

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

## The ASCENSION of the LORD

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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: Implementing Integral Ecology

**Introduction:** Consider for a moment the following question: why does the Church exist? We might rephrase the question and ask, what is the Church's mission? On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the Gospel reading provides us with an answer. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." What is the Church's mission? To make disciples of Jesus. Pope Francis writes that "in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers" (EG 28).

**Archbishop Mark writes:** Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

**What is a Disciple?** The first reading this weekend provide us insights into what it means to be a disciple. We see that the disciples had a personal relationship with Jesus. They didn't just know him, they also followed him, and allowed him to transform their lives. This is a challenge to all of us. Do we have a personal relationship with Jesus? Do we follow Jesus? Do we allow Jesus to transform our lives? The second reading provides further insight into the work of the Spirit which enables us to see God, ourselves and the earth with a new vision. With hearts enlightened by the Spirit we are able to see the immeasurable greatness of God, the wonder and dignity of every person as being made in the image of God, and the beauty and majesty of the earth which shouts of the glory of God. It is the encounter with Jesus that inspires the love of God, each other and creation.

**Conclusion:** Today our Lord calls each of us to go on mission but let us first consider our own journey as a disciple of Jesus. Have we personally encountered Jesus, and have we allowed Jesus the freedom to move in our hearts and transform our lives? Are we walking in the grace of our baptism and the empowerment of the Spirit received in confirmation? Let us first ask Jesus to again lead us, guide us, and help us on our journey as his disciple. In light of implementing an integral ecology, let us pray that as we help others encounter Jesus, that the Spirit would enlighten hearts to see the interconnectedness of all of creation in order that a conversion to Christ leads also to an ecological conversion that transforms hearts and minds toward a greater love of God, each other and creation.

## Confirmation & First Holy Communion

We begin our Sacramental Program this this week with our Parent Meetings across the Parish. This is an important first step in enrolling our children. Fr David & I look forward to meeting them as they look towards completing their initiation in our church family.

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



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### Safeguarding and Key Access to Parish Properties

We have recently undergone our Safeguarding Audit by the Archdiocese. We received a mark of 79%. While good, we need to make some changes for improvement to this grade. One particular area is in regard to those who have key access to Parish properties. It is a requirement under the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy that all those who have key access must have a current Police Check. Hence the recent call to all those who have keys to parish properties to make yourself known to the Parish. Further to this call, we will be instigating a new key system across the parish. Present keys will become redundant, and new keys will be issued to those who require access to our parish properties. So, again, if you have key access to any of our parish properties, could you please make this known to the parish office. This will facilitate an ease of transition for those who have key access to our properties. – Safeguarding children, our vulnerable adults, and, in fact, all, is a non-negotiable for the Church and our parish. I appreciate your attention to this call as we seek to keep all people safe. Blessings, Fr David

#### Little Flower Hospitality Group Meeting

will be held on this **Monday, at 10am** at the church.

New members are always welcome.

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#### Growing St Peter's Meetings

This **Monday at 9.00 am** in the Parish Centre

**and 4.00 pm** in the Mary McKillop Hall.

Planning for the 25 June Celebration. Please come along.

#### 22nd Ecumenical Covenant Celebration

*22nd Covenant Celebration is on Saturday 3rd June at St Mary's Catholic Church at 9.30am followed by Morning Tea. Please bring a plate to share.*

#### DATE CLAIM

#### Sunday 25 June

10 am Mass in St Peter's Caboolture  
We celebrate as one community of the People of God, our *Patronal Feast Day*



## **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

### **Our Recently Deceased.**

*Christel Hamlin, Michael Killian, 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 who have recently gone to their eternal reward.*

### **Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time.**

*Jim Mac Ginley, Ethel Gannon, Veronica Gargan, Carmel Salgado, Elizabeth Boland, Michael Ford, Bernard Higgins, Kelvin Raison, Daniel Gearing, Monica Lendjel, Alan Morgan, Hank Damen, James Romer, Catherine Aitchison, Loreta Checa, Ted Cleary, John O'Reilly, John Waite, Patricia Jones, Michael Ford & Elaine Sullivan.*

### **Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.**

*Kevin Ray, Tom Donnelly, Shirley Armstrong, June Bell, Owen Bellamy, Mark Poole, Les Jacobs, Hunter Clist, Gerard 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.*

#### 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

5.00pm Little Flower & St Peter's every Saturday.



Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. It's a time to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

**Mother's Day Celebrations**

On Friday we came together as a school community to recognise Mother's Day and celebrate all the important women in our lives. Our Year 1 students led our liturgy beautifully, and it was a heartfelt tribute to all these incredible women. There were definitely a few tears! At the centre of our prayer space was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Her example teaches us faith, courage, humility, and most of all, how to love.

A reminder that you are always welcome to join us for our whole school celebrations. The next one will be recognising Reconciliation Week on Friday 26 May at 9am. Take care & go gently Catherine.



From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

Last week, our school community came together for Vinnie's Advocacy Week run by O'Driscoll House to raise funds and items for St. Vincent de Paul and promote awareness of homelessness and sustainable clothing waste management. Students donated clothing and purchased outfits from a pop-up stall during lunchtime, culminating in a dress-up day. A highlight was the Vinnie's Sleepout on Thursday night at the College which provided a transformative experience, offering a glimpse into the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness. It cultivated empathy, unity, and a stronger sense of community. Additionally, the event sparked discussions, prayer and reflection on homelessness and sustainable fashion choices, fostering critical thinking and proactive solutions. Students and staff donated a variety of items, including non-perishable foods, blankets and winter clothing benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Conference and those in need within our community. Overall, Vinnie's Advocacy Week showcased our commitment to social justice and empowered us to make a positive impact on society. Many Blessings Ange.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

**The ASCENSION of the LORD**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm Resp: *God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

**Weekday Readings**

**Mon** Acts 19:1-8; Ps: 66:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

**Tues** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 67:10-11,20-21; Jn 17:1-11

**Wed Our Lady Help of Christians**

Sirach 4:11-18; Ps 112:1-8; 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 19:25-2

**Thur** Acts 22:30,23:6-11; Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Fri St Philip Neri**

Acts 25:13-21; Ps 102:1-2,1-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19

**Sat** Acts 28:16-20; Ps 10:4-5,7; Jn 21:15-19

**Pentecost Sunday**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm Resp: *Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

Second Reading: Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



A Prayer Service is being held on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm at the St Andrew's Uniting Church at 299 Ann St, Brisbane. All are most welcome to attend.

There will be a cuppa after this Wednesday's Mass at St Peter's. Please join the ladies in the Mary McKillop Hall for a chance to meet some new friends.

**Parish Collections**  
Parish Giving for  
**13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> May \$4364.80**  
*Thank you for your constant support of our Parish, Both financially & prayerfully.*

**Voice Crying in the Wilderness.**

The St Mary's discussion group will meet **Thursday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th June 9.30am to 11 in Hall below the Church.**

You are more than welcome to attend and prayerfully join in the discussions.

"Having doubts and fears is not a sin... The sin is to allow these fears to determine our responses, to limit our choices, to compromise respect and generosity, to feed hostility and rejection... The sin is to refuse to encounter the other, the different, the neighbour, when this is in fact a privileged opportunity to encounter the Lord... to overcome our fears so as to encounter the other, to welcome, to know and to acknowledge him or her." Pope Francis

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