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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter. Year B.
 Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings for Second Sunday of Easter. Year B. Divine Mercy Sunday

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 32-35

Ps: Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

SECOND READING: 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: (John 20: 29) Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:2)



We hope you had a blessed and happy Easter Sunday.

Please keep enjoying and savouring this whole Easter Season.

Easter is not a single Day, but a whole season. Easter is also a way of living daily. A Huge thankyou to everyone who participated in, and helped prepare and minister in the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies. They were truly beautiful liturgies. This could not be achieved without the care, dedication and love that is put into them by so many people. God is praised in the support each person gives to participation in these Holy Ceremonies.

THE PASTOR'S POST: Do You Have a Vocation?

During the Clergy Convocation last month, Fr. John Chalmers, a priest of our Archdiocese for nearly 50 years, spoke to us passionately about how he understood both his vocation and the call of all the baptised. It captivated all who heard him speak, so I thought it was certainly worth sharing with you. I have divided it into two parts, with the second available in the e-newsletter next week. I hope you will be inspired and challenged by John's insights as I was.

When God gets up each morning, after a good strong cup of coffee, hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to work God goes.

And what is God's occupation, you ask. What occupies God's every waking moment and his dreamtime too? God mends what's broken. What's more, God invites every human being, of every religion and of none, to join in the divine project of mending bridges and tearing down walls between people. The time is long overdue for bettering the ways we inhabit the planet. God calls us to dream of peace and to act decisively towards peace-making, in every corner of the globe.

To the question: do you have a vocation? Only two responses are seemingly applicable: yes or no or maybe. The question is more complex than yes/no models would suggest. There are at least six possible responses to that question. There's the Universal call to holiness, which is issued to every human being. There's the baptismal call which is offered to many people. And thirdly, there's the ordained call to Holy Order, issued to a few.

How we understand vocation determines how we exercise authority. *Gaudium et Spes* #76 proclaims that: "The church's constant task is to uncover, cherish and ennoble all that is true, good and beautiful in the human community." *Gaudium et Spes* #230 adds: "Inspired by no earthly ambition, the church seeks but a solitary goal, to carry forward the work of Christ himself under the lead of the befriending Spirit." And the work of Christ himself entails mending what is broken.

Does *Gaudium et Spes* suggest that the church's task is to get people into church?

or is it the church's task to get the church into the world? Remember: you are the only Gospel some people may ever read. Probably it's both.

When we attempt to uncover what is true, good, and beautiful in the human community, we turn to stories of flesh and blood human beings, people like Fred Hollows, who returned sight to the blind. We identify thousands of unnamed, but deeply inspiring human beings, people like Ian Kiernan, who led hundreds of thousands of volunteers to Clean Up Australia. We recall Gurrumul with songs from the heart. Every human being is called by God to uncover the goodness, and truth in stories like these. Many Centacare staff consider their work as special, helping human beings flourish.

Here's another story, closer to home: My father was a homicide detective. He was a big man in every way. His family and his work colleagues were left in no doubt that offenders and the incarcerated ought to be treated with respect, even if they didn't deserve it. Pope Francis expresses it poetically: "When we draw near with tender love to those in need of care, we bring hope and God's smile to the contradictions of the world." Remember, we are born broken. We live by mending. The grace of God is the glue. In Frederick Buechner's words: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

How we understand 'vocation' determines how we exercise authority. The three calls of vocation clearly identify differences between each of the calls. But difference does not mean "better than", or superior to

the others. It is essential for the baptised and ordained to also take with utter seriousness and see quite clearly the value God puts on those who perhaps unknowingly, are working on the divine project of mending creation.

The second call entertains the church's inner life and its outer life. The church gathers around the fire, as it were, where stories are told and learned off by heart. The church gathers lest it forgets who it is and whose it is. Memories are kept and stories are told, all of them strengthening what or who keeps us going. We learn to grow more compassionate, to be more attentive to those in need. There are, in other words, many opportunities for the people of the call, to articulate who are at our deepest. This is another aspect of responding to the scattered life of the church. We gather so that we'll scatter across the globe, partners of a sort with God's ongoing attempts to mend what's broken. When the baptised gather, we practise recognising God in and around us.

