

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 66)

**ANTIPHON:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**RESPONSE:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**LECTOR:** O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Let the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Or

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

**NEXT WEEK** (21st Sunday of Year A) Is 22:19-23; Ps 137; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20.

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## God's generous love for us all



16 August 2020 20th Sunday Year A

It comes as rather a shock in today's reading when Jesus seems rather callously to rebuff a woman who desperately implores his help. Her daughter is very ill; the mother pleads for her healing. But the woman is a Canaanite; she is not a Jew, not one of the chosen people of Israel.

Does she, an outsider, a foreigner, even have a right to ask for his help? At first Jesus ignores her. Then, when she kneels and begs him again, his replies rather coldly, telling her that "It is not right to take the food of the children (i.e. the people of Israel) and throw it to the dogs (i.e., the Gentiles, the non-Jews)." But she, undeterred, pleads again, this time cleverly turning his argument against him, saying "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

At this point, after three times rebuffing her, he relents. Indeed, he changes. She's penetrated his thinking and prompted him to a new understanding and he has changed his mind! He gets the point. The point is that his mission is not just to the People of Israel. It is for everyone! Now, he commends her for her remarkable faith: "O woman, great is your faith!" and he yields to her plea. Her daughter is healed from that moment.

It is this same amazing reality of God's generous, steadfast and inclusive love of all, which the Canaanite woman so insistently

and effectively forced to Jesus' realisation, that today's readings from Isaiah and from Paul's Letter to the Romans also attest. Isaiah teaches that God's house is for all peoples. In other words, it is not just for God's chosen people; it is not just for Israel. Then Paul, speaking as the apostle to the Gentiles (i.e. non-Israelites), insists that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" and that God has mercy upon all.

So here's the good news. God's mercy and love are for all, no matter their ethnicity or culture or social standing. God's love and mercy are for all, and God's gifts and call are irrevocable. As Paul says in another place, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God.

And here's the challenge: we too are called to faith like that of this remarkable Canaanite woman, the faith to hold on and hold firm through thick and thin, through good times and bad. God does hear our prayers, though not necessarily as or when we think best. But God's delays are not God's denials. Secondly, we too are called to a generous and inclusive love of all, not just in our group, but also for the stranger, the foreigner, the refugee, the outsider. It's a demanding call, a call to practical action each and every day of our lives.

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## CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN **AUG 16, 2020**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & SACRAMENT OF

PENANCE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.

BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALKS HAVE RESUMED.

NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK SEPT 6 AT 4PM

OFFICE HOURS

YEAR A



It's that time of year. Fr John is on holidays. AUGUST MASS TIMES:

NO Aug Mon - Sat morning Masses

until the new 'Normal' parish routine returns on Tues Sept 1 with 9am Mass. SATURDAY NIGHT 6PM & SUNDAY 6.30AM & 8.30AM REMAIN. Msgr John Butler will, as usual, caretake the parish during Aug. Contact Parish Office with any concerns as usual.

**Archbishop Mark's message for you...** There's been quite a bit of talk about mental health recently, & that's a good thing. It is something which is sometimes discussed in whispers behind closed doors. But, the more we talk openly & sensibly about it the more chance there is we'll address a growing problem in society. This is especially true during this time of pandemic when the strain of the long haul is taking a toll on the mental health of many, in ways seen & unseen. Even before COVID-19 came upon us signs of mental health was a growing challenge. No group of people is spared when it comes to mental health – men & women, young & old, all points on the economic spectrum & all ethnic groups. In the past there's been a stigma attached to mental illness, which is why there has been cover-up & denial. This has to stop. That's why the bishops of Australia have made the theme of this year's [Social Justice Statement](#) mental health. We decided on this theme before COVID-19 struck, but the choice looks providential given the way things are turning out. Mental illness is a serious issue, but there is real hope – if we can name the problem & talk openly & sensibly about it.



Catholic Justice & Peace Commission  
Archdiocese of Brisbane  
& St James Coorparoo Social Justice  
invites all to launch, **by Archbishop Mark Coleridge**, & discussion on Australian Bishops' 2020 Social Justice Statement

Theme: **MENTAL HEALTH**

DATE: **Wed, August 19, 2020: 7 for 7.30pm**

VENUE: **St James Parish Hall**

92 Kirkland Ave Coorparoo

PARKING: School and Church grounds

RSVP: **Monday 17th August 2020**

For Registration contact, St James Parish Office:

3397 1671 or e: [osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au)

or scan above Code:

Regina Caeli Mass of Healing & Hope

Sat Sept 5 at 9am Transport available. Please

contact the office if we can help.



