

MODULE FOUR A People on Mission Starting Monday 22July at Xavier Hall,

GUEST PRESENTERS





Facilitating a deeper connection with God and the Catholic tradition through four core modules, guest lectures and special events.

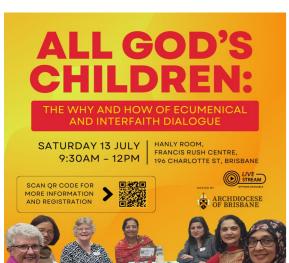


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The Official Launch of St John Henry Newman College on Thursday 11 July 2024 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM LOCATION: Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Parish Hall, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley QLD 410 Register here: https://www.trybooking.com/ events/landing/1229472

St John Henry Newman College is an independent education initiative that caters to families who prefer the Classical Education Model. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics from 2026. It is not a school operated by the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



ONLINE WEBINAR

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Keeping up to date with Safeguarding Training is essential for clergy, parish employees and parish volunteers. It is a requirement under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards for this training to be completed every two years.

TRAINING-WEBINAR-6/REGISTER



Reclaim Retreat is 3 days and 2 nights,

for young adults (18-30) to get out of

new ones and make space for God.

town, meet up with friends, make some

10 July, 2024 - 10:00 am or Wednesday 3 July, 2024 - 6:30 pm Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

> Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility





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MASS TIMES Tue: 5:30pm—Holy Mass

6:00pm Eucharist Adoration Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 9 am Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil) Sunday 9am & 5pm

CONFESSIONS

Tues: 6:00pm to 6:30pm (or by appointment) BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

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Our Lady of Fatima School www.ourladyoffatima.qld.edu.au

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Please check out our Parish Webpage and Facebook Page for regular updates.



Greetings to all,

Have you ever felt like you were sinking in a raging sea, and no matter how hard you prayed, and how intently you looked for Jesus, Jesus just didn't seem to be listening?

Did vou ever feel like vou would hit the bottom of the sea before Jesus ever got around to doing anything about it?

Have you ever asked out loud: Why?

We find such questions in this Sunday's gospel reading. The disciples and Jesus find themselves in a storm at sea. As a gale blew, waves were breaking into the boat. In the midst of this storm, the disciples are clearly in panic mode. 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!', they exclaimed to Jesus. In contrast, He is so calm that he sleeps through the storm.

The evangelist gives us an interesting graphic detail of the head of Jesus asleep on a cushion in the stern of the boat. The disciples' panic did not disturb Jesus, rather his calm becalmed his disturbed disciples, and also becalmed the raging storm, "peace, be still".

When the storm had passed, Jesus asks his disciples two questions, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' In Mark's gospel, the opposite of faith is not so much doubt as fear, the failure to trust.

The Lord is always present to us as the centre of calm in the midst of the storms of life. Rather than allowing ourselves to be overcome with fear, he keeps calling on us to open ourselves to his calming presence, trusting that he is more powerful than any storm that life can hurl at us, and that he will ultimately protect us from all that threatens us.

God bless,

Fr Dang

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who attended Damian's *Celebration of Life* mass. The sea of Hawaiian shirts, the uplifting singing, the deeply moving mass and the atmosphere of love all contributed to making Damian's farewell memorable, cherished and special. Thank you, too, to those parishioners who helped with refreshments after the mass.

We'd also like to thank you all for all of your prayers during Damian's cancer journey. These prayers gave us hope and your current messages of comfort and support are helping us now in our grief.

Damian inspired many with his love of life and his determination to live each day just as Jesus wanted him to. It is our hope that we will continue to aspire to be Good News people too. Thank you all once again. Sending much love your way.

In transition:

As a Parish family we pray for all the souls of the faithful departed: Damian Gambley; David Kingsley; Coral & Aif Christiansen; Michael Cullen. May they rest in peace.







Why me? What did I do to deserve this? O God, do you even care?

'THANK YOU' from the Gambley family:

-Susan, Joshua and Aaron Gambley

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

All Christian ministry is about service, not power or prestige. All those who minister in the Church act in Christ's name. Jesus offered the Church a model of true Christian service shortly before his death when he took off his outer garment, wrapped a towel around his waist, got down on his hands and knees and washed his disciples' dirty, smelly feet.

