Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

The Asension of the Lord

16th /17th May 2026

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On Mornings

Brothers and sisters, in the weekday Lectionary for Eastertide we heard Psalm 56(57), which reads in one place:

> Awake, my soul!
> Awake, harp and lyre!
> I will awaken the dawn.

There is the idea of waking up and giving praise to God. Therefore, in the spirit of the Psalm, let us make good, spiritual use of our mornings.

The mood of Psalm 56 is exuberant. The Psalmist sings of giving thanks to God among the nations. For him, the praise of God is the first order of the day's business. On hearing the Psalm, my mind travelled to the Resurrection. At His Resurrection, Christ made holy the morning hours. In the morning, our human nature, in Christ, was raised in the Holy Spirit. As if to say: in the Resurrection, a 'new day' for our race began. Accordingly, the Church, in her public worship, has a daily, liturgical service for the morning. This service is called *Lauds*, or simply Morning Prayer. The mood of Lauds resembles Psalm 56. In seminaries, and other places, Lauds precedes Mass.

Let me return to the point. I am not naturally a morning person. However, over the years, I have gradually become one. Or rather a poor imitation of one. That said, all else being equal, I find that I am in my best state of mind in the morning. Further, my brain is usually at its sharpest in the morning. In short, the morning is prime real estate, so to speak! There are lots of things that want to lay claim to our energy in the morning — and they will get it if we let them.

Brothers and sister, I feel that when Christians use part of their morning hours to praise God, Christ rises from them to praise His Father. In baptism, the faithful were raised in the Son. In the morning, they give thanks to the Father among the nations — like the Risen Son, who lives and reigns. Amen.

God Bless,

Father Sean

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** invites us to join Christians around the world in praying that all followers of Christ may be one. As we reflect on Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one," we are encouraged to deepen our commitment to unity, healing, and shared mission. May this week renew our hope and strengthen our witness to the Gospel of peace. If you'd like to explore the theme further, you might enjoy reading about Christian unity

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

As we celebrate **National Volunteer Week**, our parish pauses to recognise the extraordinary generosity of those who give their time, energy, and gifts in service to our community. Volunteers are the quiet heartbeat of parish life—welcoming at the door, preparing liturgies, supporting outreach, caring for the vulnerable, maintaining our grounds, and offering countless acts of kindness that often go unseen.

This week invites us not only to thank our volunteers but also to reflect on the deeper meaning of Christian service. Every act of volunteering, no matter how small, becomes a living expression of the Gospel—an echo of Christ's call to love one another. Your willingness to serve strengthens our parish, builds community, and helps us shine God's light in the world.

To all who volunteer in any capacity: **thank you**. Your dedication enriches our parish family and inspires us all. May God bless you abundantly for the ways you share your gifts with such generosity and joy.

Priests Commitments

Sunday 17th May – Sixth 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 John)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's	*(Fr Akesh)*
5:00pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*

Monday 18th May

8.30am Morning Prayer with School Staff	*(Fr Akesh)*
9.30am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr Sean)*

Wednesday 20th May

9.30am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Akesh)*

Thursday 21st May

9.15am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Akesh)*

Friday 22nd May

7.45am Mass St Columban's	*(Fr John)*

Saturday 23rd May – PENTECOST

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
For times outside of these, please contact the Parish Office or see one of our Priests.

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.

Little Flower Hospitality Meeting MONDAY 25th May at 10am in the church. New members always welcome

Our **First Communion children** will come together **as one group this Saturday at 10.30am** for a special practice. This will be their final chance to walk through receiving communion and gather the last little pieces of preparation before they celebrate their **sacraments across the weekends of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take this beautiful next step in faith.

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*

Across the Parish during for May

16th /17th May ~ ASCENSION SUNDAY
18th ~ 24th May National Volunteers Week
18th May Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
20th May Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
21st May Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
21st May KSC General Meeting *6pm Mary McKillop Hall*
22nd May St Peter's Craft Group *10.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
22nd May Friday Morning Tea *8.45am St Mary's Hall*
23rd / 24th May ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY
23rd May Combined Sac Prog Meeting *10.30am St Peter's Church*
25th May Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
26th May BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR CANCER
27th May Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
28th May Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
29th May St Peter's Craft Group *10.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
30th /31st May ~ TRINITY SUNDAY

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

This Weekend's Readings ~ Asension Sunday ~

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Psalm Resp: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel, I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

An Invitation to Talk on 'Women in the Catholic Church'

In his recent publication, Fr Frank Brennan SJ asks us to seek a place for Women in the Church through Synodality (Chapter 5, page 53-65.) To learn more, please join Fr Frank:

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, HARRIETT ST, AUCHENFLOWER
7-8PM MONDAY 25TH MAY, 2026.

