Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd / 3rd May 2026

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Lena sat on the old wooden bench behind her house, staring at the half-finished stone path she had been trying to build for weeks. The stones were all different shapes—some smooth, some jagged, some too heavy to lift without effort. She had imagined a beautiful walkway leading to her garden, but the project had become frustrating. Nothing seemed to fit.

That morning at Mass, she had heard the words from the second reading: *"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."* The phrase stayed with her, echoing in her mind as she looked at the scattered stones at her feet.

"Living stones," she whispered. "Stones that don't fit perfectly. Stones that need shaping. Stones that need patience."
She picked up one of the rougher pieces. It didn't fit anywhere in the path. She had tried turning it, flipping it, even chipping at it. Still, it resisted. It reminded her of herself—of the parts of her life that felt unfinished, imperfect, or out of place.

Her thoughts drifted to the Gospel. Jesus telling His disciples, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* He knew they were afraid. He knew they didn't understand what was coming. And still, He spoke peace into their confusion. Lena felt a familiar tug in her heart. She had been carrying her own worries—about her job, her aging parents, the future she couldn't quite see. She felt a bit like Thomas, asking, *"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"*

And Jesus answered, *"I am the way."* Not a map. Not a plan. A person.
She looked again at the stones. Maybe the problem wasn't that they didn't fit. Maybe she was trying to force them into her design instead of letting the path reveal itself slowly, piece by piece.

In the first reading, the early disciples faced a problem too—complaints, misunderstandings, growing pains. But instead of panicking, they listened, prayed, and allowed the Spirit to guide them. They discovered that God builds His Church not through perfect people, but through willing hearts.
Lena took a deep breath. Maybe God was building something in her too. Maybe her life—its smooth parts and its rough edges—was being shaped into something she couldn't yet see.

She picked up the stone again. This time, she didn't try to force it. She simply turned it gently, paying attention, letting her hands learn its shape. And suddenly, she saw it: a place where it fit—not perfectly, but beautifully.
She smiled.

"Living stones," she said again. "We're all being placed somewhere."
As she set the stone into the earth, she felt a quiet peace settle over her. The path wasn't finished. Her life wasn't finished. But she wasn't building alone.
Christ was the way.
Christ was the builder.
And she was one of His stones—chosen, shaped, and held.

MISSION ORGANISATION PLAN

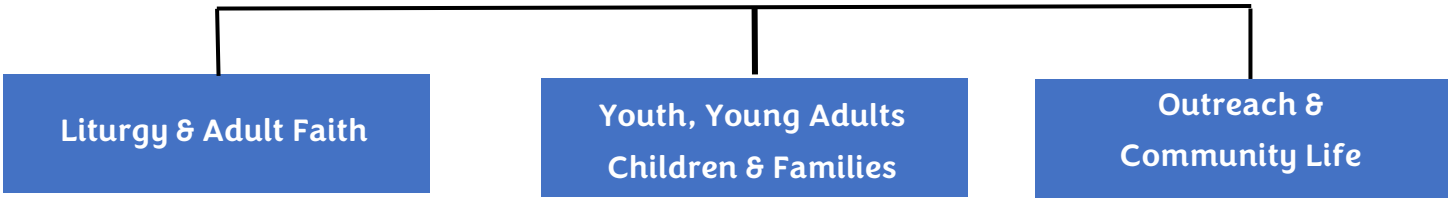
A little over a week ago, our Parish pastoral Council met for the regular monthly meeting. It was a somewhat successful and informative meeting where we sat and discussed the development of a Parish strategic plan to guide us into the future. *(See the diagram below for clearer understanding.)*

Our discussion led us into the current structures that form and inform our parish and the four communities that constitute the Parish of Living Waters.

It begins with the three priests of the parish in conjunction with the Parish Office staff.

We exist in collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. Each of these Teams then has oversight of the four local communities who continue to do so much of the planning and preparation within the local Communities. That is the construction of the management Team that plans and prepares the pastoral and financial life of the parish.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has decided to focus upon three areas of ministry that will enhance the life of our parish.



Each of these focus groups will have representation from as much of the local communities as we can bring together so that we can plan and prepare for the whole for the parish the directions that we can follow to enable as many parishioners as possible to participate in the active life of our parish.

Our Mission Statement as approved by our current Pastoral Council is as follows:
'We are a Community of Communities grounded in the person of Jesus Christ, empowered to become Gospel people.'

Our Vision:

Living Waters Parish is a community where, though many, we are one,
united in our mission of sharing the journey toward an encounter with Christ.
We achieve this by welcoming all who seek to be a part of the community,
bringing their own gifts to bear for the sake of the community of faith.
Together, we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as we reach out in love.

Values are as follows:

- Diversity.
- Kindness and Compassion
- Collaboration
- Hope.

This is our tomorrow, and it is up to each of us to endeavour to bring this dream to life.

God Bless, Fr John

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)
Would you like to join us? Please give the Office a call.

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.

Congratulations to
Selina Dela Cruz & Ayah Dela Cruz
Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

Welcome back to all our Children who confirmed their faith last year; this weekend we enrol them into our program for First Holy Communion!

