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50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, Queensland, 4226  
Masses via pre-bookings [here](#)

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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

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

*“Surely this man was the Son of God!”* (Mark 15: 39)



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# 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>

## THE PASTOR'S POST: Palm or Pine?



When I was a kid Palm Sunday was that day in church that those big leafy fauna things were handed out and I always got it taken away from me for whacking my sister in the back of the head with them during Mass.

Actually it wasn't even a palm frond, but a small branch from the pine tree outside the church. I suppose the priest thought us country kids wouldn't know the difference. I did, but like most things religious at the time, I just accepted it. I remember trying to keep it pressed into my Sunday prayer book, hoping that God would notice how committed I was to following the rules, even if I didn't use the prayer book too often.

I suppose it was a lack of communication on my part for never expressing my confusion as to why we were doing what we were doing, I just figured someday someone would clue me in the way they did about Communion. No one ever really did, and eventually I stopped being so curious about it anyway. Perhaps it sounds a bit dysfunctional to you, but it was just one of those things that just was.

Time went on and eventually my curiosity piqued again, and so I did a little digging now that I was a little older. As it turned out I was a little embarrassed to find out that the palms we were given were a symbol of many important things, and all I could see in it was a new weapon in the perpetual whacking tournament I had going on with my beloved siblings.

Palm leaves and Palm trees are really quite important in both Jewish and Christian traditions. Depending on exact denomination, Palm leaves can mean good fortune, health, wealth, intelligence as well as blessings, and in some cases even represent Jesus himself.

In Christianity, Palm Sunday is always held the Sunday before Easter. The Christian calendar allows for Easter Sunday to fall on any given Sunday between March 15th and April 18th. Some denominations choose to hold a major feast that day, a celebration to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, while others keep it simply so as not to take away from the greater feast the next week.

As he made his entrance, some stories relate that the people of Jerusalem welcomed and heralded him by throwing clothing, food, and Palm leaves at his feet. He was, of course, crucified a week later. The Sunday prior to Easter is earmarked as “Passion Sunday,” although most people refer to it as Palm Sunday as it was referenced by the Roman Catholic Church.

Passion Sunday is meant to represent the beginning of a very holy week, one that was led by Jesus and one that culminated with his death and resurrection. His time in Jerusalem is well spent, for no matter where he was or what scrutiny he was under, Jesus was always at peace with what was asked of him and determined to touch the lives of those around him. That is why this day has such a strong connection to demonstrations and marches for world peace.

We cannot explore the meaning of Palm Sunday without digressing to the misinterpreted meaning of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is not historically the beginning of Christianity. Christianity did become an actual denomination until several hundred years later. Jesus was in fact, a Jew and his followers were in fact, Jewish. For several hundred years after the death of Christ, the original “Christians” were an offset denomination of Judaism.

Unfortunately, despite historical facts several hundred years after his death, Palm Sunday marked the beginning of anti-Semitism. The anti-Semites of the past as well as the anti-Semites of the present neglect to realize, understand, or give credence to the fact that it was the Roman authorities who were given the order and carried out the execution.

Palm Sunday is naturally celebrated differently by each denomination, but the basic meaning is universal. In reverence to Jesus’ teachings and in honorarium of his incredible life here on Earth, we gather with palm fronds, olive branches, fig branches, maybe even pine branches, or whatever basic flora we agree upon and celebrate the life that was lived just prior to the death.

On behalf of the small children out there who will receive their token symbol of Jesus’ entry into the Holy City, thorough explanations about the meaning of what goes on in church can go a long way toward helping a child grow spiritually. It can be easy to assume that they are hearing the dynamics laid out for them in church, but often the speech used in religious ceremonies are too taxing for a child to listen to intently enough to understand. So when your daughter or son starts whacking someone on the head with this holy symbol, educating them will go a lot further than taking it away.