*We pray, God of all people, that your Spirit of healing & protection be with the people of Beirut & Lebanon at this time. May the good news of peace & loving care be with all who live in Beirut, especially those suffering from this disaster.*



Feast of  
The Assumption  
August 15

Mary please  
pray for us



Click on links for resources & articles:

Regina Caeli Parish website

<http://www.reginacaeliparish.org.au>

Archdiocese of Brisbane:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

Webcast schedule: [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

The Catholic Leader & Catholic Kool Kids [CKK]

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The New Normal for gatherings / Masses

August 2020 Mass times:

Sat: 6pm; Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

Important protocols must be followed...

♦ Strict occupancy/social distancing enforced (1person or family/4m<sup>2</sup>) & limited to 100p

♦ All to use hand sanitizer on arrival

♦ All attendees required to sign in.

♦ Please take antibacterial wipe on entry to church & sanitize your contact areas with antiseptic wipes (provided) before leaving.

♦ Please sit only in seats with stickers!

♦ Priest to give Communion & only in hand

♦ Stay home if unwell

♦ Maintain good hand & respiratory hygiene

♦ Sign of Peace limited to spoken greeting

♦ Gifting boxes available at all doors;

♦ Please take a newsletter but we would appreciate you taking it home with you.

♦ No Hymn books used.

Thankyou for support!



RECENTLY DECEASED: BART GAFFNEY, CARMEL HOLLEY, LUCY HOUGHTON, TIM OWEN, JULIA SLACK, CECILY MCMAHON, TERESA NULUONG, MARY TWOMEY, DOMINIC VU, PATRICIA ZEMEK

ANNIVERSARIES: VILLELMO CALVISI, ATTILIO CORNELIA & ALFONSO CALVISI, SABATINO MORLACCI; LOUISE CHAPPINS; BERNADETTE DALTON, MORNA DALTON; JACK & JOY MCNAMARA, PAT & JACK O'CONNOR, LEO & GAY RYAN, IVAN NANCY & STEPHEN GARRETT, GLORIA & ANN MARIE MCMAHON, DIANE MCNAMARA; TOM STERNFELDT; SALVATORE ZAPPALA

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat & Clare Dugger, George D'Allura, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kate Jennings, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge, Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, Peter McLaughlin, Fr Ron Mollison, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

Wed September 16, 6pm  
At Easts Leagues Club Coorparoo

Boys' Night Out

ENTRANCE HYMN GA534/AOV184 ALL THE EARTH, PROCLAIM THE LORD

ANTIPHON: All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
Sing your praise to God.



V1. Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.  
Come into his presence singing for joy! R/.

V2. Know that the Lord is our Creator.  
Yes, he is our Father; We are His own. R/.

V6. Honour and praise be to the Father,  
The Son, and the Spirit, world without end. R/.

OFFERTORY HYMN GA446/AOV81 V1, V3 WE REMEMBER

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death,  
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you when you come,  
In your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

V1. Here, a million wounded souls are  
yearning just to touch you and be healed;  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart; R/.

V3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen"  
To all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart;  
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear. R/.

COMMUNION HYMN AOV50 V1, V3 ACT JUSTLY

Refrain: Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God.  
Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God.

V1. The Lord requires only this; that we love one another.  
Reaching out with compassion to the Earth. R/.

V3. Let our voices be heard sing the wonder of creation.  
Seeking lives of forgiveness for our world. R/.

REFLECTION HYMN AOV148 V1, V2, V3 JESUS COME TO US

Refrain: Jesus, come to us; lead us to your light.  
Jesus, be with us, for we need you.

1. Lord, we come before you, listen to our prayer.  
Fill us all with hope, and your love. R/.

2. Lord, we come to praise you for your faithfulness through  
night. You will be with us, this we know. R/.

3. Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all.  
We believe in you, come to us. R/.

RECESSIONAL HYMN V1, CH, V2, CH GO TELL EVERYONE

1. God's spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart  
This is what I have to do, What I have to do.

Chorus: He sent me to give good news to the poor:  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free, and go tell everyone  
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
and go tell everyone, the news that God's Kingdom has come.

2. Just as the Father sent me, so I'm sending out to be  
My witness throughout the world, the whole of the world. CH/.