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**SURFERS PARADISE
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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent. Year B.

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Lent. Year B.

FIRST READING: Jer 31: 31-34

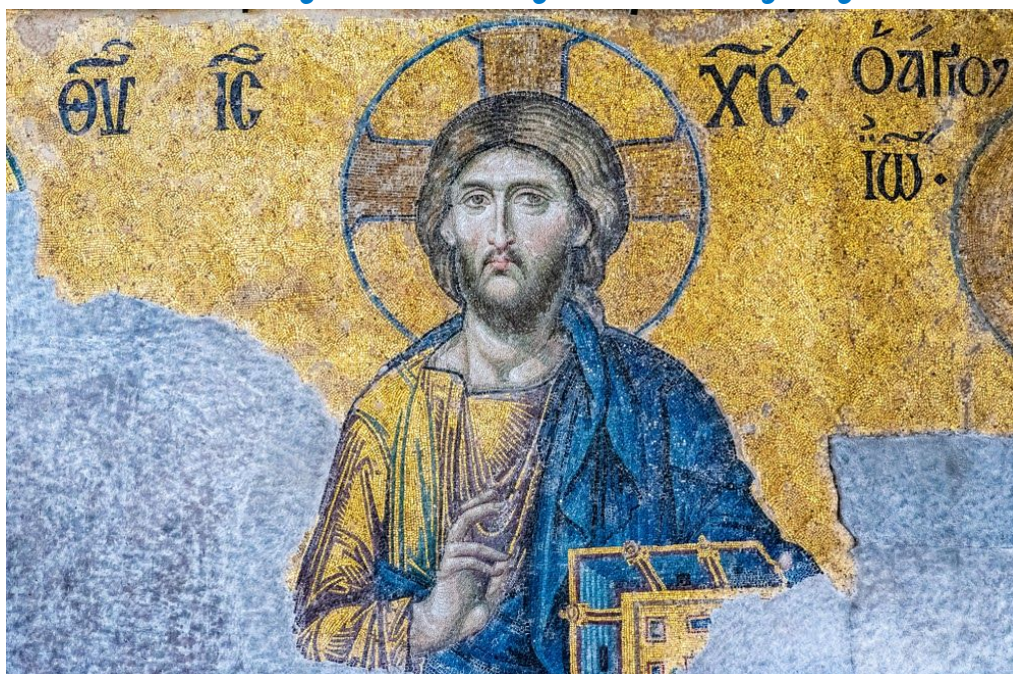
Psalm: Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15 "Create a clean heart in me, O God."

SECOND READING: Heb 5: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation: (John 12: 26) Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ. If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord. And where I am, my servant will also be.

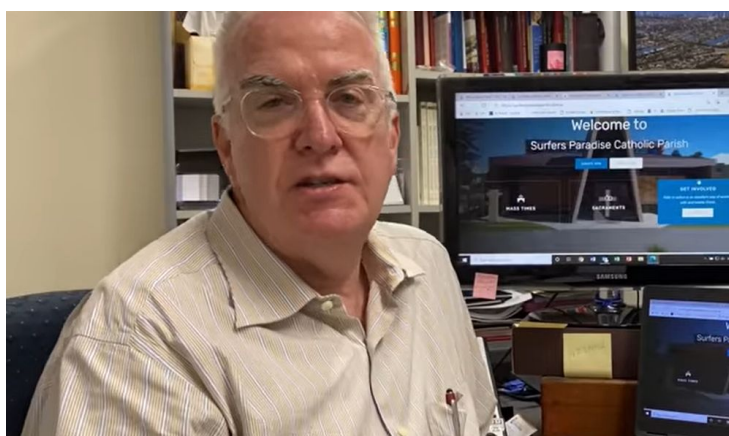
GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." (John 12: 23)



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HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW LOOK WEBSITE



We are excited to reveal that Surfers Paradise Parish has been working to rejuvenate the look of our website. It is now live! You can visit the site at www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au to explore the fresh look.

**Check out the video announcement
launch here:**

<https://fb.watch/4bL685GQIy/>

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASSES](#)

Or if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

THE SITUATION WITH RECONCILIATION

Please note that although the Covid situation is slowly improving, there are still restrictions and limitations on Mass and service attendance and the same will apply for Holy week and Easter.

