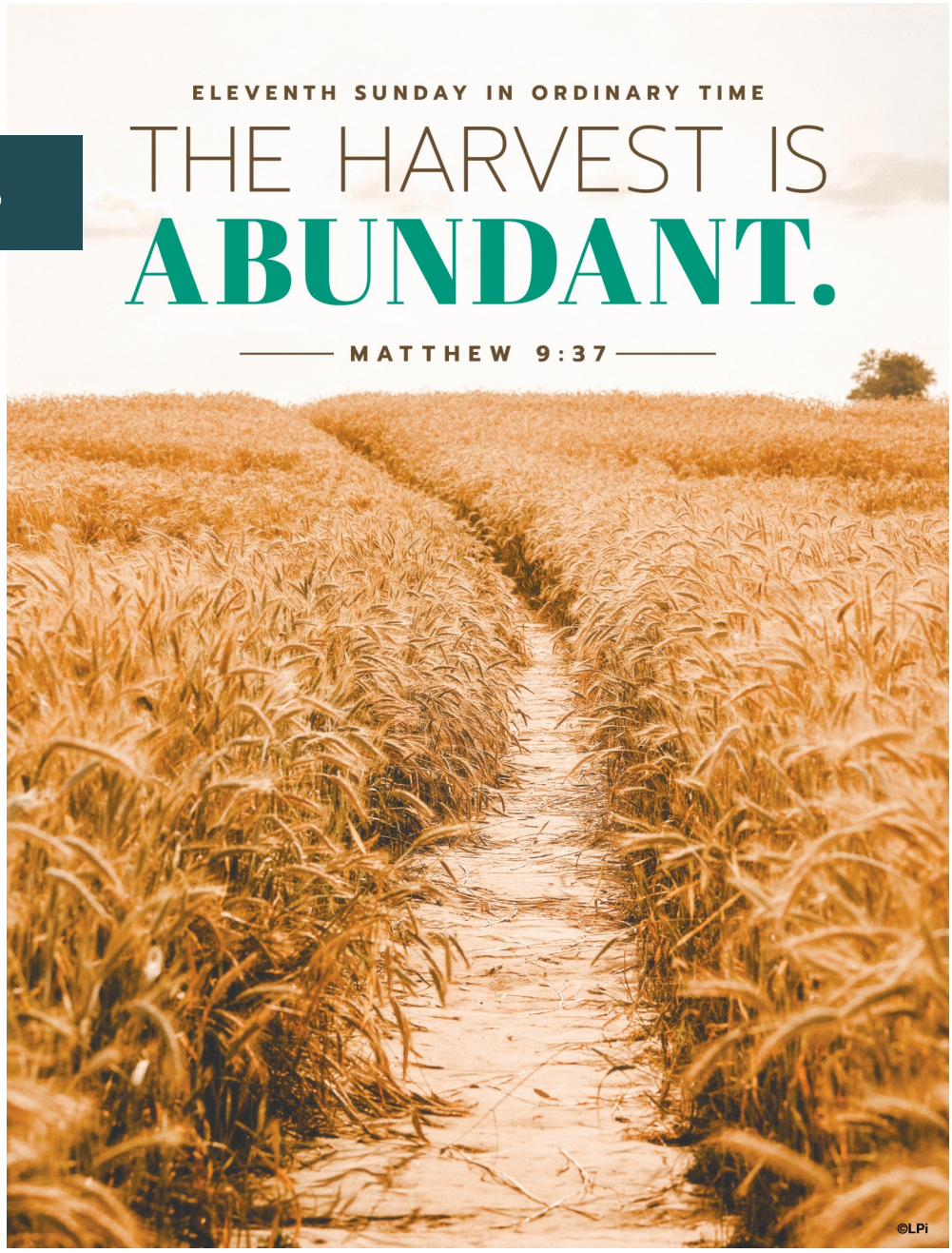

On behalf of St Brigid's Parish, our Parish Priest and Parishioners,
We welcome any new members to be part of our community. "All Members are a gift from God", so a very warm "Welcome" to you.

Get in Touch!

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Through our Baptism we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Through the love of Jesus Christ, we live and share the Good news with all.

Virtues, *Explained!*

God Himself is Truth. Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully — in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously.

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,
You've called every soul to yourself, aware of our faults and failures, but also our gifts, perspectives, our talents, and our dreams. As we grow to know you, help us to more fully understand ourselves and, in doing so, to use our unique positions to spread your love to the world.
Amen.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Rosters Weekend of 20/21 June		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
	Readers	1. Debra Fulton 2. Paula Bailey	1. Antony Jobby 2. Andrews Jobby
	Special Ministers	Valmai Bingham & Volunteer	Jobby's
	Children's Liturgy	Bree	
	Cleaning	Team D	
	Counting	Andrea/Carmel (20/21 Jun) - Cox / Menkens (11/12 July)	

The Pastor's Pen!