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*

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the Parish Office will be closed Monday. Re-opening Tuesday morning at 8am

Priests Commitments

Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00am Mass Little Flower *(Fr Akesh)*
8:00am Mass St Mary's *(Fr Sean)*
10:00am Mass St Peter's *(Fr John)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's *(Fr Sean)*
5:00pm Mass St Peter's *(Fr Akesh)*

Monday 4th May PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9.30am ~ No Mass St Mary's this week

Wednesday 6th May
9.30am Mass St Peter's *(Fr Akesh)*

Thursday 7th May
9.15am Mass Little Flower *(Fr Sean)*

Friday 8th May
7.45am Mass St Columban's *(Fr Akesh)*

Saturday 9th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter
6.00pm Mass Little Flower *(Fr Sean)*
6.00pm Mass St Peter's *(Fr Akesh)*

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

Parish Giving for 25/26 April $4922.80
Thank you for your support of our Parish.

May is designated as Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, particularly here in Queensland, the aim is to raise awareness, highlight support services, & promote community action to end violence. Together we can…

May Mass Count

Each year during the month of May, parishes across Australia take part in the national Mass Count. This simple but important practice helps the Church understand how our communities are growing and changing. Throughout May, our volunteers will quietly record attendances at each weekend Mass. We thank you for your presence, your faith, and your ongoing support of our parish life.

This Weekend's Readings
~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Psalm Resp: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
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!**
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Across the Parish during for May

2nd / 3rd May ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
4th May - PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO MASS AT ST MARY'S
4th May Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
6th May Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
7th May Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
8th May St Peter's Craft Group *10.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
9th /10th May ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11th May Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
11th May Vinnies Meeting *10am – 12pm St Mary's Hall*
11th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *4pm Parish Meeting Room*
11th May KSC Executive Meeting *4pm Mary McKillop Hall*
13th May Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
14th May Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
15th May St Peter's Craft Group *10.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
16th /17th May ~ ASCENSION SUNDAY
16th May WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

25th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Covenant Celebrations
~ St Mary's Catholic Church ~
Saturday 30th May 9.30am
followed by refreshments.
All Welcome.

Pope Leo's May Prayer Intention: That everyone might have food. let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food…. Amen

National Volunteer Week 18-24 MAY 2026
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers ~ Our Recently Deceased ~ May They Rest in Peace of God ~

Peter Bevan, Bernard Hand *(not Colm),* Lee Wedge, Margaret Galvin, Joan Halvorson, Shaun Henney, Erin Greentree,

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Pauline Bourke, Mesaros Piros, John Nugent, Grace LaSpina, Herbie Ryan, Ken Brown, Clive McDade, Nell Sando, Dan Meade, Leslie Anderson, Frank Bellamy, Cecil Seymour, Eduardo Dalleau, Kevin Goffey, Paul Hopkins, Neville Sandoff, Marie Thorburn, Margaret Gibbens, Michael Sharp, Carol Jackson, Tara Potts, Mavis Hungerford, Bunny Perry, Patricia Leach, Bill Sheahy, Leticia McDonald, Daphne Clarke, Bridget Prasser, Michael Lyons, Donald Cooke, John Taylor, Pat Nicholls, Max Simpson, Bob Inglis, Domenica Alzino, Reg Lawson, Roger McCafferty, Ken Hallinan, Victoria Houston, James Ashton, Dorothy Williams, Gladys Worsley, Terry Jones, Christel Hamlin

Our Sick ~ Theresa Vaugn, Vouge Gurney, Russell Basiuk, 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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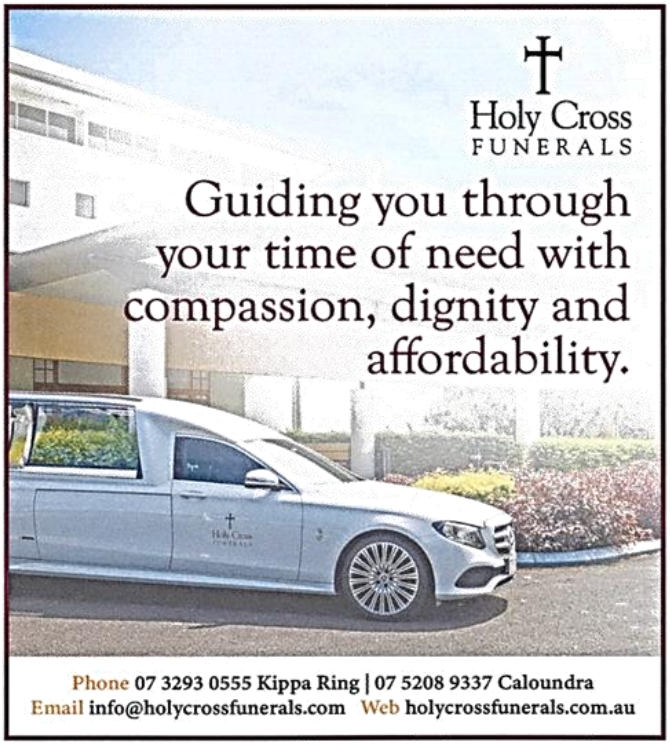

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