

As the parish priest of St. Patrick's, it brings me absolute joy and pleasure to introduce St. Patrick's magazine as a means of communication to build up the faith community spirit and a financial source for the upgrading the parish facilities.

We acknowledge that so much has happened in our parish community after the formation of our parish and still continuing to grow further to fulfil the mission of Christ. Only last year we finished the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and it marked another step for us to go ahead.

St. Patrick's catholic parish community is a vibrant Catholic community continuing the mission of Jesus Christ. St Patrick's is a multicultural congregation with members originating from over 50 different countries. The Parish has a very strong faith community and at times there have been over 20 parish groups each using their convictions and talents to better serve God and other parishioners.

I am very proud of the members of this community who are dedicating their service for the good of the wider community. Let the light of the word of God guide the lives of everyone to reach to others and then to God. May God bless you all.

Your Pastor,

Joseph Kanatt



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## OUR CHANGING PARISH

The Parish Council has two new members. John Maksimas and Angel Callum. Both are well known members of the parish and will be a great addition to the Parish Council. We welcome them and we also thank retiring members Angela Haughton and Margaret Keast for their devoted service. We wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

As everyone knows the parish is large and the work is interesting and diverse. Fr Joseph has been busy with his responsibilities to the church, the schools, the aged facilities, groups and the Council's role is important and changing as the parish changes.



JOHN MAKSIMAS

*I am 77yrs old. I have been married for 54 years and we have 4 children.*

*Born in Lithuania and migrated to Australia in 1949. Lived in Melbourne and attended CBC St Kilda. Graduated as teacher in 1962 and worked in Papua New Guinea for 12 years.*

*Returned to Qld in 1975 and finished my teaching career as principal of Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Southport. After 3 years in Gympie we settled in Ormeau and I have been in Beenleigh Parish for 8 years.*

*I joined St Vincent De Paul 7 years ago and became President in 2015. I am keenly interested in Social Issues in general and hope that I can play my role in serving some of the needs of the poor and marginalised in our Parish.*



ANGEL CALLUM

*My name is Angel Callum. I am married to Roy and have 3 children, Angelo 20 years old, Xandra 18 and Andrew 7.*

*I originally came from the Philippines and have been in Australia for 8 years.*

*My family and I live in Beenleigh and I am working at the Brisbane Conversation & Exhibition Centre as Uniform Room Supervisor.*

*My hobby is cooking and sewing.*

*I am a simple, friendly, honest and helpful person. Loving and helping my family here and overseas is my main focus in life.*

*I am hoping to do the same in the best way I can in my role as Parish Councillor.*



## BUILDING PROGRAM UPDATE



*The empty Parish Office block, soon to contain the Presbytery*

The building program is progressing to schedule with the highlight of change to date being the removal of the old Parish Office and the clearing of the block for the builders to start shortly. The church grounds behind the garage and toilet block has also been cleared. The shed outside the Truelson room has been sold and removed and the garage will be moved to where the shed was.

Special thanks to the guys who worked so hard to make this happen and thanks to Parishioners for your support.



*John and George making room for the garage / storage shed*

## RECENT PARISH EVENTS

### “ A Hearty Breakfast Had By All”

First of all this Charity started, almost 2 years ago, with Fr Joseph Kanatt asking my help, as they had no one outside of India to help them, so I said “Yes” as I’d just retired from a Charity I helped for 9 ½ years and was thought /“Retiring”.



Here I am now with a second breakfast, which was held 21/2/16, in aid of Blessed Mother Teresa Home for Orphans in India. I wanted also to be of some help to the parish, but we never raised too much, but enough. We ran a raffle and so made \$600.00 plus I gave them \$150.00.

Now the people who came told me they enjoyed the breakfast. “God bless them all, also those on the door, who made people so welcome as they arrived.

The aim of the breakfast was to be able to send a substantial amount to the Orphanage too, for the MCSB Fathers have to cater and clothe the children, send them to school each day, all 59 of them.

Then they also need to care for them after they leave the orphanage age 13 years, and that is why even at 82 ½ years old I still hold, 3 times a year at the church, my Trash and Treasure stalls, but again I could not do it without the help of all at St Patrick’s.

Next time I hope people like Peter, who bought all the items like juices and teas etc., to help me in the future.

All who came to the breakfast enjoyed the meal, and those who could not come, missed out on a great meal. Since saying how much I received, I have received a little more which I will put towards the next Event.



*Betty Graver*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



<http://www.sttheresemascot.org.au/images/easter.jpg>

### **DATE CLAIMERS**

#### **Car Wash**

Fundraiser at date to be advised

#### **Stages of Faith presentation & workshop**

Discover where your faith development and prayer style fits into the 6 stages of faith identified by Christian Psychologist, James Fowler.