Pre-booking is essential, and we do have limits on numbers who can gather in the church at any one time. Also, regular reconciliations are still suspended. We plan to have a penitential reflection incorporated as part of this weekend's Fifth Sunday of Lent Masses, to assist people who are unable to attend to what would ordinarily be pre-Easter reconciliation. Eucharist is of course effective in the forgiveness of all venial sin. The actual rule is that all Catholics are ordinarily bound by an obligation faithfully to confess ***serious sins at least once a year.*** And also "without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church." But when these instructions are read together and with the current circumstances of Covid restrictions, only those who need to confess serious sins are obliged to seek confession. Anyone can arrange a private confession with a priest at times outside the usual mass times. Please avoid the pre-Holy Week rush. We encourage most people, where possible, to make use, in these unusual times, of personal acts of contrition, participation in Eucharist, and penitential services, for their preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

THE PASTOR'S POST: "Scuse the French"

During this season of Lent, a lot of our good intentions have been focussed on fasting and penance, mostly connected with food in its many delicious forms. Trying not to waste it, not to indulge in it excessively, fasting from various treats and, for some brave individuals, abstaining from alcohol for the full forty days. While our fasting seems to be dealing with what goes into our mouths, I wonder might we use these last few days to consider what comes out of our mouths.

As I have mentioned previously, I am very interested in words and their importance in expressing exactly what we mean and how we might feel about particular issues. I realise that there are certain words, mainly adjectives, that are regularly used in everyday language, and yet are confusing as to what they actually mean, even though they seem to be used by certain people in nearly every sentence they speak. I am referring of course to the "Aussie vernacular" – imprecation, in other words 'swearing'.

While I tell myself I am not prudish, I am amazed at how familiar we have become with what my grandmother referred to as "foul language". While the term is no longer used, replaced by words like 'inappropriate' or 'offensive' language, the reality of such language seems to abound in films, song lyrics, novels and most disturbingly, in everyday conversation, out on the street or in the home. It has become so commonplace that we just take it in as part of normal discourse. It has really only just occurred to me that what some people think is an indication of sophistication and freedom, is really a sign of poverty of language, a small mind and a small heart. Where do such expletives come from in the first place, and if they are just "words" why can't we use more correct descriptive words to say what we really mean?

Quite recently, while on a trip to the local supermarket, I overheard a lady, who I assume was the mother of the three children she had in tow, telling them loudly enough for several other shoppers to hear, that these children should, "put back the #\$%^&*@ soft drink, because that stuff will rot your #^\$%*@*^# teeth". Then when she noticed that those around seemed surprised at her loud outburst, said to those of us listening, "Scuse the French". While I didn't think it was the right time to tell her that it certainly wasn't French she was speaking, I was really concerned for those children who would now think that such language was acceptable in private, let alone in public. Why would they think it was wrong, if their own mother thought it was okay to say those words in public?

While I am not above expressing particular profanities to thoughtless drivers, while in the confines of my own car, it now occurs to me how easy it is to think such word usage is acceptable, and how little we seem to notice how often we let such language slip into our common expressions of anger, fright or frustration. If

nobody hears you, is it still wrong? I think that it might be helpful, as we come close to the end of this Lenten season, not just to watch our language, but listen to it more closely. It's called using some self-control and it's a forgotten attribute in a world that suggests that we can do or say what we like. Who cares anymore? When did it move from the gutter into the street?

Another task might be to stop judgments spilling out of our mouths. We have become all too familiar with prefacing judgments of others behaviours or attitudes by qualifying our judgments by "It's just my opinion". Well, not all opinions need to be shared, particularly when they refer to other people's motives, their goodness or badness, their social standing, their defects, their jobs or their mistakes.

Cleaning up our mouths makes room for the positive words, for the encouraging words we all need is no easy task, because we don't stop and think too much about what comes out of our mouths. Listen to yourself and remember you use that same mouth to speak with God in prayer and receive the body of His Son. It is deserving of a lot more respect. And if we want to speak French, let's start with '*merci*' and '*s'il vous plait.*'

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

**We congratulate the Isaza, Muscat and Jones families whose children Catalina, Vito, Rylen and Raife will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.
Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE (BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)

Our Easter timetable is as follows:

HOLY THURSDAY: (April 1st 2021) 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

GOOD FRIDAY: (April 2nd 2021) 10am Stations of the Cross in all three Churches
3pm Reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross, in all three Churches

EASTER SATURDAY: (April 3rd 2021)
5pm Vigil Mass with Baptism of adults, **Sacred Heart Church** (longer ceremony).
5pm Vigil Mass, **Stella Maris Church**, 254 Hedges Avenue, Broadbeach.
5pm Vigil Mass, **St Vincent's Church**, 40 Hamilton Avenue, Surfers Paradise

EASTER SUNDAY: (April 4th 2021)
7am Mass Stella Maris Church
8am and 10am Mass, St Vincent's Church, 40 Hamilton Avenue, Surfers Paradise.
9am and 6pm Mass, Sacred Heart Church.

