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## LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Our life is a beautiful gift. The beauty of life is in **living it**. Think about it for a moment. Life is the only thing we know. The mornings, the sky, your favourite savouries or movies, even the people dearest to you- everything exists only because you are breathing.

So, appreciate your life. No matter how different you would like it to be. It is still the most invaluable and a very fragile gift.

There is a beautiful and inspiring life story of a man from Northern Mexico named Ross Griego. I have no assets to give to anyone. Material things, possessions, and money have never been important to me and I never cared for them. Please understand those are things the world needs to survive, and those are things we can have to provide us with options to make life more comfortable for us. As for myself, I do not put value on such things. I love the life Jesus Christ lived when He walked the earth. Although He never owned anything, not even a pillow to lay His beautiful head on, yet, He had everything. I truly believe in this Man.



It was He who humbled me, and it was He who made sure I had everything, even when I had nothing. I went from a very successful career to nothing in a very short period-of-time. Somehow, through Faith in Him, I was restored and rejuvenated.

We may think that we don't lead that much of a beautiful life, but we are wrong. Those nights when we have stayed up just smiling about something or someone that made our day, embrace it. I can guarantee it will always be the little things that make our life special and remarkable, not the materialistic ones. So live the beautiful life sharing the care and love of God. Life is always beautiful.

When everything is going against you, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind not with it, a beautiful saying of Henry Ford. Enjoy the God given gift – LIFE.

*Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs, Your Parish Priest*

### **St Patrick's Mass Times:**

Mondays and Tuesdays 7am  
Wednesdays 7pm  
Thursdays and Fridays 7am  
Saturdays 8am and 6pm  
Sundays 7am, 9am and 6pm  
1st Friday of month, Healing Mass 9am  
Fridays Exposition of Sacrament 7am-7pm  
Saturdays Mass/Novena 8am  
Rosary in the Chapel 9am

### **St Patrick's Weekly Activities:**

Mondays 7:30am Legion of Mary  
9am Adult Meditation  
3:15pm Children's Meditation  
7pm Choir Practice  
Tuesdays 8am Rosary in the Chapel  
10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group  
7pm 1st & 3rd Tues every month  
Together-in-Faith Prayer Group  
Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska is known today as the  
"Apostle of Divine Mercy"

On the first Sunday after Easter we were blessed to celebrate the Divine Mercy in our Parish. The afternoon began with adoration of the Blessed Eucharist allowing us time to sit and meditate on the Life, Death and Resurrection of our Beloved Jesus. Benediction followed as did Divine Chapel. We were allowed time to examine our conscience and the gift of Reconciliation was offered to all. Holy Mass followed.

I'm sure that all who attended felt the Love and Mercy of our Divine Lord, what a beautiful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Jesus spoke these words to Sister Maria  
"I am sending you with My Mercy to the people of the world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart"

*Colleen Sheehan*

## Anzac Day St Patrick's 2018

St Patrick's Anzac Day Mass this year was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9am and was well attended by approximately 100 people. Father Joseph conducted the Mass and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings were attended to by the School Captains from Trinity College. Also in attendance were the Principals from St Joseph's Primary School, Mother Teresa Primary School and Trinity College, as well as a number of students and Teachers from the schools. Father Joseph's message of the day was inspirational. He said that Anzac Day was a very special day of remembrance for all those who had made sacrifice's so that we as Australians can enjoy our freedom. The service was a very beautiful and moving celebration.

*Marian Ward*

## Parish Planning

The Parish Planning Meeting was very well supported with over 25 parish leaders attending. Many issues relevant to parishioners and visitors were discussed and will be addressed as we move forward through the year.

Some of the general points for discussion were:

- ) Involvement of our schools in Parish life
- ) Children's Liturgy developments
- ) Encouragement of young people to come to church
- ) How to bring the church community closer together
- ) Improvements to After School Care facilities

These points will be addressed in coming Parish Council and Finance Committee meetings.

Thank you to Fr Joseph for organising and thank you to the group leaders for your input in sharing your thoughts.

## Mother's Day

A gift for our Mother Mary of a beautifully flowering orchid from a young lady parishioner. Thank you!



