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Parish Newsletter 29 April 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



The Gospel is from St. John 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Having the ordinary comforts of life and the possession of some of this world's goods is not wrong or anti-Christian, but the natural temptation is to get more and more of these comforts and riches, and the point is soon reached where this becomes the only purpose in life. When this sad stage is arrived at, God and our future life are forgotten; this world becomes our idol and our prison. The temptations which the agents of evil put in Christ's way are also multiplied today. The communications media are now very technically improved and perfected and can be, and sometimes are, a means for good. Unfortunately, more frequently, they are the channels of bad example. The evil deeds of men have more "news value" than their good deeds. And it is so much easier to follow the bad example! Permissiveness, rejection of authority, glorification of unlawful sexual indulgence, drug addiction, and other such crimes are placed before the minds and the eyes of the youth of today, and are unfortunately copied by far too many.

It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. But when there are rocks and shoals ahead, the thoughtless and ease-seeking swimmer will end in grief. Our Lord has warned us today, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every man who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then. Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our recreation as well as our rest, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ.

Excerpt from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

Mon to Friday	6.30am
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Exceptions

Thursday	6.30am Liturgy of the Hours
Saturday & Public Holidays	8.00am

Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass
Friday 7am - 9am.
All are invited to join this devotion.

Reconciliation

Saturday	5pm-5.30pm
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Or by appointment

Baptism

Infant Baptism:
2nd and 4th Sunday after 9am Mass
Baptism preparation:
3rd Saturday 10.30am

Liturgy of the Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Gospel Acclamation:

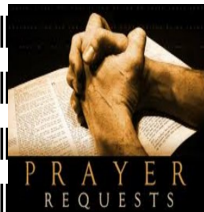
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
My branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are

facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

CONDOLENCE: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones:

- Eugene Cailing
- Donna Terese Gaske and
- also members of the Gaske, Dutton and Kahl Families

SICKNESS: Please keep all of or sick and their caregivers in your prayers:

- Jane Hooper, Loris Klumpp, Dawn Sara Lee, Kelli Moore and Jan Turner

Recent deaths and anniversary Mass intentions are prayed and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful. Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office. If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, then please let the office know.

Sunday Collections

Week End 22/04/18

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass :

\$ 2710.90

Direct Deposit at Bank:

\$ 535.00

Total Income :

\$ 3245.90

Volunteer Ministries Aspleycare

CAN YOU SPARE JUST 4 HOURS A WEEK TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR PARISH?

Aspleycare is in need of volunteers one day per week between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Duties may include reception and/or interviewing clients. Training is provided, so no previous experience is needed.

Please contact Aspleycare

3263 7145 as soon as possible.



Catholic Women's League

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Catholic Women's League will be selling Raffle



Tickets for a special Mother's Day Raffle at church on the 28th & 29th April and 5th & 6th May.

ASPLEY CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Programs for Term 2 classes are now available in the Church foyer.

Enrolment Day: 10-11 am, **Wednesday 2 May**,
Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Rd, Aspley.

Liturgy Brisbane Musician Workshop

Liturgy Brisbane is once again hosting their annual [Musicians' Workshop](#) on **Saturday 2nd June at Australian Catholic University, Banyo.**

This year we will focus on extraordinary music for ordinary time. Presented by Sr Ursula O'Rourke, James Robinson and the music ministry team from Maroochydore Parish, it will be a day filled with laughter, insight and new music. We encourage all involved in Music Ministry to apply.

Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer within the next two weeks.

The parish will pay the registration for the day.

Thank you.

Family Group Date Claimer

SATURDAY 12th MAY 6pm

"Celebrating 25 years of Family Groups in the Parish"
A Blessing of the Family Groups will take place at 6pm Mass.

Followed by dinner and celebrations in the hall.
Passionist Father Ray Sanchez, will speak at all the masses.

Pope Francis Issues New Exhortation

Pope Francis has produced his third Apostolic Exhortation in five years. The Exhortation, entitled *Gaudete Et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*, was released at 12 noon in Rome on Monday 9 April. An excerpt from the document provided below:

Peacemakers truly “make” peace; they build peace and friendship in society.

To those who sow peace, Jesus makes this magnificent promise: “They will be called children of God” (Mt 5:9). He told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: “Peace to this house!” (Lk 10:5). The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, “along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart” (cf. 2 Tim 2:22), for “the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (Jas 3:18). And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, “let us pursue what makes for peace” (Rom 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict. *Pope Francis Paragraph 88 Gaudete Et Exsultate.*

The full document can be accessed at the Archdiocese of Brisbane website here:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/pope-francis-issues-new-exhortation-rome/>

Sacrament of Holy Communion Update



Preparation for First Holy Communion began last week with the enrolment of children. As you are aware, many of the children gave prayer cards to members of the Community who committed to support them during this time. I have heard some lovely stories of how and when you have decided to pray for them. Grandparents, neighbours, other friends were given these cards, and someone who had not seen a family for quite some time reconnected. Thank you.