At its fullest expression, living out of the Baptismal call sees us living towards living into and living out of the Paschal Mystery.

Jackson Carroll 'talks of 'the church gathered' and 'the church scattered'. We are the church scattered when, energised by the very life of God, we leave the domain of the church gathered in order to actually work as partners in God's daily mission of mending creation. We do this specifically wherever our responsibilities in the world find us, whether it's on the roads, at home with the family, in the office designing a building, bringing in the neighbour's washing or delivering meals on wheels. The church scattered and the church gathered, though quite distinct, need each other. It's not a matter of choosing one or the other. We need to pay attention to both the church's gathered and scattered lives.

It is essential for the baptised and ordained to also take each other with seriousness and respect to work together as partners. Each day sees many steps towards the universal pathway to holiness. Pope Paul V suggested that the most comprehensive way of proclaiming the Gospel is via dialog. And dialog isn't just a matter of words. Pope Paul V names five kinds of dialog.

In the dialog of life, human beings share joys and sorrows, griefs and anxiety. The dialog of action sees people working together as issues of concern; like prison reform or offering hospitality to newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers. The dialog of theological exchange where each other's theological beliefs are explored for better understanding; the dialog of religious experience and the dialog of a spiritual treasury, the prayers and religious practices one opens up to, standing, as it were, on the shoulders of people long gone.

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

**We congratulate the Golden, Sands and McGregor families whose children
Leo Connor, Hester Gertruida Hildegard and Duke Foster
will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.
Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.**

A WONDERFUL AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCE - SHALOM WORLD TV



This excellent world-wide online television network provides excellent Catholic content including live Masses from Australia and around the world. We have local people in our parish who are part of this great global outreach. Please visit and see the treasury of shows and articles. <https://www.shalomworld.org/>

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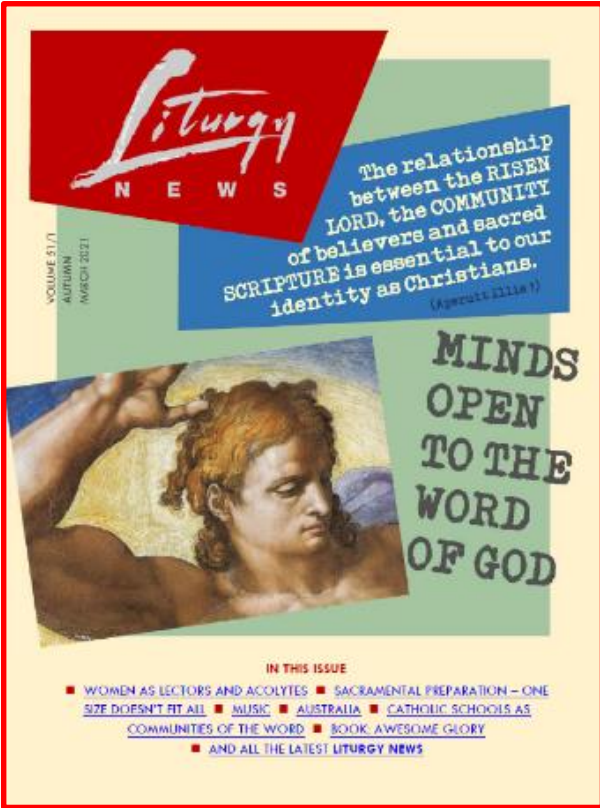
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Fr Tom Elich, editor of Liturgy News.



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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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

[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

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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.



The beautiful new timber stands in the church are “pay-waves.” (“tap-and-go” machines). A handy new way of donating to the parish - just tap a credit card or bank card on the sensor and it takes \$5. And once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again, to give another \$5, and so on. A safe and handy way to give money. God bless you for your support. To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 5572 5433 (9am–12pm Mon-Fri)

SURFERS PARADISE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

(For children who have already received Baptism and Confirmation)

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 have received an email invitation. If you are unsure, please email Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

CONFIRMATION



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

Use the drop down menu under Sacraments.

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.

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

BAPTISM

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. Baptism requests will be responded to fairly quickly as baptisms occur weekly and bookings are quite heavy and consistent throughout the year.

POPE FRANCIS: Proclamation of the Gospel always linked to embrace of a Cross



Pope Francis celebrates Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday in St. Peter's Basilica, and underlines that the hour of joyful proclamation and the hour of persecution and the Cross go together.

