

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

Beachmere, Little Flower Bribie Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Archdiocesan Prevention & Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility

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Archbishop Mark's Priority: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

Have you ever had an experience where you've been ignored or neglected? Have you ever felt invisible as you struggled with something, obviously needing help, and those nearby simply stood by and watched without coming to help. Sadly, these situations are becoming all the more common as the cultural reflex leans toward taking videos of someone in crisis, rather than actually getting involved and helping! It is the widows in today's first reading that are having this kind of experience, and it's the Greeks that bring it to the attention of the community so that the Apostles respond. In recent decades, there have been vulnerable people in our communities who were not only neglected but were abused. This horror was brought into the light by the Government's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It is this great tragedy that is recognised in Archbishop Mark's next Apostolic Priority: Responding to abuse, and the abused.

Archbishop Mark writes:

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.

As we deal with this difficult issue, it can be helpful to recognise the distinction between God, and those who *represent* God. Whilst throughout history there have been many horrific actions done by those who *represent* God, these actions are in no way a reflection of God – in fact they are a betrayal of God.

Jesus challenges us when he says, "very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do." In the wake of this great scandal, we are all called to be like Jesus, in order that we might take small steps to respond to abuse and the abused.

In the early Church, there were vulnerable people who were neglected, and the Apostles had to respond and take action to ensure all were cared for. Today, we are invited to draw our attention to abuse and the abused in the Church. 61.8% of survivors were abused in Catholic organisations. For this we are deeply sorry and echo the apologies of the Pope and our own Bishops. We recognise that the actions of these perpetrators were in no way a reflection of God and were in fact a betrayal of God. Today we look to Jesus, the one who truly reveals God, to help us in our efforts to respond to abuse and the abused. We ask our Lord to bring healing to the wounds of survivors, and to help us as Catholics in Australia to do whatever we can to welcome, support and care for victims of abuse.

An Important Message from Our Archbishop

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. **Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn, and the Sunday obligation will be restored**, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

✠ *Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane*

Safeguarding Audit

Last Wednesday the Parish Office finalised our Internal Safeguarding Audit. One of the outcomes from that meeting was the requirement for all Church / Hall key holders to get a Police check. What this means is that if you hold a key to Little Flower or St Peter's Churches, Mary McKillop Hall or 'Our House' you will need to get a Police Check or surrender your keys. The Archdiocesan Office for Safeguarding has deemed this a process that ultimately will safeguard those whose ministries require them to hold a key against a number of instances be it safeguarding or WH & S. This process will cost you nothing except your time and we can assist you throughout the entire process. Although we have a keyholder list, I am wondering if you can start the ball rolling and get in touch with me either via email or by phone so that I may make a time for you to come in and see me. For our Parishioners at St Mary's and St Michael's the traditional use of the key safe will exist no more and you will be required to apply for a key following the same principles of obtaining a Police Check prior. Thank you for your understanding & support of our response to the Archdioceses Safeguarding Principles and Practices. Sharron

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased.

Tina Maccarrone, Paul Hangan, Keith Kelly, Anna Mieszczak, Cora Osborne, Vera Falcioni, Matthew Clunes, Magdalena Muir, Anthony Frayne, Betty Hooper, Annamaria Schmolzer, Margaret Neale, Tony Grealy, Ivan Zivkovic, Hank Janssen, Reynold Grainger, Leonie Joku. who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time.

Tara Potts, Mavis Hungerford, Bunny Perry, Patricia Leach, Bill Sheehy, Leticia McDonald, Daphne Clarke, Bridget Prasser, Michael Lyons, Donald Cook, John Taylor, Pat Nicholls, Max Simpson, Bob Inglis, Domenica Alzino, Reg Lawson, Ken Hallinan, Victoria Houston, James Ashton, Dorothy Williams, Gladys Worsley, Terry Jones, Patrick Francis, Linda Sing, Joan Thompson, Colleen Stiller, Chris Haris & Emma Dunn.

Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.

June Bell, Owen Bellamy, Mark Poole, Les Jacobs, Hunter ClistGerard Brown, Chantelle Challis, Charlie Donaldson, Judy Wade, Tegan Myerscough, Angela Rankin, Ken McKewin, Avril Egan, Charlie Fletcher, Aileen Suhmann, Kathryn Mobley, Laurie Barron, Mike & Kaye Brown, Catherine Johnson, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Gerry van Dinter, Patricia Twincheck, Dawn & John Roberts, Helen Teys, Paul & Eleanor Copeland, Terry Farrelly, Ted Hawkins, Margaret Evans, Michael Cooper.

Fr David will be away on retreat this coming week.

We wish him a gentle and peace-filled time with his God and look forward to his return on Tuesday 16th May. The week day Masses across the Parish will continue as usual with Fr Anthony celebrating each of them in Fr David's absence.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Weekday Readings

Mon Acts 14:5-18; Ps: 113B:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:27-31

Tues Acts 14:19-28; Ps 144:10-13; Jn 14:27-31

Wed Acts 15:1-6; Ps 121:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thur Acts 15:7-21; Ps 95:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11

Fri Acts 15:22-31; Ps 56:8-12; Jn 15:12-17

Sat Acts 16:1-10; Ps 99:1-3,5; Jn 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm Resp: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

Campus Connect

Earlier this term we began an exciting new initiative between St Peter's School and St Columban's College. This initiative is called *Campus Connect* and it will endeavour to strengthen the relationship between our two schools. Each week, the campus ministers from St Columban's College will meet with Year 6 students and engage them in various activities aimed at allowing them to encounter Jesus and build an understanding of ministry and formation. It will also enable students from St Peter's School to build relationships and connections with staff and students from the College that they may attend for secondary school, therefore supporting their transition. I look forward to sharing more about this initiative later in the year. Take care and go gently. Catherine



Celebrating the Feast Day of St Peter

10.00am Sunday 25 June at St Peter's Primary School

This will be the only Mass time at St Peter's on this weekend. All other Masses across the Parish remain at their usual times.

After the celebration of Mass, a game of Revolver Cricket will be played on the oval, this and Sandwiches for lunch will provide a great day of fun so please mark the date on your calendar. More information will follow.

"Chatters" will be in the Parish Office Meeting Room this Tuesday at 9.30am. All Parishioners are very welcome. This is a great way to meet new people in a friendly and casual atmosphere.

Mother's Day Raffle

Please support the Mother's Day Raffle this weekend (& next) at Little Flower Church. All funds raised will go to the Cancer Council Australia. Please call Diane for further info: 0408828047. Any donations of baked goods can be left at the church on Saturday 13th at 2pm. Thank you for your support!

From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)



Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice

As an Edmund Rice inspired school, our Charism is drawn from the life and teachings of Blessed Edmund Rice, who devoted his life to serving those in need.

On the 5th of May, our College celebrated the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice at Mass, followed by a shared breakfast. It was a joyous occasion, as many families joined us, along with the year 6 students, parents and staff from St. Peter's Primary School.

In our Pastoral care classes, students reflected on the significance of the day and the remarkable life of Edmund Rice. He dedicated his life to helping those in need, just as Jesus taught us to do. To remember the love that Edmund Rice and Jesus had for all people, students were given heart-shaped lollies. The idea behind the heart-shaped lollies was to share some sweetness with someone special and spread love and kindness around us. The heart serves as a reminder of the love that surrounds us and the love that we can share with others.

Overall, it was a beautiful day filled with warmth, kindness, and gratitude. We hope to carry the spirit of Edmund Rice and Jesus with us and continue to spread love and kindness around us every day.

Many Blessings Ange.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Parents who would like their children to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Holy Communion are invited to attend one of the following Parent Meetings:



Monday 22nd May 3.30pm St Mary's

Tuesday 23rd May 4.00pm Little Flower

Wednesday 24th May 1.30pm or

5.30pm St Peter's

Sunday 28th May 11.00pm St Michael's

Children must be baptized and be in Grade 3 or 8 yrs of age. Following that, our young candidates will be enrolled in our Parish Sacramental Program on the weekend of the 3rd / 4th June & Sunday 11th June.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 5430 9377 or phone Sharron on 0409 877 311.

Congratulations to Richard Salu who confirms his faith and is welcomed to the Table of the Lord for the first time this weekend. May the Lord go gently with you always.



Parish Collections

Parish Giving for 29th/30th April \$4998.50
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Make Time For One Another, Even If You're Busy

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one other, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship. Sometimes the frenetic pace of our society and the pressures of the workplace create problems. At other times, the problem is the lack of quality time together, sharing the same room without one even noticing the other." *Pope Francis.*

"Relationships are like gardens. They require nurturing, patience, and attention to flourish. When problems arise, it's an opportunity to tend to the weeds and cultivate a stronger foundation."

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Mass schedules

Little Flower: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Tuesday 5.00pm

Thursday 9.15am

St Peter's: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am & 5.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am

St Columban's College Chapel: Friday 7.45am
Outside school terms, Mass will be at St Peter's

St Mary's: Sunday 8.00am

Monday 9.30am

St Michael's: Sunday 10.00am

Thursday 5.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual: 5.00pm Little Flower & St Peter's every Saturday night. Outside of these times please contact the Parish Office.

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