**Fr Peter Dillon PP.**

**We congratulate the Stevens, Mitchell-Holder and Martinez families whose children Steele Tolemy, Harlan Hayes and Ramira Yvonne will be baptised in our Parish this weekend. Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.**

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

***“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13***

*Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.*

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



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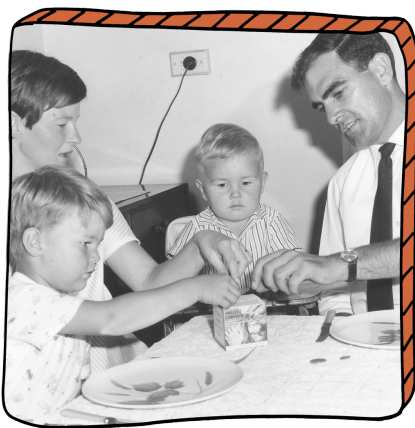
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## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR LENT



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with life saving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

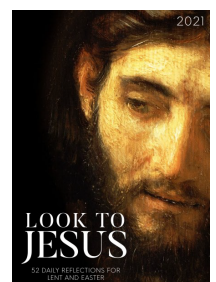
## Archdiocesan Easter Online Resource

**[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.





800 years ago, the Roman Catholic Church entrusted the guardianship of the Holy Land of the Christian religion to the Holy Land Friars of the Order of St. Francis, creating what is now known as the Custody of the Holy Land. The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is run by the Custody's friars based in America.

#### **Throughout the Holy Land: -**

The Franciscan Monastery is home to the Holy Land Franciscan Friars, whose purpose is to support the Holy Land, its people and its holy sites. The Franciscan Friars' work in the Holy Land is vital. As Pope Francis says, "We will not allow ourselves to imagine a Middle East without Christians." We preserve the holy places and make it possible for Christians to remain in the land of Jesus.

This work has grown to include support of schools and missions in the Holy Land, as well as care for refugees and other needy people throughout the region. Conflict in the Middle East and the Jerusalem Barrier Wall has led to a declining Christian population in the region, making our work increasingly important. The ability of families in many of these regions to stay in their home countries is increasingly being threatened by the lack of employment and education opportunities. We help care for children, families, refugees and others in need throughout the region, and keep Christianity alive in the land made holy by the birth, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

The Holy Land Franciscans currently:

- Provide ongoing emergency funds
- Support 29 Catholic parishes, 4 homes for orphans and 3 academic institutions
- Operates 16 schools for more than 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students that are open to all faiths and currently serve Muslims and Jews in addition to the Christians in the Holy Land.
- Provide university scholarships
- Relocate and provide homes to Christian families
- Rehabilitate destroyed homes for Christians families
- Provide senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Create jobs for Christians in the Holy Land
- Preserve 74 sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets
- Support more than 100 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Assist Syrian and Iraqi refugee families in Jordan and Lebanon by helping to pay for rent, food, heat, schooling and transportation.

**Collections will be taken up on Good Friday towards this worthy cause.**

# SURFERS PARADISE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

## FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

(For children who have already received 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 receive an email invitation in late March. If you are unsure, please email Cathy Anderson [andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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 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](http://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](mailto:andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au)

## POPE FRANCIS: St. Joseph a Model for Pastors



Pope Francis on Thursday received the student priests of Rome's Belgian Pontifical College and reflected on the fatherhood of St. Joseph that a genuine pastor can emulate in caring for the flock entrusted to his care.  
By Robin Gomes

Pope Francis is urging priests to learn the art of fatherhood from St. Joseph by being a shepherd who only seeks the good of the flock entrusted to them. He made the exhortation on Thursday to a delegation from the Belgian Pontifical College, a hostel for priests from Belgium who study in Rome. Receiving them on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the College, he recalled that Saint Pope John II had been a boarder there as a student priest from 1946 to 1948

Speaking to the priests on the eve of the feast of St. Joseph, in the Year dedicated to him, who is also the patron of the College, the Holy Father reflected on the Guardian of the Redeemer as a role model for pastors. "It will do you good to place yourselves and your vocations under his mantle and to learn from him the art of fatherhood, which you will soon be called to exercise in communities and in the areas and ministerial services that will be entrusted to you," the Pope told the group.

### Welcoming father

"In the first place", the Pope said, "Saint Joseph is a welcoming father" who set aside his legitimate personal plans and loved and welcomed Mary and Jesus with faith, in a vision of a family life quite different from what he might have wished for. In this regard, he is a master of spiritual life and discernment, who welcomes what happens in life. Instead of imposing his ideas and personal plans, a priest who arrives in a new parish must first love the community freely. "And slowly by loving it he will come to know it in depth and be able to help set it on new paths."