In his homily during Holy Thursday's Chrism Mass, Pope Francis underlined that the preaching of the Gospel "is always linked to the embrace of some particular cross."

The Gospel and the Cross

He explained that the Gospel shows us the extent to which "persecution and the cross are linked to the proclamation of the Gospel."

Dwelling on the "hours" leading to Christ's Passion and Death, Pope Francis said "the hour of joyful proclamation, the hour of persecution and the hour of the Cross go together."

"The gentle light of God's word shines brightly in well-disposed hearts," the Pope said, "but awakens confusion and rejection in those that are not. We see this over and over again in the Gospels."

Giving some examples, Pope Francis spoke of the good seed sown in the field that bears fruit, but it also arouses the envy of the enemy.

“The tender love of the merciful father irresistibly draws the prodigal son home, but also leads to anger and resentment on the part of the elder son,” he noted.

“All this enables us to see that the preaching of the Good News is mysteriously linked to persecution and the cross,” said Pope Francis.

Cross is non-negotiable

Focusing on two trains of thought, the Pope said that first “we are taken aback to see the cross present in the Lord’s life at the very beginning of his ministry, even before His birth.”

“All this makes us realize that the mystery of the cross is present ‘from the beginning’.” “The cross does not appear by chance,” he said.

When his hour came, explained Pope Francis, Jesus embraced the cross fully. “For on the cross there can be no ambiguity. The cross is non-negotiable.”

Dwelling on his second point, the Pope said, “There is an aspect of the cross that is an integral part of our human condition, our limits and our frailty. Yet it is also true that something happens on the Cross that does not have to do with our human weakness but is the bite of the serpent, who, seeing the crucified Lord defenceless, bites Him in an attempt to poison and undo all His work... It is the venom of the evil one who keeps insisting: save yourself.”

It is in this harsh and painful “bite” that seeks to bring death, that God’s triumph is ultimately seen, said Pope Francis.

The Pope went on to say that “thanks to the reconciling blood of Jesus, it is a cross that contains the power of Christ’s victory, which conquers evil and delivers us from the evil one.”

Sufferings of Christ in us

Pope Francis underlined that we as Christians are “not among those who shrink back.”

“We are not scandalized, because Jesus Himself was not scandalized by seeing that His joyful preaching of salvation to the poor was not received wholeheartedly, but amid the shouts and threats of those who refused to hear His word.”

“The way we embrace the cross in our preaching of the Gospel makes two things clear,” the Pope said: “That the sufferings that come from the Gospel are not ours, but rather ‘the sufferings of Christ in us’ and that ‘we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants of all for the love of Jesus’”.

God’s divine grace

Concluding his homily with a story from his past, Pope Francis recalled how, during a dark moment in his life, he asked the Lord for the grace to free him from a difficult and complex situation.

During Confession he asked an elderly Sister, whose eyes were “full of light” to pray for him as her penance because he needed a particular grace.

She replied by saying ‘The Lord will certainly give you that grace, but make no mistake about it: He will give it to you in His own divine way’.

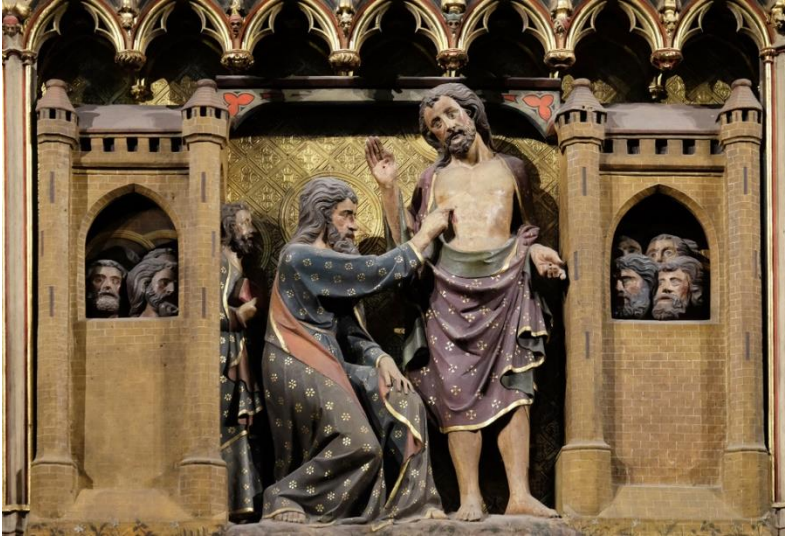
The Pope said that this advice did him much good, “hearing that the Lord always gives us what we ask for, but that He does so in his divine way. That way involves the cross. Not for masochism. But for love, love to the very end.”