In preparation, you can listen to the Podcast on the book with Geraldine Doogue:
https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-big-tent/id1832437695?i=1000758556479
Transcript of podcast: https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/the-disruptive-legacy-of-pope-francis-geraldine-doogue-in-conversation-with-frank-brennan

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STOP the VIOLENCE END the SILENCE

Loving God, You created every person in Your image and call each of us to live in dignity and peace.
We pray for all women, children, and families whose lives have been touched by violence. Surround them with Your protection, strengthen their spirits, and heal the wounds seen and unseen.
Grant courage to those seeking safety, wisdom and compassion to those who support them, and resolve to our communities to stand against all forms of harm.
May Your Holy Spirit bring comfort, Your Son bring hope, and Your love restore wholeness.
Mary, Mother of Tenderness, pray for us. Amen.

You are warmly invited to our **RCIA Information Morning** on **Friday, 2 August at 11.30am** in **Mary MacKillop Hall**. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, exploring becoming Catholic, or simply seeking a deeper understanding of God's call, this relaxed and welcoming session is a wonderful place to begin. Come along, meet the team, ask questions, and discover what the RCIA journey could mean for you.

Parish Giving for 9/10 May $?????
Thank you for your support of the Parish.

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

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 Tony Lohrey, Kevin Breslin, Gerard McVeigh, Peter Bevan, Bernard Hand *(not Colm),* Lee Wedge, Margaret Galvin, Joan Halvorson, Shaun Henney, Erin Greentree.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Paul Hangan, Francis & Monica Bateman, James Ashton, Dorothy Williams, Gladys Worsley, Terry Jones, Christel Hamlin, Patrick Francis, Linda Sing, Joan Thompson, Colleen Stiller, Chris Haris, Emma Dunn, Rita Volp, Kevin Ryan, Bill Brown, Leslie Anderson, Louis Herry, Phillip May, Peter McHenry, Lucy Crowther, James Pignata, Noreen Pederson, Theresia Meyer.

Our Sick ~ Rita Jacobs, 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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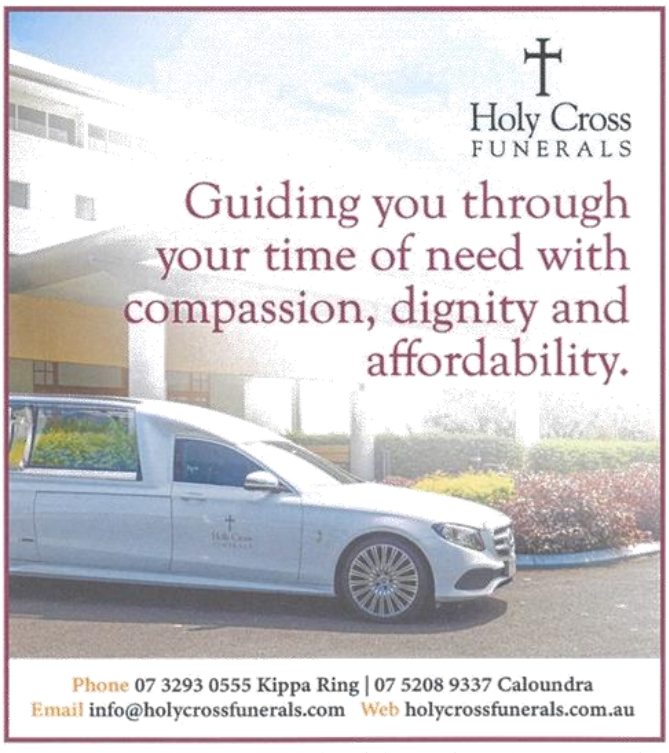

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