### Guardian father

The Pope said St. Joseph lived his vocation and mission of a guardian father with discretion, humility, in silence and in total fidelity to God's plans. He thus became the good and faithful servant who only desired the good and happiness of the people entrusted to him. This guardianship of Joseph, the Pope explained, is carried out with discretion and with persevering generosity, knowing when to withdraw and when to become close, but always maintaining a vigilant, attentive and prayerful heart.



As a shepherd, the Pope said, a priest always stays with his flock, sometimes in front to open the way, at times in the middle to encourage, or behind to gather the last ones. Without being rigid, an attentive guardian, he said, is ready to change as situations require, always understanding the needs of his flock and avoiding the opposite temptations of domination and carelessness.

### A "dreamer"

St. Joseph is also a father who dreams, but not like one with his head in the clouds, detached from reality. With a prophetic gaze, Joseph knows how to look beyond what he sees and recognize the plan of God. By guarding the fragility of the Child Jesus and His mother, Pope Francis said, St. Joseph became an instrument for the realization of God's plan, in his silent, generous and tireless hiddenness.

(source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-03/pope-francis-belgian-college-saint-joseph-priests-pastors.html> )

(image: [Mathew Schwartz](#) on Unsplash)

## THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



Holy week has begun. And the passion narrative is such a powerful text in itself.

In the coming days, when you get some quiet prayer time, it would be excellent to read through the whole passion reading of Mark's gospel, from the woman anointing Jesus with oil, to the last supper, and through his trial, and Peter's denial of him and then on to Jesus' crucifixion and the laying of his body in the tomb.

Mark, in his brief but powerful and striking account of Jesus' passion, presents to us an amazing array of people, representing contrasting personalities and differing behaviours

and values. Mark is inviting us to enter into the text and see where we stand in this astounding.

Mark presents the flawed leader, the Governor Pontius Pilate, who wants to placate his people rather than do what is right. Mark also presents the disciple, Peter, who takes fright and denies his master when the pressure is on. A disciple who had misunderstood or not attended to Our Lord's warning to pray and fast and prepare in order to survive the imminent time of trial.

Mark shows us the crowd, who are swayed by the ever-changing moods of fashion. One day they welcomed Jesus in as the King and the Messiah, and now this same crowd easily gets whipped up into an emotional frenzy by irrational sentiment and, egged on by peer-pressure, they now bay for the blood of the man they only recently praised as their King! It is a sober warning to us all to be wary of being swayed by populist sentiments... (and a "mob mentality"). We also hear in Mark's Gospel, of the appalling trade-off between a guilty criminal, (a murderer), Barabbas, who is released in favour of an utterly good and innocent man, Jesus.

We see people dressing Jesus up as a King, and bowing to him. And people would be right to bow and worship him as the King of all heaven and earth. But disgustingly, these people are not worshipping him in truth but acting only in appalling mockery. The irony is unbearable. They are pretending to worship the one who truly should be worshipped. What they mock him about they should have been seriously recognising him. Their ignorance and lack of respect and reverence is breath-taking. Lord, save us from ignorance and gross offence to you, if ever we mock another - and in so doing mock the very truth that you yourself give us, in your grace and love.

In what ways are we still to truly bow down to Christ, not just in outward action, but profoundly in heart and mind and soul? To what extent is our commitment to Jesus still only as deep as the baptismal robe we were clothed in.

Let us be immersed in the drama of Holy Week, so that Jesus, who gave everything for us out of divine and overflowing love and self-giving, will bring us through this and all trials and sins, injustices and tragedies, into to the new life of Christ and a renewed faith and commitment to his good news. His good news, so wonderfully and perfectly lived out in his life and death, gives us life... and life to the full.

**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}.

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## 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.

## FAITH AND WORSHIP SPOT

# SOME RESOURCES FOLLOWING PARISH MISSION

With Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ



### Books Available from Fr Richard:

- [Richard Leonard SJ YouTube](#)
- [Where the Hell is God?](#) Paulist Press, 2011. (also an audio book and on Kindle, Audible.com, Amazon.com. iTunes)
- [Why Bother Praying?](#) Paulist, 2012
- [What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake?](#) Paulist, 2018.
- [What are we hoping for? Reflections for Lent & Easter,](#) 2018.
- [What does it all mean?](#) Paulist, 2018.
- [Hatch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments,](#) Paulist, 2019.
- [The Law of Love: Modern Words for Ancient Wisdom,](#) Paulist 2021.

