

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

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

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

20th / 21st March, 2021

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*This past week has the great feasts of St Patrick and St Joseph. Many people learned this week that St Patrick is the Patron saint of Nigeria, homeland of Fr Lucius, as well as of Ireland. However, Pope Francis has set aside this year as the Year of St Joseph. In this light I would like to share the following reflection with you. Some may have read it already, as it is posted on the Australian Catholic Bishop's website. I also received it from the menALIVE Team, who I regard as a very important men's movement in the Catholic Church in Australia. Robert Falzon's reflection here is a great celebration of Joseph and what Joseph can teach us today.*

*Blessings,*

*Fr David*

### **Astonishing life of St Joseph Spouse of Mary and Father of Jesus.**

Joseph son of Jacob was born in Bethlehem and was a descendant of King David (Matt 1). He lived in town in Galilee called Nazareth, he worked as a craftsman/tradesman often referred to as a carpenter. He was married to Mary daughter of Joachim; he had been to the father of Mary and paid the "dower" with the promise of marriage but had not taken her into his home yet as was the custom. Mary, a few months into her betrothal rushed off to the high country in Judea just outside Jerusalem to visit her relative Elizabeth who is pregnant with John. The first of several astonishing events. The rumours started. Why had she gone during her time of waiting for Joseph to come for her? What had happened? Was something wrong? Mary returned about three months later and the life changing news was brought to Joseph. His betrothed spouse was pregnant! Can you imagine what he was going through and thinking? How could she do this? What could have happened? Why? Who? What will I do? He decided to divorce her quietly because he was unwilling to expose her to public disgrace and possible stoning. (Matt 1:19) However, if this was not enough drama an angel appeared to Joseph and told him that the child was the Son of God! Conceived by the Holy Spirit. Remarkably he obeys God's messenger and takes Mary as his Spouse, into his home. Doing this Joseph completes the marriage, gives Mary his name and becomes the Father of the child in her womb. Before the birth of their child Caesar Augustus called a census for the whole land. Joseph was obliged to take the very pregnant Mary with him and travel to Bethlehem in Judea to fulfill the requirements. A son was born, and Joseph his Father gave him the name Jesus in accordance with the angel's instructions. So, this son was born in a manger in Bethlehem because there was no room in the town, to Joseph and Mary in the line of David in accordance with the ancient prophecies. If the actions of Joseph and the birth of Jesus wasn't astonishing enough, after the birth there was some amazing events. The Shepherds came to visit proclaiming the vision and the words of the angels. Then three rulers (Magi) visited this newborn "King" of the Jews. Can you Imagine what was going on in Joseph's mind and heart.

