

NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord

Next weekend is the great feast of Pentecost. The promised sending of the Holy Spirit enables the mission of Jesus to continue with all the power and love witnessed by the apostles. The followers of Christ are entrusted to proclaim everywhere and to everyone the Good News of God's love and how we are called to love others as God loves us. The Feast is often described as the birth of the Church and so it is indeed a time of celebration. Don't forget that next week we will once again gather for familiar social events. With the Spirit filled courage of the Apostles we will emerge from the fear and confusion of the covid restrictions to have a Wine and Cheese Night after the 5:30pm Mass and a Morning Tea after the 8:00am Mass. Please come along and be touched by the simple gift of each other's company and renew our faith in the unique welcome the Holy Spirit provides.

Culture makes for a fascinating study. It describes what we do and only sometimes explains why. There are many aspects to Catholic Culture that are disappearing and as to why can only be left to the future to explain. The Catholic understanding of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist found a particular expression in the Corpus Christi procession. These were sometimes seen as perhaps a triumphant expression of Catholic existence despite much subtle opposition. The opposition is now quite openly expressed so there is no room for being triumphant. The Corpus Christi procession remains a public expression of faith and acknowledges this gift to us by God. It takes place this year on Sunday the 11 June in the City. Details are over the page.

May has traditionally been the month of the Rosary and we are invited to participate in a nation wide recitation of the Rosary between 2-4pm on Saturday 27 May. We can share in this quite meditation of the Rosary in the peace of our own home or living room. I wonder if anyone will have the courage to pray one decade with their family!

Have a wonderful week and God bless,

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 Giuseppe Rossi and Margaret Linnett **recently deceased** and also for Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley and Bourke Family, Patricia Vieyra, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Don Clinen, Paul Troja, John Moore, Vince Torraino, Sr Joan Jarrett RSM, Joe Vella and Peter Dimitrios.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Harold O'Connell, Pete Waldron, Tony Desbrow, Peter Piccone, Hazel Langthorne and Douglas Begley.



Liturgy and Prayers this Week 22 May – 28 May 2023

Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Our Lady Help of Christians	Mass
Thursday	9:00am		Mass
Friday	8:00am	St Philip Neri	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm (Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		Pentecost Sunday
Readings – Acts 2:1-11 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23			
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

Tuesday 23 May

Carer's Group meet at 10am

Saturday 27 May

Wine / Cheese after 5:30pm Mass

Sunday 28 May

Children's Liturgy at 8am Mass

Morning Tea after 8am Mass

Saturday 3 June

Rosary 4:30pm in Parish Hall

Sunday 4 June

Cake Stall

Family Mass at 8am Mass

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue precautions -

- *Maintain good hand hygiene. Stay home when you are sick*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) in 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>

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has published a document entitled “**LAMPS ABLAZE: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023**”, outlining seven priorities for the Archdiocese. From the Second Sunday of Easter until Pentecost, we will introduce each of the seven themes. The sixth priority is:

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Six: Implementing Integral Ecology

Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze



Goal Four

Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyle

Grow your own herbs, fruit and vegetables even if it is just a few pots around the house, it all helps!

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)
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



SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS – To celebrate *Laudato Si* week 18-24 May, we invite you to do the following –

- Please read the attachment sent with the digital newsletter. (Hard copies will be available at the church doors).
- Commit to the practical action for the goal of *Laudato Si* – Little Steps
- Pray for the common care of our world and its people

Voice to Parliament Community Forum – **RESERVE YOUR PLACE** - Later this year, Australians will vote in a referendum that will decide whether First Nations people should be recognised in our Constitution and have a Voice to Parliament. If you would like to know more about this important matter, consider attending a community forum organised by Di Farmer MP. The forum will take place on Tuesday 30 May, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Polding Theatre, Lourdes Hill College. Bookings are essential via <https://bit.ly/voicecommunityforum>.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study from **29 MAY** with daytime and evening sessions over **8 weeks**. Participants will meet every week at one of the local parishes in the deanery to view a video presentation by Jeff Cavins followed by a group discussion. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the “big picture” of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.

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

A lawyer named Strange was asked what he wanted on his gravestone. “Just: Here lies an honest lawyer,” he said. “But that doesn’t tell who it is,” objected his friend. “Yes it does,” he replied. “Passers-by will read it and say: that’s strange.”

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



VOCATION VIEW: Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocations Office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

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

CORPUS CHRISTI procession in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Sunday 11 June, commencing at 2pm. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament will go from the Cathedral, through the city streets and then conclude with Benediction upon return.

IONA COLLEGE OPEN DAY Monday 29 May 1:30pm to 4:00pm. 85 North Road, Lindum. Please register at iona.qld.edu.au or enrol@iona.qld.edu.au

ST STEPHEN’S CATHEDRAL Choral Scholarships for boys - Years 4-6 in 2023. Do you know a boy who loves to sing? Join one of Australia’s best Cathedral Choirs for an opportunity for boys with musical potential. Ph: 3324 3030 or cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

GATHERING HYMN

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeem'd us by his blood.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own.
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav's thy throne:
Thou within the veil has entered robed in flesh our great high priest
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia, to the Saviour who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, font of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia to the triune majesty.

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GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
Peace to people of good will.*

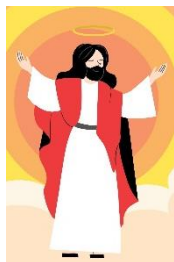
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the holy
one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of
trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of
the world.
Alleluia!



APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN

WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE

*Where there is charity and love,
There the love of God abides.*

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

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COMMUNION HYMN

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
How awesome is the sight our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace;
No work too hard for him in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

Lord, you give the great commission;
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the Church neglect its mission
and the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service;
'In my name baptise and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let your priests, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

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