Tamara Maloney spent a year crocheting 300 coat hangers to give away to the ladies of the church on Mother's Day.

What a super effort, thank you very much!

# In our Parish

## Pentecost & 2nd Family Mass

This year Pentecost coincided with the second Family Mass at St Patrick's. The church was beautifully decorated for Pentecost with stunning floral arrangements. Pentecost marks the end of Jesus' mission on earth and the Birth of the Church through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit over the assembled disciples and followers. Music was provided by the Parish Choir for the Saturday night Mass and by the Youth Group on Sunday morning.



The 9am Family Mass was organised by the Youth Group together with Fr Joseph. Family Masses were introduced by Father to give families an opportunity to get together, meet and socialise while celebrating Mass. Sr Melissa Dwyer from Canossa gave an inspiring homily talking about her own life and what has motivated and inspired her. After the homily two families introduced themselves to the Parish and shared some of their own stories.

After Mass we enjoyed a sausage sizzle and social get together and a huge thankyou to Peter Witham and his family for all the work involved in preparing for, cooking and serving all those sausages. They were delicious!

Thankyou to Fr Joseph, Sr Melissa, the Youth Group, the families who shared their story, donated the Lucky Door prizes, made the fortune cookie prayers and everybody who helped making the morning such a success.



The net unfolds to the pattern of this world, but he transforms by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - it is good, pleasing and perfect will.  
Romans 12:2



## My Adventure as a Volunteer Driver for the 2018 GCC Games

My adventure started when I filed my application as a volunteer around April last year. There was no spot on the application form allowing you to select the area that you wished to work. I received notification that I had been selected for an interview for a driving position and turned up to a one-on-one intense interview and was one of the 25,000 chosen for a position out of the 47,000 that applied for all positions.

That was just the start. First training was in November and a roster was sent out in early December. The Second training day was in February, when we were given some idea as to what we were in for. We were classified as Fleet. And given the title "Game Shapers", which did not sit well with many of us.

Specific training was held at Coomera Depot behind Dream World. Here we were given the booklet, which outlined our role and responsibilities as well as the Games Routes we were expected to memorise and follow during the Games. There were Open Days when two or three could get in one of the cars, provided by Thrifty, to go over those routes. There were 1100 cars with 2500 drivers rostered.

The Carnival, the Outlander, Station wagon and Mini bus were all available for our use. Where is the fuel cap release, the hand brake, the wiper operator for the rear window, how do you fold down the back seats, were some of the things we had to familiarise ourselves with.

The driving roster started on 20 March and ended on the 18 April. During this time I drove 15 times on shifts lasting from 8 to 10 hours, though one day I chalked up 12 hours. My shifts started as early as 5am and as late as 4:30pm. These late shifts would end as late as 1am.

Who did I drive and what was it like? My overall answer is that the whole experience was amazing. It didn't matter whether I was driving the wife of the president of Norfolk Island to Pacific Fair or athletes who had won a Gold Medal or media organisers for various teams. They all were full of praise for the facilities, the transport and the organization of the Games.

I was "grilled" by some with questions that were completely unexpected. One such question was "How many Aborigines are there in Tasmania?" If you are talking to me sometime, I'll tell you my answer.

One of the benefits of the bright uniform was that people could easily identify you and were willing to ask you what you were doing and how things were shaping up. This happened to me on the streets on the Coast, at the airport and in the car. These were locals and visitors from far and wide who were really enjoying the vibrancy that permeated the Coast. A lot of the negativity prior to the start of the Games seemed to disappear as the Games progressed.

My driving routes took me from Coolangatta out to Carrara and Robina to the Airports in Brisbane and even a trip to Cleveland to pick up some Jamaican athletes who had been on Stradbroke Island. Some trips took over 3 hours for the round trip.

I collected numerous Pins from many countries by swapping some of my own of kangaroos and koalas and the like.

It was a sad day when it all came to an end on Wednesday 18 April, but the wonderful memories and friendships with other volunteers will live on for some time to come.

**Don Robertson**



# Betty's Page

St Patricks is so alive and well, for I should know as I've lived here twenty eight years. There are many, too numerous to praise but you know who you are; John Truelson who has done so much, our Altar, and many other things like the pews, also Pipo Ng who helped John is also a staunch supporter for Fr Joseph and St Patricks as a whole.

In our choir which I was part of 25years- The Choir Teacher Anne Tracey, how she has worked for us. She had a break due to illness when we had Doreen McCormack who took over the choir. That is when we started re-enacted the stations of the cross, it was so real and people were actually weeping, people used to stay back at least 15mins, you could hear a pin drop it was so quiet.

The charismatic prayer group have played a big part for many years in the parish. They were the ones who while Doreen was leader took part in the re-enactment of the stations of the cross.

Now the person whom I'd like to give special mention to is Cathy Korziewski, who to my knowledge has run the youth group for at least 11 years, could be more, but to me she has never wavered one bit, but puts in many hours work for weekends away, also every three years the youth of the world meet in different countries, you can bet the youth of St Patricks are involved in some way.

There's so many activities going on its just marvellous. Most of its due to the understanding of Father Joseph Kanatt, he's so good with people and he sure loves a joke, he's a funny man at times, I hope he's with us for a long time, but knowing how things go, we may have him at least till 2020 – thank you Fr for your goodness and kindness and in many, many ways you help us, For I Know “God Loves You” and so do I (we) here at St Pats.

I have seen many people come and go over the years and others who pass away. Only last year we lost Margaret Keast R.I P. and Bev James R.I.P. my friend 2017. Margaret was on the committee a while, she was also a member of the Charismatic group here.

This gives me a chance to once again say a Big thank you who for many years, people have helped on my stall, people like Cedric and his jams, Theresa Pauli plants and my great helper Isobel and Cathy who's tablecloths I borrow and others, and James' Mother who gives so much from piggy bank, it amounts quite a sum.

Thank You for all the help I received from you at St Pats – One way or another.  
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Your Servant-in-Christ, **Betty Graver**



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Submitted by Erica Ng

**Man: What is a million years like to you?**

**God: Like one second.**

**Man: What is a million dollars like to you?**

**God: Like one penny.**

**Man: Can I have a penny?**

**God: Just a second**

## Year of Youth

This year, as we celebrate the "Year of Youth", St. Patrick's Youth Ministry has so far, been on a rollercoaster journey of spirituality and excitement. Our youth has recently taken part in the Parish Family masses, where we as a youth ministry have integrated a new concept called "Prayer & Praise/Praise & Worship" before commencing our regular 6pm Sunday youth masses.

We have also been working on a small "Year of Youth" project made by Mary Se which carries creativity, passion, inspiration and drive. This is something we, your young people are currently working on. So, don't worry, you will be seeing it very soon!

Other than our ministry work in the parish community, we also have had our youth get -togethers, where we plan awesome fun-filled events like watching movies, playing games, outings or anything that pretty much gets everyone pumped. As for me, I have really enjoyed our bonding sessions with my brothers and sisters-in-Christ. They are pretty much family to me!

There are some exciting events that are coming up, this includes: the Logan Deanery Sports Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May (next weekend), the Alpha series for young people, future fundraisers, the 40-hour famine and the Ignite Conference 2018, more details about these will be up soon!

Also, I just want to give a warm welcome to our new SPYM brothers and sisters who have recently just joined us during this Year of Youth. You guys know who you are! J

~ Abby Se ~  
St Patrick's Youth Attendee

# The Youth Group

LEAP OF FAITH  
By Denzell Almario

Where do I even start with the amazing Youth Ministry at St Patrick's Parish? My personal connection and the impact it has made in my life was not an overnight task for it occurred throughout the many years of being involved with the wonderful people who make it all possible. And it all started around 6-7 years ago. During that time, my family and I moved fresh from Parramatta in New South Wales. As a Filipino family, we are of the type that are devoted to the faith and going to church was one of the biggest aspects of our life. So, as we moved here in Queensland, we tried to seek a parish in which we can continue to go to for Masses and such.