(source: By Lydia O’Kane, <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-04/pope-francis-the-proclamation-of-the-gospel-always-linked-to-th.html>)

(image From article sourced above - Vatican News)

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND -

“Doubt no longer, but believe!..... My lord and My God!!”



This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, where we recall the absolute mercy and love that Jesus has for all humanity.

The world desperately needs to deepen our understanding and experience of the depth and breadth of God’s divine mercy and love for us and for all the world. Mercy and love is at the heart of God’s nature. Mercy and love is also at the very heart of God’s relationship with us, who are his beloved people- His sons and daughters.

We see Our Lord’s mercy and love at work in the gospel this weekend. Thomas doubted, but Our Lord did not punish him for his lack of faith. He

instead sees deep into Thomas’ heart and sees the pain and loss and crushed hopes that caused Thomas to ‘not dare to believe’ that the Lord could be risen, as much as he wanted this to be so. Jesus meets him where he is ... and leads him to see and believe... And this compassion, love and mercy produce such astounding fruits. ***For Thomas, who so recently could not bring himself to accept this wonderful news, is now the first to declare the complete truth of Christ’s identity. He is our Lord.. and our God!!***

The Risen Lord twice says the words “**peace be with you.**” **Jesus is offering us true PEACE....** and it is something we desire and need very deeply.....

(The world is crying out for the deep and abiding peace which only God can give us).

Jesus appears to his disciples to reassure them of the reality of the forgiveness he has won for us by his death and resurrection..... We can truly be at peace and trust in Jesus’ promise that he does indeed desire to free us from our burdens and forgive us our sins..... Our lord of astounding mercy does not want us to continue to be bowed-down and burdened by our sins and past mistakes..... God does not want us stuck in our mistakes, as we would surely be forever if not for his gracious compassion.

His, is a message of enormous hope....

He implores us.... ***doubt no longer... but believe.... trust in my love.... trust in my forgiveness..... I implore you to truly believe that I do offer you the means to real and lasting peace ...***

Jesus gently chides and invites us too... Do you doubt in my mercy? Do you dare to think yourself unforgivable and unforgiven when I have declared you absolved? Happy indeed are those who believe!

Also, the gospel today ends with the writer of John’s gospel saying.... there are more things that happened in relation to Jesus.... but they are not all written here..... WE, (these many, many years after Jesus walked the earth)..... we too are witnesses to what Jesus continues to do in our world even today..... We are called to be ministers of mercy, Instruments of Christ’s peace....agents of God’s reconciliation, and ministers of grace.... and ambassadors of Christ’s love.....

The importance of the community cannot be understated either..... in the first reading we hear of an ideal community.... they pray together... they learn together... they share their resources to help and support each other....especially those in need. Our faith community exists so that we might assist, build up and strengthen each other.... especially our brothers and sisters who are struggling..... Jesus calls us to be a community of disciples looking outward towards the world and ready to make a practical difference for good....

Our faith tradition tells us that to understand and believe in Christ, we must read the Scriptures and meditate on them. We must also come to know other believers and listen to each other’s experience with

our hearts and minds. Christianity is a religion that preaches Jesus crucified and risen, and active in the community of those who believe in Him.

Today let us ask Saint Thomas to intercede for us that we can believe more deeply in the great mystery of salvation. Let us be patient with our doubts and keep looking for the truth of Christ's presence in the midst of the everyday events and people of our lives.

Most of all, let us rejoice in the Lord who loves us, forgives us our sins, and invites us deeper into these mysteries. May we continue to be built up by the risen Christ to be disciples who rejoice in being a community for the good of each other and for the common good of all..... Ministers of Jesus' graciousness and care.....Jesus brings us peace and (having given us the gift of his peace), immediately commissions us to go out and put his message into action, by acts of charity, love and support for everyone we meet....