The term 'liturgical ministry' refers to service within and to the worshipping community. Members of the community are called to perform particular liturgical ministries in order to facilitate the assembly's liturgical prayer. These liturgical ministers include the priest celebrant or presider, ministers of communion, sacristans and servers, readers, ministers of music and hospitality ministers.

People are called to different ministries depending on their particular gifts and their individual personalities. Someone should only perform a certain ministry if she or he has the skills and qualities needed to serve the community well in that role.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states clearly that all involved in liturgical ministry 'must be and trained to perform their functions in a correct and orderly manner' (CSL 29).

The question for all liturgical ministers to ask themselves after carrying out their role is 'Did I help the community to pray?' - Elizabeth Harrington



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Vinnies Conference launched our winter appeal last weekend. Your generous support can help provide immediate assistance and long-term support to our most vulnerable, including food hampers, warm clothes, and emergency accommodation. A gift today can also assist people in paying their rent and living expenses, so they can keep a roof over their heads. We humbly appeal to your generosity in supporting this most necessary campaign.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

June 23, 2024 -12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11 Here I have set the boundaries of the sea. Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17 All things are made new. Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him. "Then he asked them,? Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith" - Mark 4:40. Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message everyday of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him everyday. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.?

June 30, 2024 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24 It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world. Second Reading: 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-24,35-43 Young girl, I say to you, arise. "...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that theremay be equality" -2 Corinthians 8:14. One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS DAY JUNE 23. Losing a spouse or partner can be devasting. For couples that



have been together for many years the loss of a loved one can be especially painful. In recognition of widows, International Widows' Day is held each year on June 23. It is a day of action to address the poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in countries around the world". The United Nations says the main goal of the day is to create awareness about the condition of widows and protect their rights. However, we can all play our part when dealing with someone who has lost their soulmate. Things to remember when dealing with someone's grief. Widows needs a space to freely express their emotions, fears, and memories, so it is important to avoid offering unsolicited advice or attempting to "fix" their grief. Instead, be encouraging and ask them to share their thoughts and experiences. You can be a listening ear and be a big support. Avoid judgment but validate the grieving person's emotions and experiences, acknowledging that the sadness is valid. The United Nations has observed Int'l Widows Day since 2011, to "draw attention to the voices and experiences of widows and to galvanize the unique support that they need". The UN website claims there are about 258 million widows around the world, and nearly one in ten live in extreme poverty. In some parts of eastern Republic of the Congo, for example, it is reported that a staggering 50 per cent of women are widows. The UN remembrance for widows began with the work of Rajinder Paul Loomba, a philanthropist, founder/ executive chairman of clothing company Loomba Group. He is recognised for his fundraising on behalf of widowhood in the developing world. His mother, Shrimati Pushpa Wati Loomba, was widowed at the age of 37 in India. For more details go to: International Widows' Day COURAGE IN THE FACE OF GRIEF "When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."



Hello, it's nice to meet you.....one initiative from the parish community to build a loving church family, a place where everyon is welcome.

AUGUST MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION. We are organising a multicultural celebration in our parish in August, it is a beautiful opportunity for diverse communities to come together, sharing their stories, gifts, and cultures. It's a chance to discover God's action in each narrative, talent, and tradition. We are one body, and we need to keep in mind that all we do in preparing sharedparish liturgies has that goal of continually revealing to us our unity in Christ. We are considering some variation of the following possibility: musical repertoire of a parish can be a unifying force, which means the formation of a "unity choir" to lead the music at multi-cultural liturgies, preparing a multicultural liturgy, cultural showcases and games, multilingual prayers, bring dishes from their cultural heritage during fellowship among others. Remember, the key is to celebrate diversity while fostering a sense of belonging and unity within the parish community. If you have other ideas please contact our liturgy committee or see parish office.



Join us for a Morning Tea on Thursday, 27th June, 9:30am at Parish Office/Presbytery. Bring a plate of food to share and a friend.

Acacia Ridge. For more information, please contact Sr. Hanna MC. Ph: (07) 3252 4441 if interested.