You must book to attend any of the Services and Masses in our Parish. Please go to our booking site:

<https://bookeo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast>

NEEDED - PALM LEAVES (SMALL AND BIG) FOR PALM SUNDAY



Anyone who has a supply of Palm leaves (big or small), please consider dropping them off at the parish office (Mon- Fri 9 am to 12 noon) as we will soon be preparing for Palm Sunday.

**We are also calling for helpers to prepare the Palms.
Preparation will be at the parish office, (by secateurs), on
Friday the 26th March, after the 9am Mass.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

The vision of Stewardship speaks in every aspect of life, inviting everyone to be thankful, generous and accountable for what each has been given.

**Thank You to all who attended
the PARISH MISSION**
With Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ
A special time of grace, during our Lenten journey.

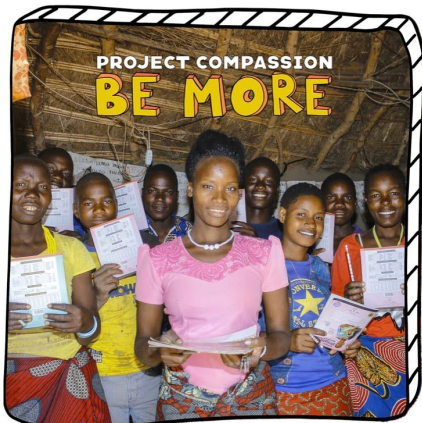


There will be some links to the various talks in the near future, possibly next week. We will share these with you in the Newsletter.

CPD Points - Is there anyone out there who would like to claim CPD Points for the various sessions that they participated in over the Mission - possibly teachers and others involved in ministry.

If this is the case then email the Parish Office with your full details and the days and times that you attended. surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR LENT



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
21st March 2021**



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021, so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

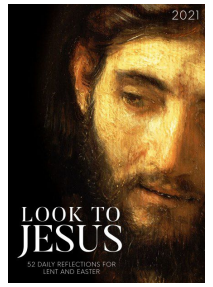
LENTEN AND EASTER ONLINE PROGRAM FOR 2021

[Subscribe here for the daily reflections, from Evangelisation Brisbane, that will also be taken from "Look to Jesus Lenten resource"](#)

The suppliers of this excellent resource have sold out, due to unprecedented demand. **However, you can sign up for a daily reflection from Evangelisation Brisbane which is drawn from this same book.**

A series of theological reflections on the gospel of the day, intended to help us consider what our faith is calling us to as we travel through Lent, Eastertide and beyond during this challenging time. A one page written reflection each weekday.

If you wish to receive the weekday reflections by email please subscribe to the above link.



CATHOLIC LEADER NEWSPAPER PRINT EDITION

New Monthly edition.



The Catholic Leader is now a monthly paper. The same edition is available in the church for the month until sold out. \$4 per copy.

<https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe> And: <https://catholicleader.com.au/>

Changes at a glance: The Catholic Leader will be printed monthly and due to the associated costs of producing the newspaper, the cover price has been increased to \$4 per copy.

SURFERS PARADISE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Congratulations to the 78 children who were confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell last Friday, March 12.



There will be a second opportunity to celebrate Confirmation in October this year, please go to the parish website and complete an online enrolment application to ensure that your child is included in the October group.

Please complete an online Sacramental Enrolment Application by going to www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

And then use the drop down menu under Sacraments.

If you are seeking Baptism for your child, click on the website heading Baptism (under Sacraments), read the explanation of the sacrament and then scroll down to and click on BAPTISM ENROLMENT FORM (in the blue box). Complete the form and click on submit.

If your child has been baptised and you wish them to continue their journey of initiation by the celebration and receiving of further sacraments, click on Confirmation (under Sacraments), read the explanation of the sacrament and then scroll down to and click on CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (in the blue box). Complete the form and click on submit.

Once you have submitted the form, you should receive an automated response to indicate that your application has been received by the parish team. The timing of a more personalised response to your application will vary depending on the sacrament for which you wish to prepare.

