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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

19th Sunday of the Year 13th of August 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

All of us experience fear at one time or another. Fear about our past catching up with us, fear in the present, fear about the future. Some of us are afraid of downsizing and layoffs at work. Some of us are afraid of what's happening in our marriage or some other important relationship. Some of us are afraid about our health, afraid of what the lump might mean, what the physician's report might say. Some of us are fearful about what might happen to us in our later years, what might happen to our health, if we live long enough.

Fear can immobilize us. And so it is that some women will stay in a home where they and their children are being abused rather than walk out and try to find a new life. Or a man will work for years in a job that is slowly destroying his health and happiness - rather than risk his security by returning to school or finding another job, starting his own business.

People who have had dreams of travelling around the world or of doing something else very special will stay where they are and allow their dreams to wither and die. What have we been afraid to do? Sometime we need to get out of the safety of our boat. We need to

say to the Lord whose power we know can still the storm, "Lord, if it is you-- bid me come to you." I am not saying here today to go out and take a wild chance on the first thing that comes along - but I am saying if you have a dream - or if you are in a situation where wholeness and happiness are elusive and you hear the master calling to you to take a chance - if you see that you can do something to help someone else - or simply feel that God is calling you to change something in your life that seems unchangeable, risk it.

We know that sinking feeling that Peter had when his doubts started to get the better of him. When doubt creeps into our minds and fear grips our hearts we stop hoping for what is possible and start worrying about all that could go wrong.

When our faith falters, we take our eyes off the goal and focus on the obstacles. And when we do, those obstacles grow larger and more powerful and we sink under their weight. If the fear of failure is foremost in your mind, then you will certainly fail. For a moment, Peter lost sight of the one who called him to venture forth from the safety of the boat and gave him the power to fulfil what had been commanded.

He accepted the risk of faith (by answering Jesus' call and climbing over the railing of the boat, but his doubt crept back when he felt the force of the wind and saw the size of the waves. He shifted his attention from the power of God in Jesus to his own limitations and fears. Then he started to sink like a rock. But before he went down, he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out a strong hand to catch him and haul him into the boat, wet and shivering.

We have to keep our eyes on the Lord and attempt not to just focus on our troubles.. Look up from your failure, it isn't the last word.



Look up from your sins, don't allow them to imprison you. Look up from your miserable situation, Jesus has life in all its abundance to give you. Look up from your fears, Jesus has peace for your troubled heart. Look up into the compassionate face of Jesus Christ and you will see His hand extended to take yours - and to walk with you through life and into eternity.

His hand can lift you, His love can embrace you, His grace can save you, if you look up to him in faith. Peter walks on water. He lets go of the boat and walks on water! He sees Jesus coming in the darkness and in the storm. The disciples also see Him. It's Peter who sees and then asks to walk on water. This is a good picture of the Christian life. Peter walks and so do Christians. In difficulty and uncertainty, we are walking. We don't know where we're going. But in faith we go forth in our lives. We walk by faith in the Word. Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms his child. Either way, if Jesus is with us, and we are with him, there is no need to be afraid.

Have a wonderful week – stay well. Please keep me in your prayers as you all are always in mine.

Fr Bogdan SDS

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For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king
most high above all the earth

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on the King who comes, in
the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory
in the highest heavens.

PRAYERS

Please prayer for the repose of the soul for Helen Goud who died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Thank You

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Collections:

Sunday 6th August – £615.50.

Last Sunday's second collection for the Bishop's Mensal Fund – £222.00.

Priest's musing

The chief Rabbi of Israel and the Pope are meeting in Rome. The Rabbi notices an unusually fancy phone in the Pope's private chambers. "What's that phone for?" he asks. "It's my direct line to the Lord," replies the Pope. The Chief Rabbi is sceptical, and the Holy Father insists he try it out. Indeed the Rabbi is connected to the Lord and holds a lengthy discussion with him. After hanging up the Chief Rabbi says, "Thank you very much. But I want to pay for my phone charges."

The Pope, of course, refuses, but the Rabbi is steadfast, and finally the Pontiff gives in. He checks the counter on the phone and says, "The charges were 56.00 pounds" The Chief Rabbi gladly hands over the payment. A few months later, the Pope is visiting Jerusalem. In the Chief Rabbi's chambers, he sees a phone like his and learns it also is a direct line to the Lord. The Pope remembers he has an urgent matter that requires divine consultation and asks to use the Rabbi's phone. The Rabbi gladly agrees, hands him the phone, and the Pope chats away for twenty minutes. After hanging up, the Pope offers to pay for the charges. Of course, the Chief Rabbi refuses, but after the Pope insists the Rabbi relents and looks up the charges. "The entire call was 42 penny," he says. Surprised, the Pope asks, "Why so cheap?" The Chief Rabbi smiles. "From here it's a local call," he says.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Society would like to say a big thank you to all who support its work by their generous weekly contributions. Thanks are also extended to members of the Society who give so freely of their time and energy towards helping those in need within our Perth community. We are always looking to recruit new members to carry on our charitable work; it is an excellent way to express your faith through practical charity and works of mercy. Recent assistance has included the provision of vouchers to help vulnerable families with their energy bills. If you are interested in learning more about our work, please speak to Father Bogdan or Ivan Carnegie.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 15th August

This is the Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass

9am (English)

7pm (Polish)

**St Mary Magdalene's,
Glenearn Road, Craigie**

Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee meeting

The next meeting of the PPC and Finance Committee will take place in the Church Porch on Tuesday 22nd August at 7pm. Any parishioner who has an issue relating to parish affairs which he/she wishes the Council/Committee to consider is invited to provide details to Father Bogdan.

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
8.30am (Polish)
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 14th August
Memorial of
St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Tuesday 15th August
The Solemnity of
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 16th August
19th Week of the Year

Thursday 17th August
19th Week of the Year

Friday 18th August
19th Week of the Year

Saturday 19th August
19th Week of the Year

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass