# Living Waters Catholic Parish

**Embracing the Communities of:**

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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

**25th / 26th April 2026**


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### Phillip the Deacon and Hidden Progress

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! During the Easter time (also called Eastertide or Paschaltide) the first reading of the Mass is typically taken from the *Acts of the Apostles*. Accordingly, during the week we heard about an episode in the ancient church involving Phillip the Deacon — not to be confused with Phillip the Apostle *(Acts 8:1-8)*. According to the *Acts of the Apostles*, Phillip was among the seven first ordained to the diaconate by the Twelve Apostles *(Acts 6:5)*.

As we heard from the first reading, Phillip, by the grace of God, preached Christ and worked miracles in Samaria. Significantly, the Apostles were for a brief time unaware of the progress made by Phillip in Samaria *(Acts 8:14)*.

Here is what I take from this: sometimes our spiritual progress is hidden from us. Consider the Apostles and Phillip. The Apostles, aided by the Holy Spirit, set something good in motion — namely, Phillip. Yet, they knew nothing of his initial progress in Samaria. In the same way, our apostolate, that is, our following of Christ by grace, can set good, secret things in motion. Say that a person makes modest progress in cutting down on envious talk. This small 'win' is to be celebrated — the soul is gaining a hidden brightness! I think that modest personal progress contributes the overall progress of the God's people on earth. Say a person witnesses to the Risen Christ. Then, through some hidden and incredible chain of events, a distant descendant of theirs comes to believe in Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

God bless,

Father Sean

*We wish **Mary Richardson** a wonderful 90th Birthday!*
*May God bless you each and every day.*

## Priests Commitments

**Sunday 26th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter**
**8:00am Mass Little Flower** *(Fr John)*
**8:00am Mass St Mary's** *(Fr Akesh)*
**10:00am Mass St Peter's** *(Fr Sean)*
**10:00am Mass St Michael's** *(Fr Akesh)*
**5:00pm Mass St Peter's** *(Fr John)*

**Monday 27th April**
**9.30am Mass St Mary's** *(Fr John)*

**Wednesday 29th April** *-St Catherine of Sienna*
**9.30am Mass St Peter's** *(Fr Akesh)*

**Thursday 30th April**
**9.15am Mass Little Flower** *(Fr Akesh)*

**Friday 1st May** ~ *Feast of St Joseph*
**7.45am Mass St Columban's** *(Fr Sean)*
**9.30am Mass St Peter's** *(Fr Akesh)*

**Saturday 2nd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**
**6.00pm Mass Little Flower** *(Fr Akesh)*
**6.00pm Mass St Peter's** *(Fr John)*

**Reconciliation Times (Note change at St Peter's)**
**St Peter's ~ 4.45pm – 5.30pm**
**Little Flower Church ~ 5pm – 5.30pm**

## This Weekend's Readings
## ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~

**1st Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14,36-41
**Psalm Resp:** *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*
**2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25
**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!** I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**
**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

## ANZAC Day
## Reflections in a Changing World

As we reflect on **ANZAC Day**, marked this Saturday, we pause to honour the courage, sacrifice and quiet resilience of those who served before us. Each year, the day invites us to look back — but it also asks us to look around.

The world feels unsettled in new ways. Conflicts flare, uncertainty lingers, and the pace of change can be overwhelming. Yet ANZAC Day reminds us that previous generations also faced moments of profound instability. What carried them through was a commitment to one another, a belief in shared responsibility, and the understanding that even in difficult times, community matters.

In reflecting on the ANZAC spirit — endurance, mateship, service — we're reminded that these values aren't relics of the past. They're tools for the present. They help steady us, connect us, and give us a sense of direction when the world feels unpredictable.

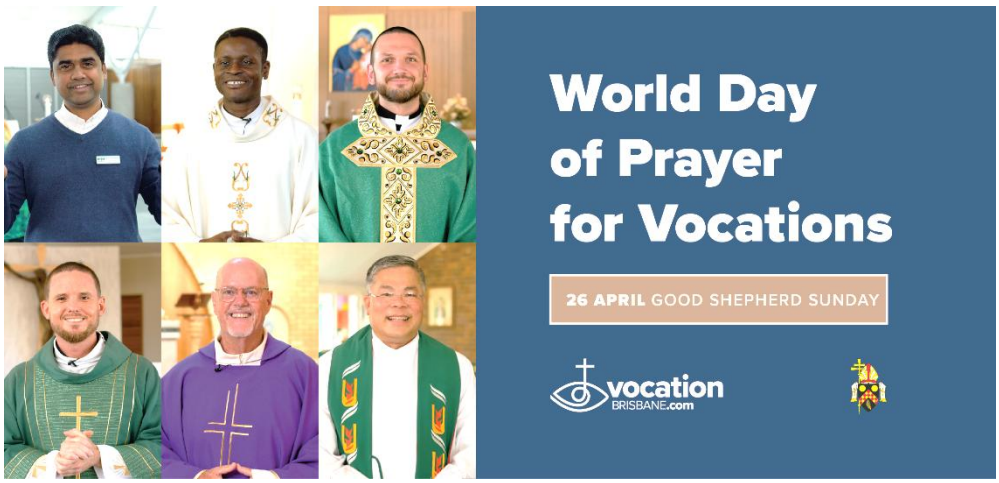
This year's commemoration offers a moment to consider how those same qualities can guide us now: looking out for each other, staying grounded, and finding small ways to contribute to the wellbeing of our communities.