Baptism requests will be responded to fairly quickly as baptisms occur weekly and bookings are quite heavy and consistent throughout the year - What a blessing!

The timing of responses to Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation requests vary according to the time of year. As the children prepare for these sacraments in groups, our Sacramental Coordinator will use the information provided on the completed online forms to email parents approximately two months prior to the celebration of the sacrament. If you feel that you enrolled some time ago and you have not received sufficient information through our parish or school newsletters, please email Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION IS NOT FAR AWAY

Dates for First Communion 2021, Surfers Paradise Parish:

- Parent Meeting - either April 20 or April 21
- Practice Meeting - either May 25 or June 3
- First Communion Celebration - either Sunday, May 30 at 11:00am or Sunday June 6 at 11:00am

All venues: Sacred Heart Church

Please note that First Communion preparation and celebration is offered to baptised and confirmed children who are in Year 4 or greater.

Children who have enrolled in our Parish Sacramental Program in previous years should not need to re-enrol. You should receive an email invitation in late March. If you are unsure, please email Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

POPE FRANCIS: Pope urges Abrahamic religions to pursue path of peace in Iraq



Iraqi Christians presents the Pope with a wreath of flowers

Pope Francis meets with representatives of the three Abrahamic religions at Ur of the Chaldeans in Iraq, and urges Christians, Muslims, and Jews to journey along a path of peace under the stars of the promise God made to Abraham.

By Devin Watkins

On the second day of his Apostolic Journey to Iraq, Pope Francis travelled to Ur of the Chaldeans, the birthplace of the three major religions—Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.

His meeting there was billed as the highpoint of his efforts to promote interreligious dialogue and fraternity in the Middle Eastern nation.

“This blessed place brings us back to our origins, to the sources of God’s work, to the birth of our religions,” [the Pope said in his speech to representatives of the three Abrahamic religions.](#)

Journey home:

Returning to Ur, the birthplace of Abraham, “we seem to have returned home,” added the Pope. He was speaking at a venue set up next to what tradition holds was Abraham’s house, near the Great Ziggurat of Ur. “It was here that Abraham heard God’s call; it was from here that he set out on a journey that would change history. We are the fruits of that call and that journey.”

The Pope went on to note that God asked Abraham to count the stars and promised the patriarch that his descendants would be as numerous. “He saw us.”

As representatives of those descendants gathered in his birthplace, the Pope urged everyone to look up to heaven as we journey upon earth.

‘We look up to heaven’:

Pope Francis reflected first on the lessons we can learn from stargazing.

He said those same stars which our father Abraham looked upon still illumine our darkest nights “because they shine *together*.”

“Heaven thus imparts a message of unity,” said the Pope, “the Almighty above invites us never to separate ourselves from our neighbours. The *otherness* of God points us towards *others*, towards our brothers and sisters.”

The Holy Father also urged the faithful of all religions to preserve fraternity through love while lifting our eyes toward heaven and worshiping God.

“This is true religiosity: to worship God and to love our neighbour,” he said. “In today’s world, which often forgets or presents distorted images of the Most High, believers are called to bear witness to his goodness, to show his paternity through our fraternity.”

Clouds of terrorism, hatred:

The Pope then recalled that “God is merciful” and that the greatest blasphemy is “to profane His name by hating our brothers and sisters.”

He said believers cannot be silent when terrorism abuses religion, since violence and extremism are not born of a religious heart.

Lamenting the “dark clouds of terrorism, war, and violence” that have overshadowed Iraq, Pope Francis recalled that “all ethnic and religious communities have suffered.” He especially lifted his voice in defense of the Yazidi community, many of whom have been murdered, sold as slaves and forced to convert.

And the Pope prayed for those who have fled Iraq or been abducted, asking God that “they may soon return home.”

“Let us pray that freedom of conscience and freedom of religion will everywhere be recognized and respected; these are fundamental rights, because they make us free to contemplate the heaven for which we were created.”

Stars shining in darkness

Pope Francis went on to recall the destruction and death wreaked by the so-called Islamic State in the north of Iraq.

Despite the devastation, “some stars kept shining”, he said, pointing to the many examples of joint efforts to rebuild churches and mosques.

As these places of worship are rebuilt, he urged everyone to make pilgrimages to holy places, “for it is the most beautiful sign on earth of our yearning for heaven.”

