

# NEWSLETTER

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Easter Season is a most appropriate time to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation which are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Just as in the Easter Vigil, all three Sacraments are celebrated by the Elect, so too those children on the more prolonged journey nevertheless enter the real meaning of Easter by celebrating the new life of Christ, which is at the heart of the Sacraments, during the Easter period. Parents and families have commenced the time of more intensive preparation for the celebration of first Holy Communion. We can assist them with our prayers and at all Masses this weekend we have a small ceremony in which we express our prayerful support to these children and their families. It is one of the more fundamental tasks of the Christian community to pass on the Sacraments of the Church. May the Holy Spirit of life help us to do so as best we can.

Included with this week's Parish email is a letter from Archbishop Mark. The topic of the letter, *The Lord's Day*, may seem incongruous with the culture in which we live and the pattern of worship in the Catholic Church in Australia today. However please read the letter closely as it addresses the baptised, not as adherents to the Law, but rather a people who are filled with the Spirit of God and are drawn by God into God's Life and love. We live a particular way of life, and what we believe and how we live does not start with Laws. What we believe sets us on a way of life.

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** Margaret Linnett, Claire Antcliff, Simon Crouch, Nell Long, Jimmy Acas Snr and Ana Lila Baracaldo de Cardenas **recently deceased and also for** Pat and Clare Dugger, 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 and Sr Joan Jarrett RSM.



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

### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 8 May – 14 May 2023

|                    |  |                    |                                |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday             | -  |                    | -                              |
| Tuesday            | -  |                    | -                              |
| Wednesday          | 7:00pm   | St John de Avila   | Mass                           |
| Thursday           | -  |                    | -                              |
| Friday             | 8:00am   | St Pancras         | Mass + Adoration + Benediction |
| Saturday           | 9:00am   | Our Lady of Fatima | Mass                           |
| Sunday             | 5:30pm (Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm                           |                    | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  |
|                    | Readings – Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21 |                    |                                |
| 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

#### Saturday 6 May

**First Communion Enrolments**  
Rosary 4:30pm in the Parish Hall

#### Sunday 7 May

**First Communion Enrolments**  
Children's Liturgy at 8am Mass

#### Thursday 11 May

Finance Council meet at 7pm

#### Friday 12 May

**DROP IN MORNING** 10am in Hall

#### Sunday 14 May

**REGIS service**, Bulimba

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**COVID REQUIREMENTS** – Please continue precautions -

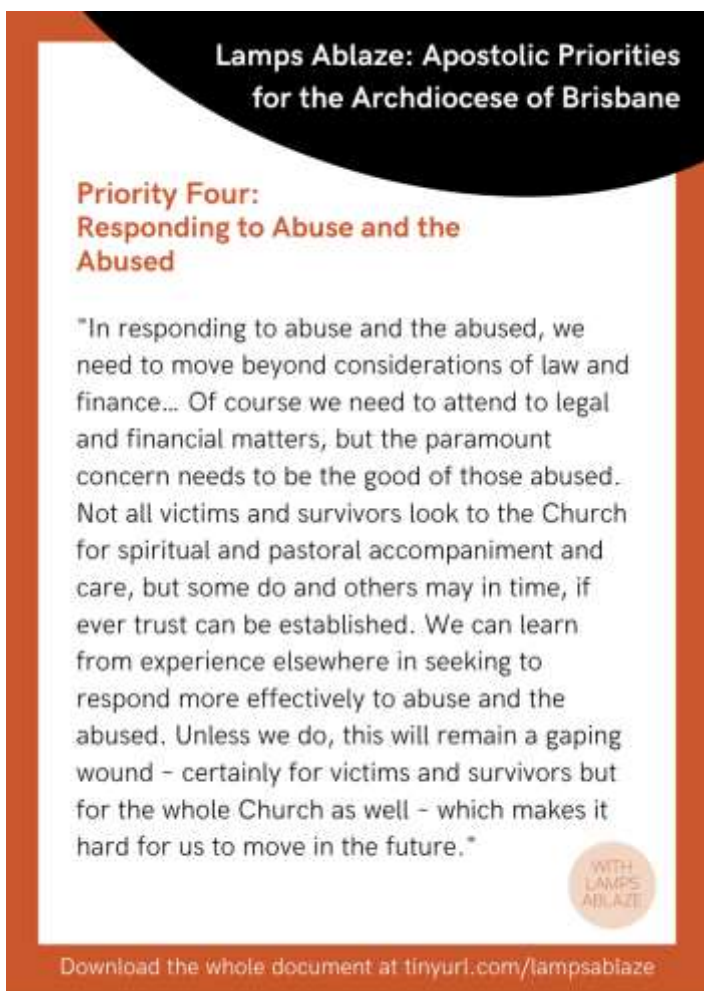
- *Maintain good hand hygiene. Stay home when you are sick*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) in the Church.*
- *Wear a mask when in close contact with others.*

