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NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

A vital stage of the Plenary Council journey which commenced five years ago was receiving its results into the local church. The leadership of the Archdiocese decided that after the Plenary Council there would be an Archdiocesan gathering to do precisely that. There will be an Archdiocesan Summit from the 18th to the 20th May this year to which every parish and Catholic organisation and Agency will be represented. Each parish can send at least five members to the Summit to participate in its deliberations. As well as the Council's fruits being discussed the Summit will also give members an opportunity to assess where the Archdiocese is at this time in our history and discern those priorities that can take us forward in our journey of faith. So it will be an important gathering.

I invite those who are interested and able to attend to please contact me directly. My email is ksmith@bne.catholic.net.au or 0418 669353. The Summit begins at 5.00pm on Thursday the 18th May and concludes at 3.00pm on Saturday the 20th May. The Venue is Riverlife Centre at Seventeen Mile Rocks in Brisbane's inner west so we can travel each day. Costs will be covered by the Parish. If you require more information, please go to the Evangelisation Brisbane website or contact me.

Many gatherings and practices in our worship are returning after Covid restrictions. I am presently encouraging teachers to train the children to approach the baptismal font to bless themselves with the blessed water as they enter the church. Do you?

It has also been decided to offer Holy Communion from the common cup as of Holy Thursday. For most of us it is not just going back to what we always did. To begin, there are fewer people attending Mass so fewer ministers are required. Hopefully, there is greater awareness of our responsibility in our care for one another. If one thinks they have the flu or Covid then you should not even be at Mass. If you are not feeling the best, you would **NOT** take the cup and also be aware at the sign of peace. If I am comfortable doing so then I can receive the precious Blood from the cup. Of course the sacramental presence of Jesus is celebrated when it is received under one kind but the sign is more fully shared when I receive also from the cup. As Jesus himself said, "take and eat...take and drink..."

Communion Ministers will be contacted directly to discuss whether you wish to continue in the ministry and your availability.

God bless and enjoy your week,

Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Tony Drury, Jacqueline Vojtisek, Bernard Feenberg, **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley and Bourke Family, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Patricia O'Connell, Beryl Allam, Don Clinen, Paul Troja, John Moore and Vince Torraino.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Harold O'Connell, Pete Waldron, Tony Desbrow, Cooper Price and Hazel Langthorne.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week		27 March – 2 April
Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass of Reconciliation
Thursday	-	-
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm	Mass + Adoration Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm	Palm Sunday
	Readings – Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66	
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm	
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass	
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.	

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Sunday 26 March
Social Justice Group meet at 9am
Tuesday 28 March
Carer's Group meet at 10am in Hall
Thursday 30 March
Playgroup meet at 9am
St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm
Friday 31 March
Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall
Saturday 1 April
Easter Choir Rehearsal 3pm
Rosary 4:15pm in the Hall

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue precautions -

- *Maintain good hand hygiene. Stay home when you are sick*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.*
- *Wear a mask when in close contact with others.*

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (*Quick Links*)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - **BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)**

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent information sessions

4 May 7pm **OR** 5 May 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 10-11 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent information sessions

20 July 7pm **OR** 21 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 29 August



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us as part of your Lenten journey.

CARERS' MEETING for those caring for someone with physical or mental illness. 10am Tuesday 28 March in the Hall. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATE - Please join us as we celebrate the first 'drop in' Friday of 2023. Come and enjoy morning tea on Friday 31 March in the hall. 10am-12 noon. Great way to meet others and join the conversation. Everyone very welcome.

AT THE DOOR...

- Important information regarding the Archdiocesan Summit in May to which five or more parishioners are invited to attend.
- The Catholic Leadership Intensive which is regarded as a valuable experience as parishes move to a more shared leadership model.
- Ministry to the Engaged is as vital as ever and there are new initiatives available for young couples.
- 2023 Prayer calendars to assist us to pray for seminarians and priests.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "So, Son, what does the Bible mean? B - BASIC I - INSTRUCTIONS B - BEFORE L - LEAVING E - EARTH.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE




VOCATION VIEW: If we cannot see where we are going, we will never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

IONA PASSION PLAY Good Friday 7 April at 7pm and Saturday 8 April at 2pm. Iona Performing Arts Complex, Wynnum West. For further details and to purchase tickets please go to www.passionplay.org.au

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE invites you to the annual **CHRISM MASS**, Thursday 30 March 2023 @ 7pm, Cathedral of St Stephen. A celebration for the entire Archdiocese. ALL WELCOME. Parking available from 6pm.

THE SUMMIT – 18-20 May, Riverlife Centre, Seventeen Mile Rocks. Brisbane Archdiocese principal event for 2023. Archbishop Mark will share his *With Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities*. Cost starts at \$150. Telephone 3324 3440 for more details.



Goal Eight
The Cry of the Earth
Be Water Wise – take shorter showers, turn off taps while brushing teeth, only wash with a full load.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet this Sunday morning after the 8am Mass. Anyone interested is very welcome to attend.

MASS WITH RECONCILIATION will be celebrated Wednesday 29 March at 7pm. Penance is one of the foundations of the Lenten season and while this is an opportunity to acknowledge our individual need for God's forgiveness, it also reminds us there is a communal dimension and responsibility for many wrongs and injustices in our society.

PROJECT COMPASSION – Raising funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, communities and all future generations. **PLEASE DONATE TO PROJECT COMPASSION.** Together we help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate via boxes/envelopes available at the church doors or call 1800 024 413 or caritas.org.au/project-compassion.



HOLY WEEK

Easter is the most important celebration in the Church's year as it commemorates the very foundations of our Christian faith. Please claim these dates in your calendar to join together with the parish community to commemorate this extraordinary event.

- **Holy Thursday, 6 April, 7pm:**
Mass of the Lord's Supper
- **Good Friday, 7 April, 10am:**
Stations of the Cross (outdoors)
- **Good Friday, 7 April, 3pm:**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- **Holy Saturday, 8 April, 7pm:**
Easter Vigil Mass
- **Easter Sunday, 9 April, 8am:**
Easter Sunday Mass



MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

GATHERING HYMN

RETURN TO GOD

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*Return to God with all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.*

Now the time of grace has come,
The day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone
And place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.



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PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through
my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and
Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of
God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father; through him, all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

GOD OF DAY and GOD OF DARKNESS

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night
As the shadows stretch and deepen,
Come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,
When the Sun of peace and justice
Fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor
Still the earth is bruised and broken
By the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
So our hearts cannot ignore,
All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true
Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.
Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,
Make us one with all the lowly,
Let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns
Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn
For our hearts shall wander restless 'til they safe to you return
Finding you in one another,
We shall all your face discern.

Gentle Father, loving mother, Jesus: brother, Saviour, friend;
Spirit of all grace and power, may we praise you without end.
Grant us all a peaceful resting, let each mind and body mend
So we rise refreshed tomorrow, hearts renewed to kingdom tend

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

TREE OF LIFE

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, you the sea,
We the river, you the sea.

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
Love as near as every breath. Love as near as every breath.

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