He recalled that Abraham build altars to the Lord in various places, and prayed that all might find in the patriarch the inspiration to make our houses of worship “oases of peace and encounter for all.”

“By his fidelity to God, Abraham became a blessing for all peoples,” said the Pope. “May our presence here today, in his footsteps, be a sign of blessing and hope for Iraq, for the Middle East and for the whole world. Heaven has not grown weary of the earth: God loves every people, every one of his daughters and sons!”

Journey together on earth

The Pope then considered Abraham’s example of journeying in this world while keeping his eyes fixed on heaven.

“For Abraham, looking up to heaven, rather than being a distraction, was an incentive to journey on earth, to set out on a path that, through his descendants, would lead to every time and place.”

The patriarch’s journey involved sacrifices, said Pope Francis, yet reminds us that “we need one another.”

“On our own journey, we are called to leave behind those ties and attachments that, by keeping us enclosed in our own groups, prevent us from welcoming God’s boundless love and from seeing others as our brothers and sisters.”

Path of peace

Pope Francis said our stargazing also pushes us along “the way of peace.”

The Covid-19 pandemic, he noted, has shown us that no one can ignore the suffering of others, especially the most vulnerable.

Peace, he added, requires alliances that do not pit *us* against *them*, but ones that unite us by overcoming division.

The Pope added that hatred is the true enemy. “Anyone with the courage to look at the stars, anyone who believes in God, has no enemies to fight,” he said. “He or she has only one enemy to face, an enemy that stands at the door of the heart and knocks to enter. That enemy is *hatred*.”

Steps toward fraternity

Finally, Pope Francis encouraged the faithful of the three Abrahamic religions to find inspiration in our common father, and turn our weapons into instruments of peace.

“It is up to us to remind the world that human life has value for what it is and not for what it has. That the lives of the unborn, the elderly, migrants and men and women, whatever the colour of their skin or their nationality, are always sacred and count as much as the lives of everyone else!”

Abraham’s journey, he concluded, was a “blessing of peace.” In our own day, our journey toward peace requires concrete steps of fraternity, working together to achieve something good.

“Brothers and sisters of different religions, here we find ourselves at home, and from here, together, we wish to commit ourselves to fulfilling God’s dream that the human family may become hospitable and welcoming to all his children; that looking up to the same heaven, it will journey in peace on the same earth.”

source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-03/pope-francis-iraq-interreligious-meeting-ur-chaldeans.html>
and Image: Vatican news, (site as quoted above)

FAITH AND WORSHIP SPOT - Confusion about our Easter and Christmas “Duty”

The Easter duty is actually to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Easter and Pentecost. Naturally, this would mean that one ought to confess any grave sins prior to communion. But it need not be in the week prior to Easter.

A requirement about the sacrament of penance is that reception of the sacrament is only strictly required when we have committed grave sin (canon. 988.1)

In fact, however, there is no legal requirement to receive the sacrament of penance prior to Christmas or Easter, at these particular times. Canon 989 states merely that everyone who has reached the age of discretion is required to confess his grave sins at least once a year.

This has become a practical question in these times of covid-19 limitations and restrictions, where people are encouraged not to put themselves at any risk of infection by unnecessary gatherings in crowds. This

factor would be something quite reasonable to keep in mind in these times we find ourselves in. Confession is usually still recommended even for genial sins, however in times of covid limitations it can be quite reassuring to know that it is not required, especially when it might still be more prudent to avoid such gatherings of people.

For the full article on this very interesting topic please visit this site:

<https://canonlawmadeeasy.com/2009/04/02/is-confession-still-an-easter-duty/>

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND - "We want to see Jesus."

It is amazing how small little moments and everyday incidents often can leave a deep impression on a person.

I recall visiting an office and one of the workers there came in with a tray of cupcakes for their fellow workers. It was so nice, and this person said, "I got up early this morning and made these" and was generously sharing this treat with co-workers and I was lucky enough to enjoy one too. A wonderful gesture which shows deep generosity as well as a talent for cooking. I must say I was very impressed. Those workers are very lucky to have a fellow workmate like that in their office. I am sure it's appreciated. It is reflected in other ways.



Thank goodness and thank God for the countless everyday acts of kindness and generosity that we come across each day. Thank goodness for the wonderful kind and friendly people we meet in our daily travels. They are treasures that we can appreciate deeply. They are special blessings from God.

