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 Queensland Law Reform Commission - Review of Termination of Pregnancy Laws



BOTH LIVES MATTER


For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born – late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it “in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed”. This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. The Archdiocese wants to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider it. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/>

For your information, here is a video that the Archbishop has made on the abortion laws: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6E7wAwfXv8>

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The Plenary Council 2020
 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church.

See www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.

You are invited to host or join a small group for Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Encounters. Register your interest with the parish office on 3844 2744. We are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith, and the Church.


The Holy Spirit is leading us and the stillness of prayer opens our hearts to hear God's voice. You can find the Plenary Council prayer at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 26th August 2018

Dear Parishioners,
 In the coming months, the Queensland Parliament will again debate the topic of abortion. It will be the second time in two years that the Parliament has discussed the abortion.

A draft bill has been written for our politicians to consider. The draft bill has some significant areas of concern for many Catholics.

Among those is the fact that the draft bill will allow for abortion until the day that a baby is born if two doctors agree that “in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed”. This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby.

The Archdiocese wants to hear from you about this topic. A website has been set up to gain feedback on this new bill aiming to make sure that Queenslanders understand the nature of this legislation.

We need your help. Please consider signing the petition in the back of the church today. This form has been sent to us by the Archbishop's Office. They are collating the information.

Additionally, if you would like to know more about this topic, or would like to express your views on a website set up by the Archdiocese for this matter, please include your email address when you sign the form. The Archbishop's office will forward you the most up-to-date information and your personal details will be kept confidential and not shared with other organisations.

Your thoughts on this legislation are important to us and to Parliament.

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Thank you
Archdiocesan Communication Office

This weekend we celebrate 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees week. The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees week is "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees".

Reflecting on his pontificate and global events in the last five years, Pope Francis reminds us of the urgent need to care for our displaced brothers and sisters, who have been forced to leave their homes for a better future.

In Australia, we are truly blessed, because of the presence of many priests, religious brothers and sisters, pastoral associates, and helpers who themselves come from various countries and cultures. This understanding enables them to respond effectively to sometimes little understood cultures.

We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context.

Father Lam

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm

St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (Anointing: 1st Friday); Sunday: 9am

St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil) 5pm; Sunday 8.00am

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

Confession

St Mary's Church: Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'

2nd Saturday St Mary's

3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church

Adoration

Sunday | 4-5pm

Devotion

1st Friday of each month | 6pm (Mass & Adoration)

Church open

12-2pm | Monday to Friday

Awaken: Together in Christ

Every Tuesday | 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

website: awaken.org.au

St Francis Cake Stall

Third Sunday of the month

After the 9am mass | baking on the Saturday prior

St Francis Table

Every Monday | 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

Anointing of the Sick and Morning Tea

First Friday of the Month | 10am | St Francis

First Sunday of the month | 7am | OLPS Fairfield

Morning Tea

First Sunday of the month | after 9am mass | St Francis

St Ita's Family Mass

Fourth Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church (school term only)

Last Month's Collection Totals July 2018

South Brisbane

1st Collection: \$4,323.15

2nd Collection: \$3,335.95

Dutton Park

1st Collection: \$5,188.15

2nd Collection: \$3,916.45

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 27th: St Monica (Memorial)

R/ Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Tuesday 28th: St Augustine (Memorial)

R/ The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Wednesday 29th: The Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)

R/ Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Thursday 30th:

R/ I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

Friday 31st:

R/ The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Saturday 1st: Mass of the Virgin Mary

R/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First reading

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading

Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it appears to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:63

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Duet 4:1-2, 6-8 **2nd reading:** James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 **Gospel:** Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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St Francis Cake Stall

A big thank you to the many hands who baked and supported last Sunday's cake stall - \$1100 was raised! All proceeds will be donated to the drought appeal. Stay tuned for our nominated Parish.

Father's Day - Next Sunday



2 Minute Catechism

Why Do Catholics Believe Jesus was God?

We believe Jesus was God because of the Paschal Mystery- Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

From the moment of the Annunciation, we see Christ proclaimed as God, when the angel Gabriel tells Mary to name her child Jesus (Luke 1:31).

Jesus' very name reveals His identity, for in Hebrew 'Jesus' means 'God saves.' Gabriel continues to say that 'the child will be called holy, the Son of God' (Luke 1:35).

God the Father reveals Jesus as 'Son of God' when He speaks at Jesus'

Baptism and at the Transfiguration, calling Jesus 'my beloved Son' (Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5).

Jesus Himself claims to be God throughout the Gospels as well. Jesus asked the Jews, 'Do you say . . . You are blaspheming,' because I said, I am the Son of God'? (John 10:36). Calling yourself God when you are not is blasphemy, the worst kind of sin for the Jews. That's why the Jews wanted to put Him to death.

I bet you've heard the saying, 'Actions speak louder than words.'

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus performs many miracles, giving sight to the blind, healing lepers and even raising his good friend Lazarus from the dead. All of these miracles invite us to believe in Him and His divinity. These miracles show in a tangible way that 'He was filled with the power of God's healing love' (YOUCAT 91).

The greatest proof, though, that Jesus Christ is God is the Resurrection. Jesus conquered death — rose from the dead — and saved all of humanity! St. Paul tells us that our faith would be in vain if Jesus did not rise from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:14).

As C.S. Lewis says, if Jesus didn't rise from the dead, He would have been either a liar or a lunatic.

Excerpt by Life Teen

Positions Vacant within the Archdiocese

Pastoral Associate - Sunnybank & Acacia Ridge Parish (25-30 hours a week)

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/> for more information.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees & volunteers to maintain a safe & healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct & regular involvement with children, young people &/or vulnerable adults.

St Mary's Parish Feast Day

A big thank you Dianne, Ruby and Douglas and all parishioners who contributed to the Parish Feast Day at St Mary's - a marvellous day was had by all!



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National Migrant and Refugee Sunday

This Sunday, the 26th August is *National Migrant and Refugee Sunday*. On this day, the Archdiocesan Multi-cultural Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 2.30pm. Please come along and be part of this annual celebration.

Father's Day and First Holy Communion Cards

Hand-made cards by Sr Salvacion and St Francis Table helpers, will be available for sale after the Vigil Mass at St Ita's and St Mary's Masses this weekend. The monies raised through the sale of these items helps fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.



St Francis Table Bus Trip

Monday 27th August 9am

from St Francis returning around 2pm

Visiting Nudgee Cemetery and

Australian Catholic University (ACU)

Cost: Donations

Lunch at ACU

See Sr Salvacion today for more details

March for Life

March For Life Brisbane

Where: Meeting at Queens Gardens, Brisbane (144 George St)

When: 2pm (assemble at 1.30pm)

Note: Please wear white.

Cherish Life Qld will supply all

signage - please don't bring any signs.

Bridge to Brisbane—Road Closures

Sunday 26 August 2018

Please be aware that next Sunday the Bridge to Brisbane will be run. You may like to give yourself some extra time getting to Sunday Morning Mass as there will be road closures around the West End and South Brisbane areas.

For more information visit <https://bridgetobrisbane.com.au/change-traffic-conditions/>

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Or completing your Sacraments?

The RCIA Program will commence with an information session on **Saturday 8th September at 2.30pm** in the **St Ita's Church**, Pope Street, Dutton Park. You are welcome to come along and ask questions - there is no pressure to commit. If you would like to participate in this year's program please see Father Lam (after mass) or the parish office for more information. Cost - free!