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 Kelly}

{Image Credit: Shutterstock licensed image ID: 1061248622; PARIS, FRANCE - JANUARY 04: Intricately carved and painted frieze inside Notre Dame Cathedral depicting Appearance to Thomas, UNESCO World Heritage Site in Paris, France on January 04, 2018. By Zvonimir Atletic }

Speaking of Divine Mercy Sunday, here is a copy of the Original Divine Mercy Painting. A newer version was later produced and is more familiar with modern groups, however I personally think the original is the best. It is the only painting depicting the Divine Mercy which Saint Maria Faustina (Kowalska) saw in her lifetime.



FAITH AND WORSHIP SPOT

You may have seen on the television or in the newspapers or online images of Pope Francis celebrating the Chrism Mass for The Vatican and for the Archdiocese of Rome, of which he is the Bishop as well. **There is a fascinating picture of him bending over and breathing into a silver amphora, (which is a jar with two vertical handles - used in antiquity for the storage and transportation of foodstuffs such as wine and olive oil).**



This is a powerful sacramental symbol. Since the Chrism oil is associated with Christ, the Priest, Prophet and King, and since oil has long been associated with the giving and sealing of the gift of God's Holy Spirit, and for anointing Prophets and Monarchs, and is the oil used for confirming people in the sacrament of Holy Confirmation, and is also the oil used to anoint priests hands, when the Pope, (or Bishops), bless this Chrism Oil, the ritual has a part within the blessing where he **BREATHES UPON the OIL**, reminding us of **the infusion of the Holy Spirit**. Our Lord also "Breathed on his Disciples when he appeared to them after the Resurrection, as he said to them **"Receive the Holy Spirit."**

Here is the full prayer of blessing the Chrism, prayed by the Pope or bishops in their local community:

Let us pray

**that God our almighty Father
will bless this oil**

**so that all who are anointed with it
may be inwardly transformed
and come to share in eternal salvation.**

{The Bishop breathes over the Oil of Chrism. Then extending his arms over the Oil, he continues}:

**God our maker,
source of all growth in holiness,
accept the joyful thanks and praise
we offer in the name of your Church.**

**In the beginning, at your command,
the earth produced fruit-bearing trees.
From the fruit of the olive tree
you have provided us with oil for holy Chrism.**

**The prophet David sang of the life and joy
that the oil would bring in the Sacraments of your love.**

After the avenging flood,
the dove returning to Noah with an olive branch
announced your gift of peace.
This was a sign of a greater gift to come.
Now the waters of Baptism wash away the sins of men,
and by the anointing with olive oil
you make us radiant with your joy.

At your command,
Aaron was washed with water,
and your servant Moses, his brother,
anointed him priest.

This too foreshadowed greater things to come.
After your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
asked John for Baptism in the waters of the Jordan,
you sent the Spirit upon him
in the form of a dove
and by the witness of your own voice
you declared him to be your only, well-beloved Son.

In this you clearly fulfilled the prophecy of David,
that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness
beyond his fellow men.

And so, Father, we ask you to bless this oil you have created.
Fill it with the power of your Holy Spirit
through Christ your Son.

It is from him that Chrism takes its name
and with Chrism you have anointed
for yourself Priests and Kings,
Prophets and Martyrs.

Make this Chrism sign of life and salvation
for those who are to be born again in the waters of Baptism.
Wash away the evil they have inherited from sinful Adam,
and when they are anointed with this holy oil
make them temples of your glory,
radiant with the goodness of life
that has its source in you.

Through this sign of Chrism
grant them royal, priestly, and prophetic honour,
and clothe them with incorruption.

Let this be indeed the Chrism of salvation
for those who will be born again of water and the Holy Spirit.
May they come to share eternal life
in the glory of your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you attended the Holy Thursday Night Mass in the parish you would have noticed the procession at the start of the Mass - Bringing forward the bottles of three different Holy Oils, which will be used in various liturgies during the rest of the year. These oils were blessed by the Archbishop the week before, at a Mass called the **Chrism mass**.