The Greeks, in today's gospel, ask to 'see Jesus'. They were foreigners, and had heard about Jesus and were curious to meet him.... but the reply they get is unexpected..... do you want to see Jesus??? well, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain....but if it dies... it produces a rich harvest...

We are asking the same thing..... let us see Jesus.... and Jesus gives us a cryptic reply too..... if you want to see me.... I am to be found in the suffering.... in the broken..... in the act of self-sacrificing service.....in self-emptying love.....

Also, why do some Greeks, (foreigners, Gentiles most likely), asking to see Jesus signal that the hour has come and that the Son of Man will be handed over and lifted up? Probably because the message of Jesus has now reached the ears of foreigners and people outside of the Jewish community... do, it is now inevitable that all nations have begun to hear of his message and that this kind of attention will most certainly lead to his arrest and crucifixion. The hour has come.

The opening prayer for this weekend is revealing.. it picks up on the theme of loving, sacrificing, service. today...

may we walk eagerly in that same charity (THAT SAME LOVE) with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

WE ARE ASKING THE LORD TO Change our selfishness into self-giving. //

Help us, Lord, to embrace the world you have given us, that we may transform the darkness of its pain into the life and joy of Easter.

How difficult it can be to die to one's selfishness so that others might benefit..... to make the difficult step... to sacrifice oneself for one's own self-interests for the good of others... it can be the hardest thing in the world..... but it is the way of Christ.. the way of the Cross, but also the way of the fullness of life and grace... One of the greatest gifts that can be given to this tired world we live in.... if the gift of unselfishness.... or self-giving..... or generosity and love.... where so many other keep asking 'what's in it for me' what's it worth???

Our following of Jesus has a cost; but it is not suffering for the sake of suffering. Rather, it is suffering because of what we believe in. It is suffering because we are living the values of Jesus. Jesus gives us an example of how we can react when faced with the cost of our values: 'Father... should I say, save me from this hour....but no.... for this is why I came.....'

To live a life of service, love, self-forgetting and self-giving; This is why Jesus came, and this is why we follow him.

In these dying days of Lent... let us ask God to kindle in us all a deeper charity, a deeper, unselfish love..... to live the values of "service, self-emptying and compassion no matter what the cost".... knowing the cost.... and trusting that Jesus went before us in this and all things....

To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, please visit this link: Liturgy for you at Home (by SPCP) - <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks> Fr. Paul Kelly.

{References: Fr Paul W. Kelly, · PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. BY FR. RICHARD LEONARD.S.J., · SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAY LITURGIES. YEAR B. FLOR MCCARTHY S.D.B., · SHARING THE WORD THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR. GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ}.

{Image Credit: Shutterstock Licensed. image: photo ID:1901084980- Jesus teaches from boat on the sea of Galilee, in front of large crowd- By Annalisa Jones }

A Lenten thought - "Grace under pressure."

Saint Casimir seemed destined for riches and power, but this patron saint of Poland, called the Peacemaker, took a different path. Born in 1458 to the king and queen of Poland, he was a devout, ascetic child. At age 14 his father had him lead an army to install himself as king of Hungary, but with an overpowering enemy and troops beginning to desert, Casimir instead returned home. His furious father exiled him, but Casimir would never again take up arms. Rejecting violence when those around you embrace it can take great inner strength. Cultivate an inner compass that can pursue peace despite pressure.

(from "Take-five-for-faith")

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MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL): SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart 350 max capacity	Saturday Night - 5 pm + (Maronite Mass 6:30pm, Saturday Night) *Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 6th March) Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm + (Polish Mass 12:30 pm Sunday) + (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday)
St Vincent's 180 max capacity	Sunday - 8 am & 10 am + (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1 st and 3 rd Sundays) Extra parking is available only metres from St Vincent's Church, at King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road
Stella Maris 200 max capacity	Saturday Night - 5 pm Sunday - 7 am
Please note: Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions and the Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.	

Additional to the above times, **we will continue to celebrate weekday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am. The 9am Saturday Mass will be on the First Saturday of the month (1st May) at Sacred Heart.**

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5m, receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises. We ask that people consult the parish website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au, to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses.