As a young person and a member of the youth, I am in no means trying to disrespect the church but quite frankly I did not have the mental maturity to understand and explore my faith as I do now in the settings of a traditional Mass. Much like many of the members of the youth, the setting is quite traditional and formal which is all good and well. But for a young person who was not used to such formalities and traditions it can become quite monotonous. And as much as I wanted to explore my faith the setting did not help my young self. However, after being approached by new friends in the parish my brother and I joined the Youth group. And after several years it has allowed me to explore myself as a person, it has allowed me to explore my faith in a way that was able to cater for my way of thinking, it has allowed me to make lifelong friends no matter how cliché that sounds and it has made me a better individual.

Next to this I was not the only person touched by the youth ministry for after listening to the stories of previous members of the ministry, I was also able to see the profound impact the ministry has made to the countless individuals who came before me. The youth group gives young people a place to explore their faith and belief with other individuals who are like them, individuals who think like they do and can relate to their experiences. In a society where faith can be such a sensitive topic giving kids the opportunity to be with other kids, giving them the chance to see that there are others who believe as strongly as they do...it's special to put it simply in the most beautiful way possible.

And as I approach the cusp of my youth as a Year 12 student I am able to appreciate the church and those 'monotonous' Masses with greater enthusiasm. I don't think I can ever describe the amazing effect of the Youth Ministry to myself. So rather than ramble on if I can say one thing rather if I can hope for something, it's that more young people can take the leap for their faith and see the impact the youth ministry can have on them.

*Denzell Almario,  
St Patrick's Youth Group*



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# Our Schools

## **Mother Teresa Primary**

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Leadership is a key aspect of schooling in a Catholic school and our Yr. 6 students stepped up to receive their calling to be servant leaders for the school. Father Joseph lead our liturgy and blessed the badges for all of the Yr 6 cohort as well as for the House Team Captains who were announced on the day.

Excellent Learning and Teaching is the core business of Mother Teresa Primary and all of our staff have made great gains in transforming teaching practice in order to provide a more targeted approach to improve the reading and writing development of their students.

*Ben Torenbeek*  
*Acting APRE*  
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*Year 2 students proudly displaying their work 'Animals in the Jungle', part of their writing learning program.*



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*Trinity College Motto*



# Our Schools

## St Joseph's

On Monday, 19 March we celebrated the feast of the patron of our school, St Joseph. He is a very important figure in the New Testament as Jesus' earthly father but not a lot is written about him. In many ways he is a mystery and a puzzle. Some of the things we know about him and others we have put together to make up the puzzle of St Joseph. We consider St Joseph to be one of our co-founders, alongside St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We hold Monsignor Steele, the founder of the school, in high regard for also as a Rat of Tobruk. We believe the attributes we used as part of our procession are the pieces in a puzzle. He was: Faithful, Loving, Kind, Helpful, A Teacher, Humble, Courageous, A Father, A Husband, A Carpenter, Community-minded, Compassionate, Descended from royalty, Welcoming, Trusting, Faith-filled, Skilled and a follower of God.

The students played games after the Mass and enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch. At snack break they shared a special cake to celebrate the day.



Peter Lovegrove  
Assistant Principal  
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Val worked with us for a time and was always a keen supporter of our conference.

The cheque was presented to us by her daughter Margaret Keech. The photo to the left shows Margaret presenting the cheque to Fay and John. Our sincere thanks.

## WINTER APPEAL

It is that time of year again when the St Vincent de Paul Society conducts its Australia wide Winter Appeal. As in previous years, we ask for your financial assistance. There is a growing number of people seeking our help.

Many families are struggling with the rising cost of living. From 2016 to 2017, Society members in Queensland, provided more than \$4.6 million worth of food, in the form of vouchers or parcels, to people in need. Food costs are the tip of the iceberg, as many families face an impossible choice of buying food or paying rent and bills. Our services are increasingly in demand as costs of essential goods and services, including health, education and utilities increase faster than wages for low income families and individuals. Not to mention the problems faced by those trying to survive on Centrelink payments. A recent report on poverty in Australia shows that single parents on the Parenting payment, experience the highest rates of poverty and disadvantage in Australia.