Each weekend, the children will have A5 sheets with some suggestions on them to help them during Mass. You may even like to ask the children to show you these sheets. This is perhaps one way we may show that “**our love and care is not just words or mere talk, but something alive and active.**” (2nd Reading).

St Dympna's Catholic Primary School

If you or any family or friends are seeking enrolment for Prep 2019, could you please submit an application form, which can be found on our school website. Could you please submit as soon as possible.

www.stdympnas.qld.edu.au



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church are hosting **The 5 Love Languages**.

Date : June 9th, 2018

Time : 9am-5pm

Venue : Our Lady Of Mt Carmel Primary School Hall, Norfolk Street, Coorparoo.

Enquiries : 0403 514 454 Lolita Norris

Bookings : <https://trybooking.com>

Position Vacant

Position Vacant – Parish Finance Secretary - Applications are open for a position at the Pine Rivers Parish. A person with excellent financial skills is required for a part time position of parish Finance Secretary for 15 hours a week, Monday & Tuesday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF SANDGATE INC FASHION PARADE

**With Fashions by Portofino
Saturday May 12th 2018 Start 2.00 pm**

Please join QUOTA at St Dympna's Parish Hall (John O Callaghan Centre).

Parking available in main car park.

Cost \$20 (includes afternoon tea & lucky door prize).

Fashions will be available for purchase.

Proceeds to Hearing and Speech Projects.

To assist with catering, please RSVP by Friday May 11th, 2018 to Shirley 3265 4815, Wendy 3269 2659 or

Rosters

Notice to Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers

Our Parish Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers perform an important role in the celebration of the Mass. In order to ensure that we have sufficient numbers of these ministries available for Mass on weekends, please ensure that if you are rostered for any of these ministries, you inform the Mass Coordinator for the relevant Mass of your arrival at **least 10 minutes** before Mass commences.

5/6 May 2018	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	T. Borger (B) T. Borger L. Dutton G. Cox D. Salvati	First Reading J. Pillai Second Reading A. Borgeaud Prayers of the Faithful I. Dove	S. Stevens J. De Clara-Woods	Volunteer	Yvonne Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	D. Francis (B) Sr Gabriel D. O'Keefe R. Perkins H. Hollamby	First Reading S. Ferlito Second Reading D. Chiavaro Prayers of the Faithful A. Spanevello	Volunteer	I. Spanevello	Nancy Michael & Co
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Heskett (B) R. Heskett C. Fernandes T. Hoang M. Gonsalves A. Ware C. Ware	First Reading T. Setafano Second Reading P. Mawaka Prayers of the Faithful C. Goh	N. Gardiner H. Espares K. Green C. George	J. Ferris	Judith Men's Choir
5.00 p.m. Mass	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood M. Hopewell B. Hopewell G. Dias	First Reading S. Tam Second Reading K. O'Donnell Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	A. McSweeney J. Jameson	Soo Choon Family	Ike Soo Choon & Family
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners 5 May Harry Boevink David Francis	Counters: 6 May C. Smith D. Kehoe R. Volter R. Campbell	Counters: 13 May A. Spanevello I. Spanevello I. Dennison B. Dennison	John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.	

Next week liturgy

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to Them. Alleluia!

The Catholic Leader

Keeping faith with you

* Brisbane woman deeply emotional to see her uncle's name on honour roll in Bowen Hills church in memory of soldiers killed in First World War

* Father and son protest outside cathedral against guns in churches on Anzac Day

* Australian nun accused of 'illegal political activities' in Philippines tells her story

* Australian bishops join faith leaders across the Commonwealth in calling on governments to turn 'words into action' on climate change

* Faith leaders sign letter urging Adani to invest in solar energy instead of coal

* Three Catholic schoolboys win accolades for 'clowning around'

Dympna's Diary

Sun	29	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mon	30	St Pius V, pope
Tues	1	St Joseph the Worker
Wed	2	St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Thurs	3	Sts Philip and James, apostles
Fri	4	
Sat	5	
Sun	6	Sixth Sunday of Easter

Date Claimers:

7 May - Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

25 April - Anzac Day - CWL Morning Tea after 8am Mass

29 April - School Mass

12 May - DATE CLAIMER 6pm "Celebrating 25 years of Family Groups in the Parish"

17 May - Aspleycare Thursday Outing