I write this before our Diocesan Synod. If I look terrible that's normal not just the fact that we've been synoding for 48 hours :)

Thanks to those who have added their name to the list of volunteers in our parish. We already have about 60 people volunteering in one way or another. That's just under a third of those who come to Sunday Mass. I am so grateful and feel so blessed to be ministering in this parish.

I am positive that there is some way that you can contribute your time and energy to the good of our parish community and wider community (if you don't already). If none of the tick boxes sound like you, we can always talk about how your gifts and talents can be placed at the service of God and his people.

Please consider coming along when we have a first meeting of SVdP (whenever that will be). If you tick that box , we will invite you and you can decide whether it is for you.

If you took home a pledge card for planned giving with the intention of returning it, could I ask you to bring it back soon, especially if you want envelopes.

The Parish Finance Council met on Monday evening. Things are bubbling away with the books—no major concerns there. But, we do have to seriously think about our Stuart property (Church and house) because of the costs involved in maintaining them. I am still hopeful that we can shift St Brigid's to another location, i.e. the College. But, there is a fair bit of work to do on it before we can even plan for that.

We also have to buy a photocopier. I had hoped to this year, but then the budget was a bit tight. We have been on a "mates rates" rental agreement which will no longer be offered (we are looking at about double if we just rent). We could also lease for five years. But, we would spend much more money than if we just bought outright. So we will swallow the pill and buy. That's $9000 that we had not planned for.

This week, I have a Southern Cross Catholic College Board Meeting, Zoom with QLD Vocations Directors, a working group meeting on the new diocesan policy on Initiation, a Saints Catholic College Board meeting, and a QLD zoom about the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress.

I was so glad this week just to spend two hours with the residents of Good Shepherd Nursing Home. That's actually my vocation. The rest serves the Church but it doesn't revive my soul.

Fr D.

Mass Times

This Weekend

Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am

This Week

Monday	Wulguru 5.30
Tuesday	Adoration 4.30 Wulguru 5.30
Wednesday	Wulguru 5.30
Thursday	Wulguru 5.30

Next Weekend

Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am
St Brigid's	**Suspended**

Confessions

12pm to 12.15pm Saturday
Or by appointment

Our Parish

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Notices and Events

Requiem Mass Barbara McLellan

A Requiem Mass will be held for the repose of the soul of Barbara McLellan this Monday 15 May at 10.30am at St Joseph the Worker.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Your new envelope box is available for collection. Your numbers have changed as we do not require quite so many this year. Thank you for your contribution to our Parish.

The Call to Holiness

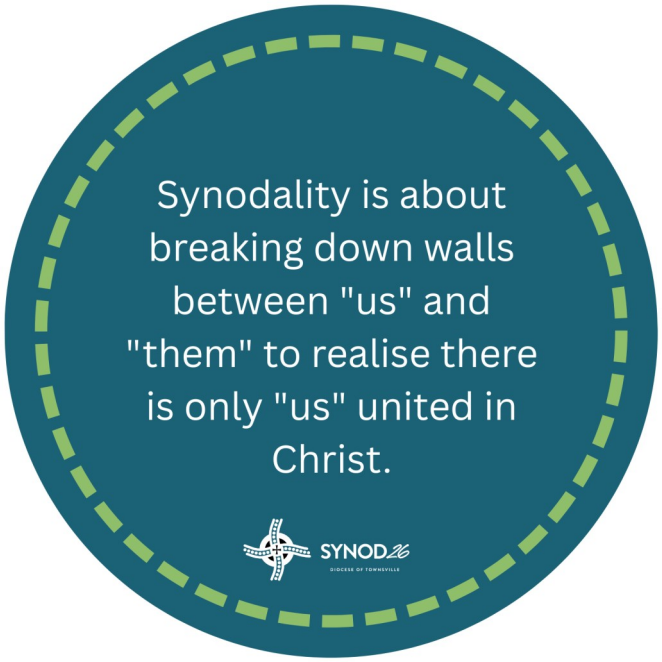
This week we begin our Novena for Vocations by praying with the conviction that every Christian is called to holiness. Holiness begins at baptism and grows through prayer, service and daily fidelity. It is the foundation of every vocation and the path by which we discover who God created us to be. As we pray, we ask for hearts that are open and ready to listen. May our parish become a place where the call to holiness is welcomed and lived with joy.

"Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary." Benedict XVI

Synod26: This Week

Members from across the Diocese gathered on Friday and Saturday for our Diocesan Synod. Together, they reflected on the proposed diocesan pastoral priorities and offered wisdom for their implementation.

As these outcomes begin to be shared across the Diocese, we invite you to keep them in your prayers. There was a great energy throughout the gathering, and the Holy Spirit was certainly at work. May God continue to lead us towards greater unity, participation, and service.



Give Your Time and Energy to our Parish

This weekend, as with last, we are inviting parishioners to consider volunteering or becoming involved in one of the ministries of our parish.