Here is a copy of the explanation of these oils as accompanied the procession last Holy Thursday: United with the faithful and priests of our Archdiocese, last Thursday evening at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark, consecrated the holy Chrism and blessed the oils for use in the Anointing of the Sick and in the preparation of Catechumens for Baptism. This oil will also be used for the Sacrament of Confirmation of our young people, our Catechumens and Candidates.

On Holy Thursday night, we received these holy oils into our Parish for use in the celebration of the Church's sacraments during the coming year,

These holy oils are a symbol of our unity with all areas of our Archdiocese.

Oil of the Infirm

Behold the oil of the infirm that has been blessed by our Archbishop for the healing of body, mind and soul.

May those touched by this oil, experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love.

Oil of Baptism

Behold the oil of the catechumens that has been blessed by our Archbishop for the anointing of those preparing for baptism.

May those anointed with this oil be strengthened in their Christian Faith, as they prepare for the saving waters of baptism.

Holy Chrism

Behold the holy chrism, a mixture of olive oil and perfume, which has been consecrated by our Archbishop. It will be used to anoint infants after baptism, those who are to be confirmed, bishops and priests at their ordination, and altars and churches, at the time of their dedication.

May all people and churches touched by this oil be signs and witnesses of God's love and faithfulness.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH: "This holy in-between time,"

Scripture commentator John T. Squires calls Holy Saturday, which we celebrated last Saturday, as a "liminal space" marked by waiting and not knowing. This is the quiet, uncertain day between Crucifixion and Resurrection. In some sense, this entire past year has been a liminal year, as we are caught between the emergence of a history-changing virus and its hoped-for suppression. What can we learn from the disciples who waited and prayed? They prayed that life would emerge victorious over death. Their prayer and waiting and hoping was rewarded by Our Lord of faithfulness. Let that be our prayer as well.

SIGN UP FOR "TAKE FIVE" DAILY <https://www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe>

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 **Tuesday 13th April at 6pm** in the **Parish Hospitality Room.**

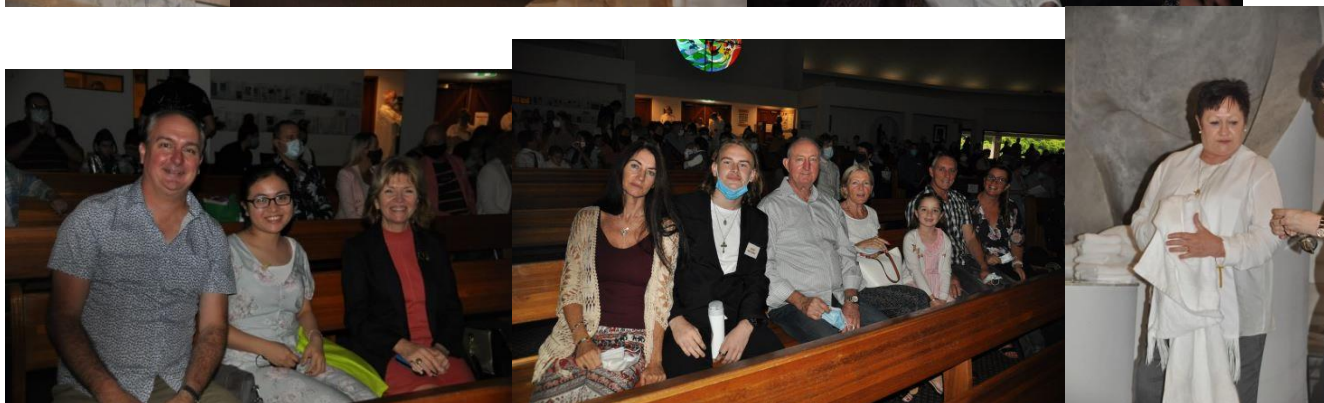
If you would like to participate in this please ring 0409 486 326. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect, discuss, share and enrich our faith and relationship with Christ.

