

NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENT - OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST



With great joy, I am at last able to announce that the archbishop has appointed Fr Kevin Smith as the new Parish Priest of Bulimba.

Kevin was born in Charleville in 1961, the second of three sons. He grew up in Ipswich and was ordained priest in 1986. After placements at Stafford, Goodna and Redcliffe, he was appointed pastor at Coolangatta-Tugun where he ministered for 18 years. He then spent 7 years as parish priest at Caloundra. Last year he worked at Clayfield and at the seminary and he is now just completing four-months of Scripture study in Italy.

This is good news for Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba. I am sure you will make him welcome when he starts in July and that the match will work well for the growth of the Catholic community.

PARISH REFUGEE PROJECT - SUPP

There is good news! The fundraising target required to submit the resettlement application in Canada for our two Iranian Kurdish refugees has been reached. Funding for these two applications was begun by the support team in the resettlement community of Swift Current (Saskatchewan); it has now been completed due to the generosity of people at Sts Peter and Paul.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Tom Killian, Caroline McNamee, Sr Patrica Comerford SGS, Mary Miller, Sr Janet Colbourne SGS, Felino Zamora **recently deceased and also for** John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Patrick O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Annie Saunders, Vince Long, Patrick Long, Eve Long, Arthur Wilson and Mavis Wilson, Ludovico Adraincem, Clarita Adraincem, Alf Garrone and Keith White.



Please remember the sick in your prayers –

James Bates, Anita Xavier, Jan Low (nee Stefano), Carmen Turner, Rob Stonier, Marlyn and John Chester, Maureen O'Connor, John Clarke, Anna Harkin, Yvonne Reich and Jennifer Tuck (nee Moss).

We already have a balance in our parish Refugee Support account of \$8,000 which is the beginning of our effort for a third refugee resettlement. See inside for instructions on how to make your donation. Well done everyone. Thank you.

PENTECOST

Today's feast of Pentecost, marked by the extraordinary release of the Holy Spirit upon the infant Church, signals a new beginning. These two announcements in the parish are also about renewal and a new future, both for us and for the two candidates for resettlement in Canada. Challenges notwithstanding, we live in exciting times.

Best wishes



Tom Elich
Parish Priest

COME, CELEBRATE EUCHARIST AGAIN!

We can celebrate Mass again, but under very strict limitations. Things are changing rapidly – watch this space. For the moment there can only be 10 of us present in the church, keeping correct social distance. We need to know who is there. Hands must be sanitised on entry and exit.

Stage two from 12 June will allow 20 people to be present under the same conditions.

How do we organise this?

We have reinstated the normal parish Mass schedule:

Wednesday 7pm; Friday 8am (with adoration); Saturday 9am; Saturday 6pm; Sunday 8am; Sunday 5.30pm.

- The church will be sanitised after each Mass.
- All Catholics are still dispensed from their Sunday obligation.
- The Masses, even the three Sunday Masses, will be simple, without music.

Please to ring or call into the parish office to book a place for one Mass between now and 12 June. The parish will make a list of names (including children) and once the ten names are received for a particular Mass time slot, attendance at that Mass is closed. No one can just turn up without a booking. No one can book more than one Mass in the next three weeks. First in best dressed.

But don't be shy – places are still available, contact us now!

Round two will be launched in stage two. It is horrible to be so restrictive on who can be present, but it is better than nothing. After our Eucharistic fast of the last six weeks, give us a call to book a time and come to Mass and communion. We can cater for 140 people in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Today the unity of all Christians in Christ should be a special intention for our prayer, the gift of the Holy Spirit draws us, in all our diversity, into the one Body of Christ.

LAUDATO 'SI: Five years ago, Pope Francis published his encyclical letter on the care of our Common Home – Earth! It is an opportunity to think again of the impact we make on the environment. Perhaps we have learnt something from our time in lockdown – that we can live a simpler life without rampant consumerism.

Please continue to use the Sunday Readings and Family Prayer with your family at home. Read the texts aloud, talk about them and pray together.