Fr Ray Sanchez is a Passionist priest who will lead you on a journey of self discovery. Fr Ray's style is relaxed and humorous. You will gain understanding of self and that of others.

Don't miss out on the compelling revealing presentation and workshop. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 9am-12:30pm, St Patrick's Church Beenleigh. More information: Denise 0423 207 662.

#### **Lebanese Night**

April 23rd

Experience Lebanese food, music, dance and much more

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

### Stages of Faith presentation & workshop

Skilled presenter Passionist priest Fr Ray Sanchez explores the different types of prayer in our tradition. The many types of Christian prayer roughly fall into 6 styles/forms that correspond to OUR current stage of faith. Christian Psychologist, James Fowler has identified 6 stages of faith.

The needs of, the way we experience and express our faith depends on OUR current stage of faith. This leads us to gravitate towards a particular style of prayer that best meets the needs of our stage.

By understanding how the faith journey works, the form of prayer that we feel most comfortable using, we can recognise where we are on the faith journey, and where to from here.

Fr Ray provides characteristics and examples of each stage then the participants break into small groups to discuss their interpretation. Hence we are participants, rather an audience.

Fr Ray's style is relaxed and humorous. You will gain self understand and that of others. So take advantage of this informative and revealing presentation:

**On:** Sat16<sup>th</sup> April 9am-12:30pm.

**At:** St Patrick's Church,  
24 Tobruk St Beenleigh.

**Break:** Tea, coffee provided,  
BYO morning tea.

**Cost:** Paper Donation suggested to cover costs.

**More information:**

Contact Denise 0423 207 662



# Lebanese Cultural Fundraiser



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  - Argileh
  - Art works
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**Cost:**

**\$20 Adults incl. meal and dance**  
**Drinks for sale**

**Aid:**

**St Patrick's Building Fund**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 7pm,**  
**St Joseph's School,**  
**Kokoda St, Beenleigh**

**Tickets:**

**Marian 0433 727 713**

## PARISH GROUPS

### Meditation at St Patrick's



Our adult meditation group lead by Celine Kaese and Denise O'Shea, is practising a tried and tested way of connecting with ourselves and our issues constructively in the presence of God. The group is also very social and supportive of each other.

The Children's meditation group have craft activities and healthy snacks as well as meditation for children after school.

Adult Meditation: Truelson Room, Mondays at 9am.

Children's meditation: Truelson Room, Mondays after school.

You are all most welcome to join either of the groups.

*God of mercy,  
you wash away our sins in water,  
you give us a new birth in the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate Christ's resurrection,  
increase our awareness of these blessings.*

*and renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



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*O God, the creator of all things, you framed the law of labour for the human race. Graciously grant, by the example and patronage of St. Joseph, that we may do the work You provide us and earn the reward You promise. Sustain us with Your grace to live up to our duties in charity and justice. Amen*



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### SCHOOLS UP AND COMING

#### **Mother Teresa's School:**

Principal Mr Peter Kerrins 55495000  
Liturgy of the Word 24.3.16 (at 9.00am—Year 2 hosting) and 14.4.16. Family and friends welcome.

#### **St Joseph's School:**

Principal Mr Stephen Johnson 32872798  
18.3.16 Twilight Markets 4.30 to 9.00pm. Family and friends welcome.

#### **Trinity College:**

Principal Mrs Catherine Thompson 34425222  
May Beachathon. Sponsors welcome for 10km Gold Coast walk.

## PEARLS OF WISDOM?

IF A BRICK BALANCES WITH THREE QUARTERS  
OF A BRICK AND THREE QUARTERS OF A  
POUND  
—THEN HOW MUCH DOES A BRICK WEIGH?



To Grand-ma

Red is for the blood he gave,  
Green is for the grass he made,  
Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
Orange is for the edge of night,  
Black is for the sins that  
were made,  
White is for the grace he gave,  
Purple is for the hour of sorrow,  
Pink is for the new tomorrow.  
A bag full of jellybeans,  
Colourful and sweet,  
Is a prayer..... is a promise.....  
Is an Easter treat.

Love

Jade

The Jelly Bean Prayer—to Grand-ma from Jade, handmade card  
found in donated library book





Wish you all the Grace and blessings of Palm Sunday  
Fr Joseph Kanatt

### **Palm frond crosses for Easter**

Joyce Hull learned to make crosses out of palm fronds as a little girl. It is something she took with her to the parish when she and husband Roy arrived with their family some 40 years ago.

Joyce makes 300 of the crosses for Palm Sunday every year for parishioners to take home to decorate their homes with. Joyce makes four baskets of them, sitting in her favourite chair while Roy watches the footy. He very kindly cleans up the mess after.

If you would like to have a go, here are the steps involved.

Perhaps, better still, ask Joyce.