Having walked for 10 days, with no sleep that night and all the strange happenings, He must have been confused, awe struck, amazed and in his quiet moments wondering what he had got himself into. I don't understand. Who is this woman? What about the mysterious son who is supposed to be the saviour the world?! What were the shepherds going on about? Why did these rulers visit, prostrate themselves before my baby son and give us such incredible gifts? Soon after Joseph took the child and mother to the temple in Jerusalem and presented their first-born son in accordance with the law. They encountered Simeon and Anna who again disturbed Joseph and Mary. What a strange prophecy! Who is this son and what will he be? They made the simple offering and went back to Bethlehem. Mother and child are settled. Sleep the next night came quickly albeit it in a stable. Sometime in the dark of night Joseph was woken by an angel. Can you imagine? You have walked about 140 kilometres, you are a long way from home, you have spent hours looking for accommodation, you and the family are hungry, your wife gives birth to a son in terrible conditions, strange visitors come announcing honour and praise, talking of stars and kingship regarding your son. Joseph finally gets to sleep. Then an angel wakes you up again and tells you to take your wife and baby and escape to Egypt because the most powerful man in the land wants to kill your son!!! Anyone would be forgiven to think-- Come on! Give me a break here. I did not sign up for this! This good man gets up, wakes his wife Mary, explains the drama and the necessary urgency. He loads up the family and heads off on a long international walk! The second in weeks! This journey was hundreds of kilometres and would have taken weeks. As he walks, he wonders: how will I provide and protect my precious family? How will I know which way to go? Did I really hear an angel, or was this just my lack of sleep? But it was the same angel that came earlier and told me to take Mary as my wife. So many questions. As they walk in silence, he prays to Yahweh. He repeats the psalms in rhythm with the steps. Possibly he remembers Isaiah 7:14 "The Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')". This was no holiday journey and no ordinary life. The terrain was difficult and the danger immanent from bandits, brigands, and wild animals. Joseph listens discerns and makes decisions with the objective of guarding, protecting, providing for this precious family. He listens to the voice for guidance. Another Joseph enters Egypt. Some years later the angel appears again and tells him to pack up and go home to Nazareth, all is well, Herod is dead. He obeys like many times before. Another long journey is embarked on. They settle in Nazareth and then all is mostly quiet for nearly 30 years, except for one story about Jesus getting lost on a visit to Jerusalem. These are the "hidden" years. We know almost nothing of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus during this time. There is so much to be learned from St Joseph. So much we need right now in this present age! It is prophetic that Pope Francis calls us back to St Joseph with his Apostolic letter, "With a Fathers Heart". Being a Husband and Father is possibly the hardest and greatest task I have be given. St Joseph teaches me/us much about these noble roles. Below are some of my reflections: --

1. Listening—God speaks often and has much guidance for me. I/We need to find silence and stillness everyday so I/we can hear from the sacred that resides in our soul. We call this prayer. I need this time with Jesus every day.
2. Obedience/Action—The need to understand/know is often an obstacle to Faith. Doing what is right, leads to righteousness. Do what you are told and take the appropriate action. Reject the pervading passivity of our culture and accept responsibility. Then do something. Say, yes because you say so I will.
3. Selflessness--Live for the other (wife/mother/child)—Give your life away for the benefit of your spouse and family. Your life is for them. Heroic Love. This will change the world. Grow up.
4. Courage-- Manage yourself—find ways to be calm in the chaos and stress of life. Avoid the strong pressure to reactivity, anger, uncharitable responses, and immaturity. I can have faith in my fears, frailty, and weakness. God is with me/us.
5. Humility—be prepared to live through the small hidden years. The time when mostly you do is serve, love, provide and protect. The Martyrdom of Waiting for God to act/speak. These years are the home of holiness.

Go on an astonishing journey with this great man.

St Joseph pray for us.

AMEN





Congratulations to

**Ryder Kennedy & Frankie Humble**  
who will be Baptised into our Parish Family  
this weekend.



### Individual Easter Reconciliation

At St Mary's 22nd March 10.00am - 12 noon

At St Michael's 23rd March 10.30am - 11.30am  
12.30pm - 2.30pm

### CLERGY CONVOCATION

*Both our Priests will be away at the Clergy Convocation  
on Wednesday 24th (from 12pm) &  
all day Thursday 25th March.*

*The Masses on those days will still proceed as planned  
with Fr John Ponting helping out at Little Flower.*



### **Holy Week & Easter Celebrations**

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 7.00pm Little Flower
- 7.00pm St Peter's

#### Stations of the Cross

- 9.30am Little Flower
- 9.30am St Peter's
- 9.30am St Mary's
- 9.30am St Michael's

#### The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 3.00pm Little Flower
- 3.00pm St Peter's
- 3.00pm Combined St's Mary & Michael's  
*(Which will be held at St Mary's)*

#### Easter Vigil Mass (St Columban's College)

- 6.00pm Combined Parish Mass

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

- 7.00am St Peter's
- 7.30am Little Flower
- 8.00am St Mary's
- 9.30am Little Flower
- 10.00am St Peter's
- 10.00am St Michaels
- 10.30am Beachmere (Uniting Church)