**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 fourth priority is:

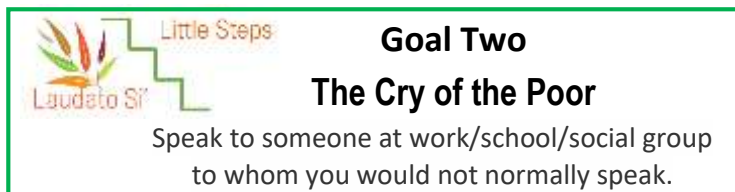


**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

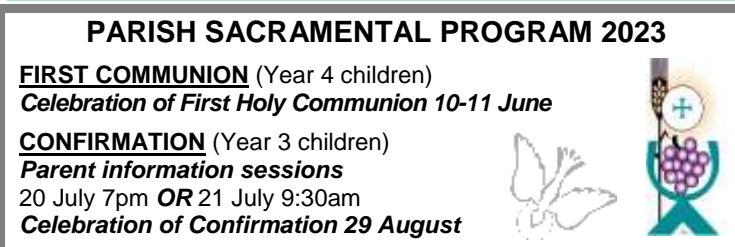
**Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused**

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future."

Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)



**Little Steps**  
**Goal Two**  
**The Cry of the Poor**  
Speak to someone at work/school/social group to whom you would not normally speak.



**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 - 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. The guest speaker will be **Noel Pearson**, supported by local panellists. **Bookings are essential** via <https://bit.ly/voicecommunityforum>. This event will occur during 2023 Reconciliation Week.


**DROP IN MORNING** – come along to the parish hall this Friday 12 May 2023. Meet someone new, join the conversation, share morning tea and catch up on the month. This social get together will be held on the second Friday of each month 10am-12pm. **ALL WELCOME.**

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study in the **week commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> of MAY** with daytime and evening sessions and will run for **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.*  
Banks should do a better job of keeping their ATMs filled.  
This is the fifth one I've been to that says insufficient funds!

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**VOCATION VIEW:** The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today. 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](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](#).

**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 from \$150. Ph- 3324 3440 for details or see brochure at church door.

**IONA COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Monday 29 May, 1:30pm – 4:00pm.** It is always lovely to see families visiting us and experience the culture of care and community we share. For more details please go to - [iona.qld.edu.au](http://iona.qld.edu.au)

**ST FRANCIS SOCIAL Winter 2023 Dance** for young adults (18-39). 7pm Saturday 10 June at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End. For more details call Veronica on 0418 482 882. All very welcome to come along and enjoy a great evening.

# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

## GATHERING HYMN

### ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

*All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,  
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,  
Has come with justice for the world.*

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
The wonders he has done in ev'ry age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;  
Ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.

The Lord has made his salvation known,  
Faithful to this promises of old.  
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds  
Make music before our King!

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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

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
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.

## 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.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMN

### WE REMEMBER

*We remember how you loved us to your death,  
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you when you come,  
In your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning  
Just to touch you and be healed;  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

Now we recreate your love,  
We bring the bread and wine to share a meal;  
Sign of grace and mercy, the Presence of the Lord.

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## COMMUNION HYMN

### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

*CHORUS And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And you who eat of this bread,  
You shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection I am the life.  
You who believe in me, even if you die,  
You shall live for ever.



Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who has come into the world.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

And ev'ryone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part, Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who deep pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care;  
*O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
*O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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