Here in our Parish, we are committed to giving people choices that provide the sanctuary, security and safety each person deserves. We provide immediate assistance with food, clothing, furniture etc in the hope that our efforts will result in a hand up rather than just a handout.

The Society advocates for change with the aim of eliminating the root cause of impossible choices.

Please help if you can. Your donation, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

This weekend, SAT/SUN 26th & 27th May- Handout.

Next weekend, SAT/SUN 2nd & 3rd June - Winter Appeal.

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It is a great evening so please keep this date in mind.

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## New Reader with Multicultural roots

The story of new reader, Hugo Jansen takes us on an incredible journey through four countries over eight decades, from Asia to Europe, twice, and then onto New Zealand and finally Australia and St Patrick's.

Hugo was born in Indonesia to a Dutch father and Dutch-Indonesian mother. His father was involved in the start-up of textile and weaving ventures in what was then called Dutch East India. This is where he met Hugo's mother and the first two children were born, a boy, Hugo and then a girl, Annemarie. Hugo remembers his early childhood as warm and happy and full of people; family, servants and workers and he remembers how his mother taught him to pray.

The happy days came to an abrupt end with the Japanese invasion. The family was separated and the father was sent to work on the Burma railway while Hugo with his Mother, grandmother and baby sister were interned in prison camps.

Life in the camps was brutal. The family suffered dreadful hardships and Hugo lost his grandmother during this time. The food was bad and very scarce, hygiene was shocking and cruelty was the order of the day. Hugo remembers sleeping under his mother's bed. He also remembers his mother's rosary beads, but not her using them as all religious activity was banned.



*Hugo and Lorraine Jansen, happy in retirement*

It was a miracle that the young family survived and could be reunited after the war. Many Dutch applied to immigrate to Australia around this time, but this was not possible for the Jansen's due to the White Australia policy. The family was instead repatriated to Holland in late 1945. Hugo remembers Holland as a very cold place. He went to school, but felt strange around the local kids and didn't feel like he fitted in.

18 months later the father went back to Indonesia to restart the company he previously had worked for. In March 1948 the family, including a new little sister, joined him. During this time the family could practise their religion. Hugo became a head altar boy and sometimes had to serve during military funerals, which terrified him. Hugo remembers the nun saying "When it rains God sheds tears for our sins" and in Indonesia it rains very heavily during the monsoon season.

The time in Indonesia would not last for long before they were ordered to leave for Holland. The father applied to go to New Zealand, where the immigration racial rules were not applied as stringently. During this time Hugo went to a Catholic boarding school. His mother was very strict Catholic, but Hugo found it hard as the Mass was in Latin and he understood very little about the faith. When Hugo was old enough to reflect on his experiences he often wanted to leave the church, but his mother said 'Keep going, your younger sisters are looking up to you', so he stayed.

Eventually the family was accepted by New Zealand immigration authorities and again Hugo's father left a year before the rest of the family to establish himself and build a home. Unfortunately he had a serious traffic accident two days before the family arrived and a lot of the early days in New Zealand were spent visiting him in hospital.

Despite a difficult start Hugo's life took on a semblance of normality in Auckland. He finished his education, becoming an architect. In 1961 Hugo met Lorraine at a dance. Hugo remembers 'We went to dances a lot as we were too young for the pub'. Lorraine remembers seeing Hugo's sisters, in their Dutch dresses, years earlier in the hospital where her father had also been a patient. Hugo and Lorraine eventually married and the young couple raised three children, two girls and a boy. And although they lived happily ever after, the story does not end there.

Eventually the family came to Queensland to join others already here—however their oldest daughter stayed in New Zealand to study, and became an architect, like her dad.

When Hugo eventually retired from work he and Lorraine moved to Ruby Gardens. They were drawn to St Patrick's because of its multicultural nature and its inclusiveness. The couple likes the friendliness of parishioners, the singing and the different music groups and they like seeing the children coming to church. Lorraine loves cooking and they both like the food at Multicultural Sunday and other food events and they are very impressed by Fr Joseph and feel his emphasis on Jesus Christ is 'spot on'.

*Monica Boucek*