**Registrations will commence for all ceremonies from  
this Monday. Please phone/email the Parish Office.**

### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

#### *Our Recently Deceased*

*Brendan O'Sullivan, Susanne Kiely, Elliott Neaves,  
Fr Pat Dowd, Antonio Iannella, James Dawson, Eulalio  
Otaza, Jane Allom, John Vlieg, Teodora Dungao,  
Francis Falzon, Robin Kelly, John Ledger,  
Shirley Johnstone & Rob Kelly  
who have recently gone to their eternal reward.*

#### *Those Who's Anniversaries Occur at This Time*

*Basil MacGinley, Marcelle Sproker, Robert Moyes,  
Terry Peet, Len Musarra, Clothilda Silva, Paul  
Maynard, Kathleen Milligan, Garth McGarry,  
Val Gough, Shane Boxsell, Joseph Kundle,  
Laurence Wood, Michael Pomerence, Kevin Morris,  
Lloyd Cogdale, Linda King, Fred Bell, Joe Molnar,  
John O'Malley & Heather Vaughan.*

#### *Our Parishioners who are Sick*

*Mark Wheatley, Anton Lenhart, Nicholas Edwards,  
Carmel Pitman, Julie Hawkins, Helen Clark, Margaret  
Anne, Eugenio Sangle, Henry Uy, Joana Van Laart,  
Bede & Louisa Brittenden, Miriam Gittins, Tracey  
Morgan, Abel McHugh, Elva Polito, Martein  
Duivesteyn, Rita Hyde, Nicole Harvey, Margaret  
Kelly, Carmel Salgado, Mark Kennedy, Eileen Ryan &*

#### **Stations of the Cross will continue every Friday during Lent at:**

- St Mary's at 8.15am
- Little Flower at 5.30pm
- St Peter's at 7.00pm



**Our commemoration of Holy Week begins  
next Sunday by celebrating Palm Sunday. To  
follow our COVID 19 Industry Safe Plan we  
won't be gathering outside the church for the  
Procession but rather we ask that you collect a  
palm from the baskets at the front of the  
Church and go to your normal seat and stay  
seated. The Readings and blessing of the  
Psalms will take inside the Church.**

**Please remember to register your family for all/any  
of our Easter Ceremonies. You may do this by  
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## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

### This Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

#### Weekday Readings:

**Monday** Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-39; John 8:1-11  
**Tuesday** Num 21:4-9; John 8:21-30  
**Wednesday** Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28; John 8:31-42  
**Thursday Annunciation of the Lord**  
Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38  
**Friday** Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42  
**Saturday** Ezek 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

### Next Sunday - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

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## DATE CLAIMER

### Liturgical Musicians Training Day

15 MAY 2021 - 9:00am - 3:30pm

St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

A series of workshops will be offered with a focus on practical musical skills for liturgical musicians. Watch this space for further details.

## St Mary's Working Bee

7am next Saturday 27th March (for 2-3 hours)

To prepare the Garden of Tranquillity & Church for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Please contact John on 0407 359 707

We're looking forward to seeing as many people as possible please.

## Around Our Parish

\*\*Mother's Prayer Group meets every Thursday from 9.30am - 11.00am in the Meeting Room in the Parish Office. All welcome

\*\*St Peter's Craft meet in the Mary McKillop Hall at St Peter's every Friday from 9.30am - 11.30am. All welcome.

\*\*There will be a cuppa after mass at Little Flower every third Thursday of the month. All welcome.

\*\* There will be a cuppa after mass at St Peter's every fourth Wednesday of the month. All welcome.

\*\*At St Mary's please stay and enjoy a cuppa and chat after Mass each Sunday. All welcome

\*\* The "Growing St Peter's" Group will meet in Mary McKillop Hall this Monday at 4pm. All welcome

\*\* Chatters will meet in the Mary MacKillop Hall at St Peter's on Tuesday 13th April at 9.30am. All Welcome.

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