Other suggestions:

- Watch Mass online – www.archbne.org/bzw (12:30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sundays)
- Read the latest news in this week's "The Catholic Leader" – www.catholicleader.com.au

LITURGY 1 June – 7 June 2020

Monday 1 June – *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Friday 5 June – *St Boniface*

The Most Holy TRINITY

Readings – Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

YOUR PARISH is here to support you. The office will remain open five mornings per week. If it is unattended when you call, please leave a message for us and we will make contact as soon as possible.

A NEW WAY TO CONTRIBUTE

The collection basket is unlikely to return to the church in the next year. There is now a way to support the parish: use the New Diocesan App. We've had our first contribution via the app! It's an easy way to contribute and ensures your help in sustaining the parish's needs.



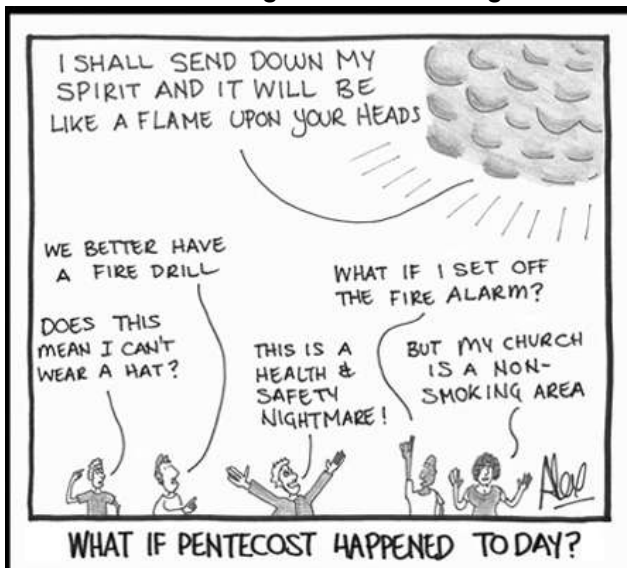
<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

You can still contribute in other ways:

- Drop off your donation - *parish office or via our locked letterbox at the end of the driveway.*
- Give via direct debit - *please call the parish office and we can email a form or you can find it on the parish website under Quick Links – Contribute to parish*
- Credit card donation - *(per above)*
- Direct deposit donation to our bank account
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH

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



S.U.P.P. Step Up Parish Project

We continue to celebrate our efforts! Collectively with our partner community in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, we have raised the required amount to move forward with the applications undertaken for the two Iranian Kurdish men still being held in detention in Victoria. Ads-Up Canada has confirmed that the applications can be submitted. Great news! Our efforts are truly making a difference by accelerating their project, just at a time when they were worried that they were losing steam due to COVID-19.

Let's not stop now but continue with our initiative.

Explore the dedicated place on the [parish](#) website. Talk to family, friends and colleagues. Find out more information, view videos and be inspired.

CAN YOU MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR Step Up Parish Project?

DONATE NOW

There are two ways to give:

1. **DIRECT DEPOSIT** (*preferred*)
Account Name: Refugee Support
BSB: 064 786 A/C 100026385
(please use your name as reference)
2. **CASH or CHEQUE** (*direct to parish office*)
Please identify as 'REFUGEE SUPPORT'
and use your name as reference.

OUR CHURCH IS NOW 'OPEN' BUT WAS IT EVER 'CLOSED'?

"The work of the church is essential.
The work of caring for the lonely, the marginalized, and the oppressed is essential.
The work of speaking truth to power and seeking justice is essential.
The work of being a loving, liberating, and life giving presence in the world is essential.
The work of welcoming the stranger, the refugee and the undocumented is essential.
The work of reconciliation and healing and caring is essential.
The church does not need to "open" because the church never "closed".
We who make up the Body of Christ, the church, love God and our neighbours and ourselves so much that we will stay away from our buildings until it is safe.
We are the church."

*Bishop Deon Johnson,
Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri, USA*

In these uncertain times it is good to know that Catholic Healthcare's **VILLA MARIA** in Fortitude Valley is still able to let potential new residents tour the Home before deciding whether Residential Aged Care is right for them. With a beautiful new wing and a dementia secure area with private courtyard, you'll be proud to call Villa Maria your home. Call Maddie on 1300 951 501 for more information.


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