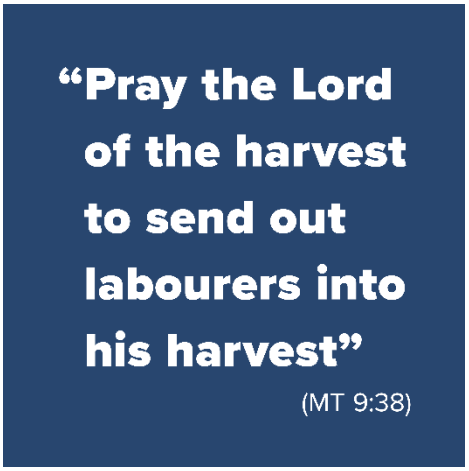
**ANZAC Day** is about remembrance, but it's also about continuity — the idea that resilience is something we inherit and something we pass on.

## HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Following the Parents Meetings held this week, we now look forward to formally enrolling our children into the Parish Program this coming weekend. We ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation at home over the next six weeks. We have set aside the weekends of Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi for the children to celebrate their First Holy Communion.

To our **Safeguarding Volunteers** registered with the Archdiocese: During the past week, you will have received an email from Arch-E-Learn asking you to complete the **Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme training.** This is correct, and I kindly ask that you complete the training at your earliest convenience.
Many thanks, Sharron



# *News from Our Schools*

*St Peter's Primary School*
**Principal:** *Mr Russell Davey*
**APRE:** *Miss Catherine Meiklejohn*

*St Columban's College*
**Principal:** *Mr Michael Connelly*
**APRE:** *Mrs Ange Woodriff*

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Don't forget this month's **Little Flower Chit-Chat** this Tuesday at 12 noon at **Café 63** in the **Bribie Harbour Village Shopping Centre**

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR CANCER**
**Tuesday 26th May 9.30am ~ 12 noon**
**Mary McKillop Hall, Caboolture**

Hosted by 'Chatters' There will be fun and games on the day. Entry is $10.00 (which includes $5.00 worth of raffles tickets) all money raised going to the Cancer Council. Please mark this event in your diary.

**DATECLAIMER**
**25th Ecumenical Covenant Celebrations**
***St Mary's Catholic Church Woodford***
**Saturday 30th May 2026. 9.30am**
**followed by refreshments. All Welcome**

## *Across the Parish during for the end of April*

**25th /26th April ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
**25th April ANZAC DAY ~ See newsletter for Mass times.**
**26th April GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**
**26th April First Holy Communion Parent Meet** *11am St Michael's*
**27th April Rosary** *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
**27th April 'Growing St Peter's** *4pm Mary McKillop Hall*
**28th April First Holy Communion Parent Meet** *4pm Little Flower*
**28th April L'FEC Meeting** *5.30pm Little Flower Church*
**29th April Christian Meditation** *8.45am Little Flower Church*
**29th April First Holy Communion Parent Meet** *1.30pm St Peters*
**29th April First Holy Communion Parent Meet** *6pm St Peters*
**30th April Mother's Prayer Group** *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
**2nd / 3rd May ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
**4th May - PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO MASS AT ST MARY'S**

## *Women's Breakfast*

**May 16th Little Flower Church starting with Mass at 8am followed by a fully cooked breakfast.**
***(The cost for the breakfast is $5.00)***

We're off and running — with names collected last weekend, catering is now in motion and the countdown to a great morning has begun.
In recognition of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month this May, we'll be holding a Blind Book Sale to raise support for local organisations helping women and children. There'll be mystery picks with little surprises, and plenty of heart behind it. We can't wait to see you, share good company, and create a relaxed, welcoming space for everyone.

**The Catholic Leader,** our official archdiocesan newspaper, has now ceased bulk deliveries. This means it is no longer available for purchase at churches or online as a single-copy purchase. Instead, it will be mailed directly to individual subscribers.
To continue supporting this beautiful Brisbane Catholic newspaper—published since 1929—and to ensure everyone who wants a copy can receive their own, each monthly edition will now be conveniently posted to your home. You may also like to consider gifting a subscription to someone special. Subscribe at: www.catholicleader.com.au/subscribe

**Parish Giving for 18/19 April $5692.50**
Thank you for your support of our Parish.

**LIVING WATER'S PARISH WH&S POLICY STATEMENT**

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all who worship, work, volunteer, or visit. We will identify hazards, manage risks, comply with legislation, and foster a culture of care consistent with our Catholic values.