[www.booktopia.com.au](http://www.booktopia.com.au) Phone: 1300 187 187

### Video access to the three talks given by Fr Richard:

- Mary and the saints  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XaYF6lpp3Y>
- Discernment  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mXQaj-zT9k>
- Where the hell is God?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PH6dKc-mQBE>

## A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT - "Try a little tenderness"

The inspiration of the life of Saint JOSEPH, In this year dedicated to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church.

*"He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

When God's plans collided with his, Joseph attended to a calling beyond the law or custom of his day. He must have felt angry, betrayed, confused. But he also knew something greater was at stake than simply following rigid Mosaic code, which would have demanded stoning a woman found to be "with child" before marriage. Instead, he trusted Mary and trusted the dream that brought him angelic counsel. As Pope Francis said in his homily on this feast day in 2013, "in [Joseph's] heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength." Practice tenderness—the sign of a strong heart!

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### A PENITENTIAL REFLECTION FOR YOU AT HOME 2021 (FROM SPP).

<https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/faith-hope-and-lenten-penitential-service-in-preparation-for-holy-week-2021>

*Please click this picture to go to the penitential reflection*



### 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 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.

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### 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** please - Easter is fast approaching so we ask for your continued support in prayer.

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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<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au), to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses.

Mass Booking: [bookoo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast](http://bookoo.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

## 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](mailto:man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au) or, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433.



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)

## NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### CANCELLATION OF FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION on Friday 2nd April 2021

Please note that, due to Friday 2nd April being GOOD FRIDAY, there will not be 1st Friday Adoration on 2nd April. We will resume 1st Friday Adoration on Friday 2nd May 2021. Enquiries: Helen 0421935678

## 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

## SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

If you have missed out on this month's Catholic Leader there are still a few copies available at the Religious Goods Shops.

Also this week we have some preloved religious treasures available for sale at the Sacred Heart Shop. A donation is all that is required, no reasonable offer will be refused.

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

Easter cards \$1 each.

## 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](http://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.

## 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](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) to explore the fresh look.

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

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

## 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 22/3/2021 Bernadette Hensley of Arundel  
 W/c 29/3/2021 Sue & Terry Collins of Robina  
 W/c 5/4/2021 Sue & Terry Collins of Robina  
 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

## 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, 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, 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:** Josephine Desira, Judy Dempsey (Wagga), Angelita Javillonar, 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

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Bernadette Bartley, Glen Anthony (Tony) McLeod, Peter Schreck, Iris Scharenguivel, Jessie Veronica (Veronica) Dolan, Ted Wales, Helma Martina Anna Van Camp, Tony Collufio, Byron Schreiber, Pamela Barry (Pam) Braithwaite, Franciska Knap, Halam & Amelia Japour, Alfred John Serafim Zerafa, Giovanna Constanza, Brian Anthony Fawell, Ricardo Joseph Herft, Connie Devlin, Marie Therese Haney, Lynn Maree Blond, Mary Briffa, Fay Margaret Frances Lincoln, David Anthony Evans, Cecilia Teresa White, Beau Massey, Pope & Saint John Paul II, Annette Bryant, Beau Abraham Massey, Miriam Zarb, Betty Lorraine Egan, Olimpia Percuoco.

## Next Sunday's Readings

### Readings for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, 2017. Year B

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

**Ps:** Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

**SECOND READING:** Col 3: 1-4

**Gospel Acclamation:** (1 Cor 5: 7b-8a) Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice. Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 16: 1-7

*"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.*

CATHOLIC MISSION

# WE ARE HIRING

**Donor Relations Officer**

(full-time or part-time, based in Brisbane and supporting dioceses in QLD)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY, 11 APRIL, 2021**

For more information regarding the role, pls visit our website below.  
<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>



## Marriage Encounter Weekends - Virtual or live-in, April or 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**, 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)

Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## MOGERAH 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.



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, and EASTER SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 2021.

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

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/>