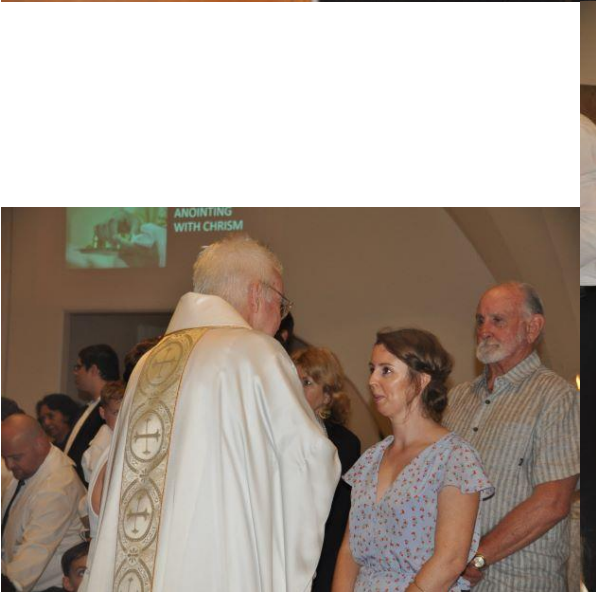
RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations and **Welcome** to the Catholic Church Baptised and Received into Full Communion at Easter Vigil



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











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: 1st May)

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 1st and 3rd 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.

NOTICES AND MESSAGES



Opening 2022

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SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

The Catholic Leader is available this weekend 10/11th April at the Sacred Heart and St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops and at the rear of the church at Stella Maris. Remember the new price is now \$4.

FRIDAY ADORATION 7pm - 9TH APRIL 2021

There has been a change of plans for 1st Friday adoration which will be held on Friday 9th April at Sacred Heart Church, due to Good Friday falling on the 1st Friday of April. Time: 7pm to 8.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Helen 0421 935 678.

After this the First Friday adoration will return to the usual date of the first Friday of May.

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

MARIAN VALLEY - Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for Divine Mercy Sunday on the 11th April and Fatima Day on Tuesday 13th April.

The bus will be picking up at about 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus is \$22 return. You can secure your seat with Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome!

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.

OUR LADY'S STATUE

We were reminded at the Mission of the importance of Our Lady and thought it fitting that we let the Parishioners know that the Statue of Our Lady is going around the Parish. If you would like to take part in the saying of the Rosary with Our Lady's Statue, please contact **Maxine Sela on 5539 9539**.

The Roster for the next few weeks:

W/c 12/4/2021	Dennis & Aby Mendiola
We 19/4/2021	Eva Mollowski of Palm Beach
W/e 26/4/2021	Eva Mollowski of Palm Beach
W/c 3/5/2021	Helen & Thor Skjaerbaer of Merrimac
W/c 10/5/2021	Helen & Thor Skjaerbaer of Merrimac

God Bless, Maxine & Pat Sela

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY, 11 APRIL, 2021

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<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>



Marriage Encounter Weekends - Virtual or live-in, May 2021

A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

Virtual weekend via Zoom, 30th April – 2 May 2021, commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday.

Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc: 0437 388 513 Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au

Live-in weekend Friday 28 May - Sunday 30 May at Ormiston (on Brisbane's bayside).

Contact Maria and David Murphy: (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

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: Milka Barac, Mary Ashton, Barbie White, Kurt Hillesheim, Neil Rogers, Jacqueline Costigan (Bethania), Bill Goodrem, Rodney and Norma McLennan, Lois and Doug Wood, 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, 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: Thomas (Tommy) Raudonikis, Therese Mary Clift, Faye Shanahan, Ben Hamlet, John Donnelly Shiels, Josephine Desira, Judy Dempsey (Wagga), Angelita Javillonar, Yvonne Cassidy (sister of Gerard Denaro), Sheila Asher, Maria Gafa, Virgil Klaassen, Maurice James ('Mac') McNamara, Diosdado Sabornido, Yvonne Mitchell.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Jaiden Glen Brooks, John Peter Rennie, Norma Weise, Wood Helen, Claire Irene Keefe, Raymond Alexander (Ray) Gardiner, Shane McLoughlan, Wilhelm Ciszewski, Kath McMonagle, Victor Boctor, Leonard Gregory Ew Toner, Olive Yvonne Matthews, Nicholas Leo (Nic) Angelucci, Patricia Dooley.

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for Third Sunday of Easter. Year B

FIRST READING: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Ps: Ps 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9 "Lord, let your face shine on us"

SECOND READING: 1 John 2: 1-5a

Gospel Acclamation: (cf. Luke 24: 32) Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us. Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 35-48

"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.