**Pope Leo's April Prayer Intention: For priests in crisis** ~ Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commitment**

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to promoting and protecting the welfare and human rights of everyone involved in, or affected by, Archdiocesan activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

**Information can be provided to STOPline anonymously.**
**Phone: 1300 304 550**
**Email: AOB@stopline.com.au**
**Online: https://bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com/**

## Annual Mass Count during the month of May

Next weekend we will begin our annual mass count across the Parish. Thank you to the volunteers who have responded to the call and thank you for your support of this Archdiocesan request.

**I'm reading a book on anti-gravity at the moment.** It's impossible to put down.

**I told my boss I needed a raise because two other companies were after me.** Turns out they were the electricity and phone companies.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Our Recently Deceased ~ May They Rest in Peace of God ~** Bernard Hand *(not Colm),* Lee Wedge, Margaret Galvin, Joan Halvorson, Shaun Henney**,** Erin Greentree, Joan Itong, Bing May, Eileen Feldman, Jeanette Perak & Terry Burns

**Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~** Connie Gretch, Don Poole, Stanley Kean, Keith Kelly, Suzanne McGarry, Margaret Kelly, Daniel O'Keefe, Dawn Wilson, Sylvia Wright, Joe O'Rourke, Jim O'Neill, John Ryall, Mick Novotny, Donald Kahler, Marion Bourke, Ray Smith, Terrence Gearing, Mark Radcliffe, Evelyn Smith, Carol O'Brien, Carol Casey, Tina Maccarone, Patricia Hegarty, Elio Piva. Monica Steer, Sr Kath Clancy, Nick Travers, Russell Scofell, Emidio Damiani, Josephine Clough, Agaton Canalita, Annie Canalita, Neliuz Canalita.

**Our Sick ~** Vouge Gurney, Russell Basiuk, Jill Holland, Horrie Hunt, Richard Hooper, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies**,** Sergio Spigariol, Sue McIntyre, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, Pat MacDonald, Kathryn Sotiriadis-Mobley, Peter Brown, David Stott, Mary Loveday, Kira Wojtowicv, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Jayden Lowe, Ron Jones, Xander Ferguson, Marlene Albert, Jeanette Herd, Don Joiner, Sheila Musarra, Helen Johnson, Tricia Fischer, Joshua & Myra Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Eileen Hangan, Gerard Brown.


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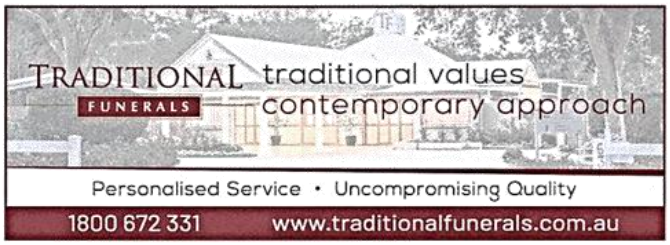

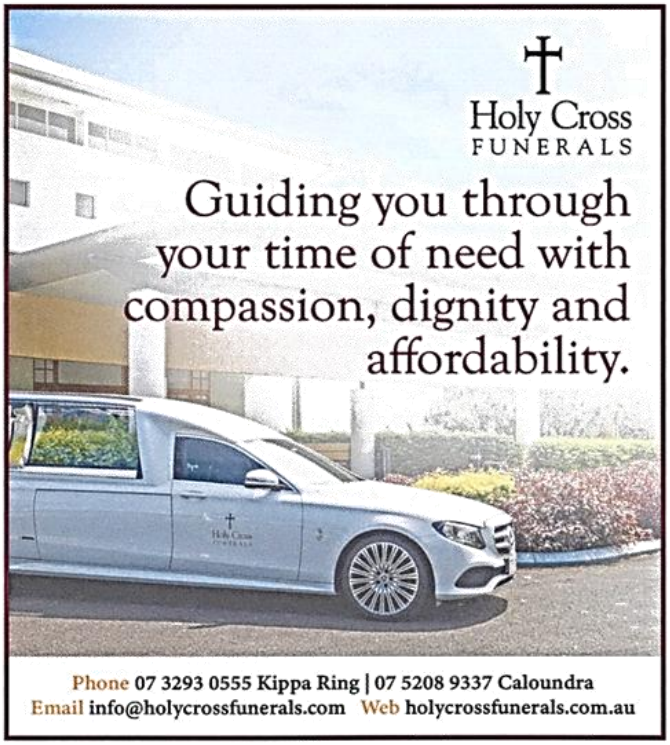

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