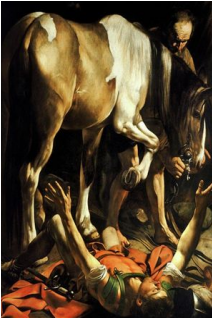
Mass Booking: bookey.com/catholicmassgoldcoast Thank you for your cooperation at this time.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASS AND PARISH MISSION \(15th-17th March\)](#)

or if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY

*St Paul's Missionary Journey through His Letters
Fortnightly on a Tuesday*



ALL WELCOME. Our next session will be on **Thursday 30th March at 6pm** in the **Parish Hospitality Room.**

If you would like to participate in this please let Robyn know on 0409 486 326. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect, discuss, share and enrich our faith and relationship with Christ.

We are finding St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians and the series on In The Footsteps of St Paul very interesting and informative. Giving us an in depth insight into his character, his zeal, his passion and his spirituality. Enjoying this immensely! Thanks to Fr Paul who put me onto these books on the letters of Paul and to Fr Peter who suggested the video series.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Catechumens

Spencer Brocklebank and his two children - Levi and Victoria
Tristan Mann and his three children - Jack, Nathaniel & Sienna
James Cannon | Christina Pera | Carla Ten Cate

Candidates

Tom Blackhurst | Damien Ives | Brady McFadden | Leon Mostert | Christine Taylor
Chenelle Butler, Colin Butler and their two children - Harper and Austin

Prayers needed - we thank you for your prayers over the last few weeks - Easter is fast approaching so we are looking forward to your continued support. This week, on 20th March be at the 5pm Saturday evening Mass at Stella Maris. We celebrate with you and present the Creed to our candidates - looking forward to being at Stella Maris.

Blessings on your day and pray for us during these important steps of the journey.

Our elect and candidates participated in the Mission/Retreat with Father Richard Leonard sj and they found this time very rewarding, insightful and certainly very spiritual. Well done to all!

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish, you can give via

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The spirit of generosity is alive in our Parish. If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au or, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433.

NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

The **CATHOLIC LEADER** now published monthly is available at **the Religious Goods Shops** at both SACRED HEART and ST VINCENT'S churches and is available at the rear of the Stella Maris church.

The March edition is still available at the **new monthly price \$4**

Easter cards \$1 each. For sale Bible or Mass book cover \$35 at the Sacred Heart Shop.

THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Sacred Heart - Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Playing Bridge keeps your brain active and increases your social network! So why not give us a try?

Learn to play Bridge at "Our Friendly Club" - Free Lesson. "Introduction to Bridge"

Easy to learn format, no previous card playing experience necessary. All are welcome.

For more information and to enrol, Please phone: Cheryl 5538 8821 or Mob 0417 772 701

The need is acute! PALMS INTERNATIONAL

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations.

To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now.

Join our online InfoZoom on 2 May, visit palms.org.au, or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

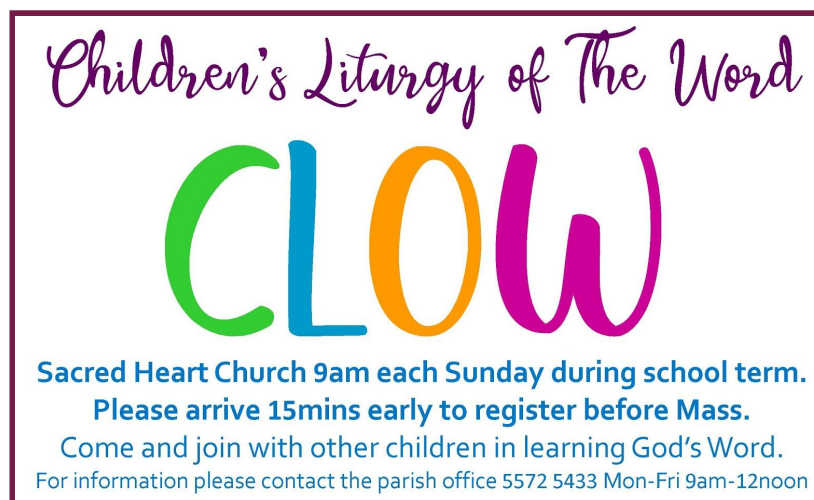
YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Come join us for our friendly class in the Parish Hospitality Centre next to the Parish Office. Classes run every Tuesday at 10:45am. Learn to relax, yet gain greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness and concentration, all while increasing your breath support and general wellbeing. Ruth is an IYTA accredited instructor with wide experience and runs a caring, carefully monitored one hour session costing \$10 (new attendees need to arrive by 10.30am to prepare adequately for class). For more information call Ruth on 0421338110.

NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENING WITHIN THE PARISH - AT MERRIMAC (2022)



Opening 2022
Star of the Sea School
 Merrimac
 Starting with **Prep to Year 3**
 including OSHC
 Enrol now
starofthesea.merrimac.qld.edu.au
 A Brisbane Catholic Education School



Children's Liturgy of The Word
CLOW
 Sacred Heart Church 9am each Sunday during school term.
 Please arrive 15mins early to register before Mass.
 Come and join with other children in learning God's Word.
 For information please contact the parish office 5572 5433 Mon-Fri 9am-12noon

LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources.

Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP): <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Weekly Homily (produced by SPP): <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog): <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

PLEASE PRAY

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Neil Rogers, Bill Goodrem, Rodney and Norma McLennan, Lois and Doug Wood, Judy Dempsey (Wagga), Sam Maxwell, William Franklin, Gerry Stoffels (Capetown, SA), Maria Mihalic, Margaret Dawes, Bill Gilmore, Annie Scicluna, Anne Logan, Dymphna Hogg, Elaine Cotter, Margaret Thompson, Patricia Moor, Helen Bohringer, George & Margaret Cook, Peter O'Brien, Angela Duvnjak, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Ron Perry, Rosslyn Wallis, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy. *And all those suffering from the effects of Covid-19.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Yvonne Cassidy (sister of Gerard Denaro), Sheila Asher, Maria Gafa, Virgil Klaassen, Maurice James ('Mac') McNamara, Yvonne Mitchell, Gerard Payne, Josephine Nosti, John Piper, Wilhelmina Elizabeth Carter, Fr Peter Gillam (Retired Priest of Redcliffe), Peggy Doreen Norris, Frok Kolaj, John Woodruff, Edward Sneddon, Michael Robertson, Hans Wagner, Jabour Haddad, Antonija Saceric, Fr Patrick Dowd, Peter Baker, Joan Geard, Julieann Miller, Valma Elaine Brew.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Maria Vaculik, Bernadette Bartley, Silvio De Vito, James Vincent (Jim) Daly, Vilma Mary Vaughan, Martin Tadj, Claudette Bernadett Strode, Pietro Ulliana, John Lawrence (Brewy) Brew, Mary Cooper, Vizma Mudite Barrett, Joyce Hunt, Giuseppa Mauceri, Jessie Veronica (Veronica) Dolan, Ted Wales, Helma Martina Anna Van Camp, Byron Schreiber, Pamela Barry (Pam) Braithwaite, Franciska Knap, Glen Anthony (Tony) McLeod

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Year B.

FIRST READING: Isa 50: 4-7

Ps: Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

SECOND READING: Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation: (Phil 2: 8-9) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless Glory. Christ became obedient for us, even to death. Dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high, and gave him a name above all other names.

GOSPEL: B: Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm." As a Parish Community, we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.

MOOGERAH PASSION PLAY

The Moogerah Passion Play is produced by the Moogerah Passion Play Association Inc; a non-denominational association established in 1993. The play is presented at the Lake Theatre, beside the waters of Lake Moogerah in Southern Queensland, Australia. The play has a primary aim of telling the story of Jesus. Up to 100 people are involved as cast and crew to bring the story of Jesus Christ to life and around 3000 people attend the performances each year.

SCENE 10

SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Using drama is just one way of telling the story of Jesus. Drama has been used for many centuries and was used in medieval times as a way of telling Bible stories to people who were mostly illiterate. We use drama as it allows an audience to experience a visual re-telling of his story as it takes on flesh before their eyes.

Yet more than that, by using drama, many who come and see the play will understand the central truth of the good news (that's what Gospel means) that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God who came so all who believe in him can have eternal life.



We call the play a passion play. Traditionally, passion plays deal only with the period from the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the day of his resurrection. The Moogerah Passion Play, however, deals with events from before and after that period.

We present the play close to Easter as that is when Christians around the world remember the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. 2021 PERFORMANCE DATES:

- 27TH MARCH 2021
- 28TH MARCH 2021
- GOOD FRIDAY 2ND APRIL 2021
- EASTER SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 2021

Ticketed Event click [* here *](#) to register

Perhaps think about getting a group together to travel and be part of this excellent event.

All performances start at 5pm. Gates open at 4pm. This is a ticketed event, all must register to attend, tickets available now. Food is available before, during and after the performance.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN BEING IMPLEMENTED.

Entry is FREE!

For more information please visit - <https://moogerahpassionplay.org.au/>