There are cards and pens available in each pew. If you are already serving in a ministry or volunteer role, there is no need to complete another card unless you would like to become involved in something additional.

At present, we are especially seeking people interested in helping to re-establish our St Vincent de Paul Conference and in forming a ministry to bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

Please take a moment to consider how you might contribute to the life and mission of our parish.

Clergy Appeal: End of Financial Year Donations

Retired Diocesan Priests are very valued and much loved members of the Diocese of Townsville. They have walked alongside many people experiencing joy and sadness, challenges and successes. It is now our time to care for them in their retirement.

With your help, we will continue to look after our retired priest into the future.

As the end of the financial year draws near, please consider donating to the Clergy Appeal. Donations above $2 are tax deductible.

Vocations Views

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

Please keep in your prayers:

Sue Reilly, Peter Dangerfield, May Williamson, Debra Craig, Maureen Milchem, Linda Sibley, Laura Farquhar, Lisa Haines, Margaret Catchpole, Matilda Lee, Genevieve Cochrane, Amelia Cart, Henri & Hansel Bekiesch, Toni Evans, Anne Burgess, and all in need of our prayers.

Prayers FOR Healing

May the Lord's healing hand rest upon them

St Joseph the Worker

Sacred Signs

This stained glass window of St Joseph comes from the original St Joseph the Worker Church built in 1971. Alongside the Marian window rescued after the 2004 fire, it remains an important link with the faith and history of our parish community.

The image presents Joseph under the title of St Joseph the Worker, a title formally established by Pope Pius XII in 1955. By placing the feast on 1 May, the Church sought to honour the dignity of human labour and present Joseph as a model for all working people. Joseph reminds us that ordinary work, offered faithfully and lovingly, can become holy.

In the window Joseph holds a large saw, representing his trade as a carpenter and craftsman. The tool symbolises honest labour, patience, and the quiet strength of those who work with their hands. Joseph is not remembered for great speeches or public achievements, but for faithful service, care for his family, and obedience to God.

He also holds an image of St Peter's Basilica and the Vatican, symbolising his title as Patron of the Universal Church. Just as Joseph protected the Holy Family, he is honoured as protector of the whole Church. This patronage was formally declared by Pope Pius IX in 1870 during a difficult period in Church history.

At the top of the window is a tower containing the letter "J". Towers are sometimes associated with strength, refuge, and steadfastness. In Christian symbolism they can represent protection and reliability, qualities closely linked with Joseph's role as guardian and protector.

Joseph's simple clothing reflects humility and the dignity of ordinary people. This window reminds us that holiness is found not in fame or power, but in quiet fidelity, daily work, and loving care for others.

Supporting Our Parish

Our parish relies on your generosity to continue its mission of worship, service, and care for the community. You can support us by contributing through weekly envelopes, electronic funds transfer (EFT), or planned giving. One-off donations are also gratefully received. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps maintain our church, support parish ministries, and reach out to those in need. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your blessings to strengthen our parish family. Thank you for your ongoing support, which ensures our faith community remains vibrant and welcoming for all. Please visit: stbrigids.au/thanksgiving

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

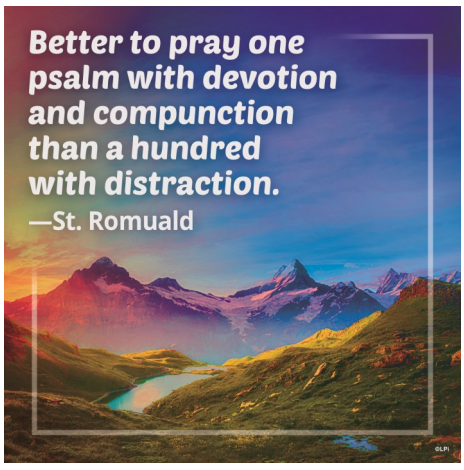
Question:

A member of my parish was recently arrested for a white-collar crime. I don't approve of what he did, but he is a great neighbor and a nice person. How should I treat someone like him?

Answer:

There is a litany of expressions that fit this situation: Everyone makes mistakes. Hate the sin, love the sinner. Judge not, lest you be judged. All of these proverbs and sayings highlight the fact that we are here to help each other on the way to salvation. Our hope and goal is that everyone grows in grace, drawing closer to God and to the promise of eternal life. Part of that process is our struggle, collectively and individually, with sin. And that is the ugly part. Sin is not nice, pretty, or inviting when laid out for all to see. Nor is it easy for the person caught in the spotlight.

Kindness and support are not the same thing as approval. We recognize that good people can do bad things and in their struggle, they need the help of others. Our kindness is often the flicker of hope that allows someone to face the consequences of sin while focusing on the promise of redemption. Your desire to help and support your neighbor is the response of grace to sin, and the same response of Jesus to us. ©LPi



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Psalm

R/ We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course

for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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