14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B Cycle II

7 July 2024



## They Took Offence

The end of the Gospel describes the people "taking offense", of being "scandalised" (Greek *eskandalizonto*), by what they discover to be Jesus' "true" credentials. In other words, who Jesus is does not match their expectations, and so they reject him.

On the one hand, they see his marvelous works and are amazed at his wisdom; and so, perhaps, they are expecting him to be someone special, educated, sophisticated. On the other hand, they realise he is known to them, he is their neighbour, and they know so much about him. And so, they conclude there must be something "hazy" about this person, and they choose to disregard him.

It is amazing how our prejudices and biases can affect our judgments and decisions. Stories have been told of how some people incurred so much shame and embarrassment upon discovering that the person they thought was, or treated like, the driver, turned out to be the bishop they were expecting! Yes, we often judge people by their appearance, by their gender or race, and we get into trouble.

We are told of how the townsfolk of Jesus are amazed at his extraordinary teaching and wisdom. This may very well bring them joy and hope. They can tell themselves, "Here is someone different, someone special; he must be God-sent." But then they are overcome by what they realise to be Jesus' background and credentials. And so the grace of God cannot work in them. As a matter of fact, this grace, ironically, becomes their downfall. If the people of Nazareth only discern who this person is whose teaching and wisdom is so extraordinary, they will arrive at the knowledge that he is the Son of God sent into the world.

Indeed, when we remain on the surface, when we do not discern the real value of persons and things, we cannot go farther. But if we learn to listen to people and take their message to heart, we open ourselves to growth and deeper meanings.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Renato Repole SJ

# THE YEAR OF PRAYER



Feast Days this Week St Benedict 11 July



Expression of Interest Form QR Code & Link

https:// forms.office.com/ r/jqgtrFitFV



#### Nursing Home Mass

Mass and
Anointing will be
held on Tuesday
at Opal
Killarney Vale
at 11am.



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Attention all parents and carers of students in Year 3 and above who are interested in having their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation: Please carefully read the following information and feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions on 4332 2216.

- Please complete the Expression of Interest Form if you are considering the Sacrament of Confirmation for your child. It's important to note that completing this form does NOT enrol your child into the Sacramental programme.
- The purpose of the Expression of Interest Form is to help us assist families who wish for their child/ren to receive the Sacrament and to ensure their eligibility. It is also to identify those families who are not able to attend our Confirmation ceremony at 7pm on Friday 15 November. Our ceremony is the last one for the year in the Diocese, so if your child is not available for this date they may need to wait until next year or be Confirmed in a different parish. This form will also help us determine the number of children to be prepared for Confirmation and ensure that we have sufficient resources for the increased numbers in our programme.
- To enrol your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation you will be required to attend the Information and Enrolment evening, 7pm Tuesday 6 August at the Parish Hall, 239-243 The Entrance Road, The Entrance. If you are not able to attend this evening, please contact the parish office on 4332 2216 to make an appointment during office hours to meet with a member of the Sacramental Team. (Please allow at least 40 minutes for this appointment).
- Please use the QR code on the left or the web address to complete the Expression of Interest Form.

### PECs - Working with Parents & Parishes



n Friday, 28 June 9 Parent Engagement Coordinators (PECs) from 11 out of 14 Central Coast Broken Bay Catholic Schools gathered for a lunch meeting with Jo Spek from Catholic Schools Broken Bay at our parish hall. The schools represented were: Naomi Hepplewhite (St Brigid's), Victoria Price (St Brendan's & St Mary's), Kate Benton (St John Fisher), Joanne Helm (St Peter's & St Cecilia's), Jo Spek (Catholic Schools Broken Bay), Lucy Marien (Mary MacKillop), Colleen Smith (Our Lady of the Rosary), Lauren Malek (Our Lady Star of the Sea), Nichola Dunn (St John the Baptist), and Maria Nardi (St Joseph's). The meeting was very productive and enjoyable, with plenty of idea-sharing and collaboration. It was a great way to wrap up Term 2 and prepare for Term 3.

# THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

# Fr Hill's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

We are celebrating Fr John Hill's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood next Sunday 14 July at the 9:30am Mass.

Fr Hill was ordained in 1964 for the Archdiocese of Sydney. After further studies he taught philosophy for many years in Springwood and Manly Seminaries. He has been Parish Priest at Davidson, Pymble and Woy Woy before retiring to live in The Entrance Parish. We greatly appreciate his assistance during our Priest's absence and at our Anointing Masses.

After the Mass we will have a Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. Please join us in showing our appreciation to Fr Hill for his long and fruitful ministry.

### Thinking about Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming Catholic or has questions about taking the next step, we want you to know that you're not alone. Life events, family and friends, joys and sorrows can all draw a person to respond to God in faith, and we understand that this can be a significant decision. There are many paths that lead people to consider the Catholic faith, and the evening of Tuesday 30 July at 6pm in the Parish Hall will provide a calm and supportive environment to learn about the steps to becoming Catholic and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). We're here to support you. Enquiries: 4332 2216.

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

cr the Pastoral Care of the Sick:

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### Please Note

#### **NAIDOC Week 7-14 July**

National NAIDOC Week is a time when all Australians can come together to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across Australia. Go to: naidoc.org.au

#### **New Works Update**

This week the remaining Church fencing will be installed, including an automatic exit gate on Copnor Avenue. The removal of the old projector and screen in the Church, and the replacement of the lights on the Sanctuary are awaiting a special lift that won't damage the parquetry.

Ignite 2024 | Date Claimer Thursday 26 – Saturday 28 September. Broken Bay is again delighted to host the Ignite Sydney Conference, a gathering for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is for all children, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, particularly parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is a 50% subsidy available for parishioners. Please contact Mission@bbcatholic.org.au

### Parish Morning





#### Welcome

to the Wallace Family for the Reception of their child for the Sacrament of Baptism.



Congratulations
Zara Doppler
who is celebrating
her First Eucharist
this weekend.
Blessings to you!



Please enjoy the beautiful artworks on display in the Church, produced by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at OLR Primary School.

## THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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#### Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Ezekial 2:2-5** 

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** 

Mark 6:1-0

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

**Recently Deceased:** Erica Walls, Pamela Walton, Patrick Maher, Marie Lintott, Ilario Senno, Gorge Caruana, Bernard McRae.

Funerals: The funeral of Erica Walls will be held on Tuesday at 11am. Please pray for Erica and her family.

Anniversaries: Norman Allen, David Drinan.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Daniel Heggarty, Betty O'Neill, Peter Laretic, Simon Butcher, Joe Bond, Frank & George Grech, Carolyn Finch and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Grech, Zahra, Grima, Cassar, Sciberras, Camilleri, Falzon, Patterson, Moore, Langley.

**Sick:** Susan Simmons, Jonah Langley, Michael Drinan, Bill Mahony, Anne Clancy, Antonio Palagiano, Glenda Way, Joshua McCarroll, Margaret Falzon, Phil Pannell, Jenny Balacco, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Pearly Gates Revisited





## **Everyone Welcome!**

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Enquiries 4332 2216**