

## NEWSLETTER

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter

In light of today's tensions and conflicts that occur in the church, it is tempting to think that early Christian life was far more peaceful. In fact, Jesus disciples faced differences and conflict from the beginning.

Today's reading from Acts immediately follows that of last Sunday which described Paul and his co-workers rejoicing that God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. But some Judean Christians insisted that Gentile Christians (that's you and me) must follow all Jewish religious practices, including circumcision. Debates ensued between Paul and the disciples in Jerusalem, resulting in the decision that only some Jewish practices need be followed.

The most important aspect of this decision is its source: "The Holy Spirit and ... us". There was no doubt in the faith of the early Christian community that Christ crucified and risen, continued to guide them in the presence of the Spirit.

As the Church in Australia participates in the Plenary Council with the second session commencing in July, we look to that same Holy Spirit and trust in the Spirit's guidance. Certainly, while the early Church was facing unexpected growth our circumstances are somewhat different. We also carry both the wisdom and the weight of history and tradition and while that may appear to be a constraint today that same reality had to be considered and dealt with in the Jerusalem decision.

All of us can participate and assist the Plenary Council through our prayers which has never been more important than now. Once again I invite you to go to the website and pray the prayers that are suggested there.

God bless and enjoy your week,

*Fr Kevin*

We acknowledge the Jagera and Turrbal people, 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 Carmel Hayes, Peter Dimitrios recently deceased and also for Clare and Patrick Dugger, Keith White, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzka, Colin McMahon, Peter and Terry Cunningham, Ross Saffioti, Francesca and Guiseppa Saffioti, George and Lucy Jarrett, deceased members of Jarrett, Begley and Bourke families.**



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Margaret Linnett, Noah Riley, Harold and Dulcie O'Connell, Imelda Lewis, Beppo Pagliaro, Michael Mannion.

### DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2022

**Sunday 22 May**  
Social Justice Group meet at 9am

**Monday 23 May**  
Musicians meet at 5:30pm

**Tuesday 24 May**  
Carers Group meet at 10am

**Thursday 26 May**  
Playgroup meet at 9am

**Sunday 29 May**  
Family Mass at 8am  
Bake Stall after Mass

**Thursday 2 June**  
Liturgy Committee meet at 5:30pm

### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 23 May – 29 May 2022

Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	Our Lady Help of Christians
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass
Thursday	9:00am	St Philip Neri
Friday	8:00am	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am, 5:30pm	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
Readings – Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53.		

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**COVID REQUIREMENTS** – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -

- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Maintain social distancing (1.5m) particularly when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.

## 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>



A **PARISH BAKE STALL** will be held at Saturday evening 5:30pm Mass on 28 May and Sunday morning 8:00am Mass on 29 May. A delicious selection of baked goods will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to community members in need. Please note cash and Eftpos payment options will be available.

**ADDITIONAL CHURCH PARKING** – please note the 'carpark' adjacent to the school oval will now be open for use on weekends. There is stair access leading from it near the pedestrian crossing in front of the parish office.

**LAUDATO SI' WEEK CONTINUES** - Last week's Newsletter highlighted the challenges put forward by Pope Francis in his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si' – Care for our Common Home*. The encyclical begins with the words: "Laudato si', mi Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". These opening words are actually taken from *Canticle of the Creatures* penned by St Francis of Assisi. The canticle continues: "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains us and directs us, bringing forth all kinds of fruits and coloured flowers and herbs." For us as Australians, it is worthwhile reflecting on the interesting relationship between St Francis' words in the canticle and similar 'motherhood' language used by First Nations people in describing their own relationship to country. Ambelin Kwaymullina, a Palyku woman of the East Pilbara in WA, explains it this way: "For Aboriginal peoples, country is much more than a place. Country is loved, needed, and cared for, and country loves, needs, and cares for her peoples in turn. Country is family, culture, identity. Country is self." (Source: Meaning of land to Aboriginal people - Creative Spirits). It is little wonder, therefore, that Pope Francis' words in *Laudato Si'* resonate so deeply with us. Watch Pope Francis' launch of *Laudato Si'* Week from Rome at <https://youtu.be/OKc2uUFX7wo> on Sunday, 22 May, at 8pm (Brisbane time). Please include the prayer attached to the emailed Newsletter with your own prayers for this week.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** – meets this Sunday morning (22 May) after the 8am Mass in the parish meeting room. Our activities focus on: Advocacy for refugees and asylum-seekers; First Nations people and our role in reconciliation; environmental action in relation to the Pope's *Laudato Si'* encyclical. Please consider joining us!



## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2022

Please mark these important dates in your diary for next year.

- FIRST COMMUNION** (Year 4 children)  
**Celebration of First Holy Communion 18-19 June**
- CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children)  
**Parent workshop sessions**  
21 July 7:30pm OR 22 July 9:30am  
**Celebration of Confirmation 30 August and 1 September**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**– celebrated each Friday in the church. Please join us to pray for families, our parish and world peace. Stop in on the way to work. Prayers, readings, scriptures available. All welcome.

**MONTH OF MAY** - Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during May by praying the rosary. 2pm Monday-Friday, join: <https://tinyurl.com/rprayers> ID: 857 2970 0836 Password:- prayers



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

**How many members of the Tate family belong to your church?** There is old man Dic-Tate who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro-Tate tries to change everything. There's sister Agi-Tate who stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri-Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi-Tate and his wife, Vege-Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Devas-Tate who provides the voice of doom, while Poten-Tate wants to be a big shot. But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili-Tate is quite helpful. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici-Tate. And of course there are cousins Cogi-Tate and Medi-Tate who always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands. How about it - do you know anyone in the "Tate" family?

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**VOCATION VIEW:** It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you! Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact Vocation Brisbane on Ph- 1300 133 544 or [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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](#).

**DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS** Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up for a reflection each weekday in your inbox - <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



You are invited to make the prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the **Walking in the Spirit Prayer Pilgrimage**. The entire Catholic community of Australia is praying for guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit in this important time for our Church as we discern where God is calling us to be. The Walking in the Spirit Prayer Pilgrimage runs until the Second General Assembly (which commences on Sunday 3 July). The resources created have been designed for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Please access the resources here: [Walking in the Spirit – Plenary Council \(catholic.org.au\)](http://Walking in the Spirit – Plenary Council (catholic.org.au))

**POSITION VACANT – FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT** - Applications are open for a casual position at Holy Cross Funerals. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close: 3 June 2022

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29.

## GATHERING HYMN

### WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice and cry  
"My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
And may our faith abound;  
To call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are  
in full and endless sight.

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## SPRINKLING RITE

### 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

O God, let all the nations praise you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

## 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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free.

## 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

### IN CHRIST WE COME TO OFFER THANKS

In Christ we come to offer thanks  
With mind and voice in harmony,  
To praise the ageless God of time  
For life in this community.

*Ubi caritas, ubi caritas (where there is love)  
Deus ibi est, deus ibi est (there God is)*

O God of seasons' ebb and flow;  
In Christian life, in work and prayer,  
In joyful hope we seek your face  
And daily find you everywhere.

For Faithful Love in ages past,  
For founders fearless, able, strong,  
For sacred story, sacred place,  
We lift our hearts in festive song.

For Gracious Presence with us still,  
For family, stranger, guest and friend,  
For ministry and mission shared,  
We sing of blessings without end.

Transforming Light of future years,  
Empower us now to run the race,  
Our hearts expanded to proclaim  
That all is gift and all is grace.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people.  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.





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