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Beauty of Family life

Most people remember Saint Mother Teresa for her work with the poorest of the poor in Calcutta. A pioneer in modern implementation of peace and justice, she also spoke openly about controversial topics, such as abortion and the importance of marriage and family life. Her words of wisdom regarding the family are timeless treasures that we can contemplate even today. "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." St. Mother Teresa

The highest "virtue" in our modern milieu is happiness. Unfortunately, the world tells us that happiness can be purchased, traded, and even used and abused. As Christians, we know that we can expect to be "reasonably happy in this life but supremely happy in the next," which means that God may permit trials to fall up on our marriage and family. Rather than trying to change the entire world, Mother Teresa suggested that we spend more time loving our spouses and children, which will transmit joy in our wider communities.

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start." St. Mother Teresa

Family might be defined as a group of people who are related to each other, but it is more than that. It's a meaningful connection, an *experience*. It's an incredible and unbreakable bond—created by mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers. It's comfort in a world of uncertainty. It's a shoulder to lean on. It is a source of inspiration. It is love and support. It's that warm and fuzzy feeling. It's wonderful, and it's necessary. Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights and our comfort when we occasionally falter (Brad Henry).



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

Events In our Parish



Congratulations to our young people after receiving their first Communion



Children renewing their baptismal promises as preparing for their Confirmation.



Congratulations to Erica Ng and Matthew Philips on their wedding.

Erica, with her parents, Pipo and Stella, and sisters Emilie and Colette, is a long time parishioner. She was seven when she arrived at St Patrick's and many of us have watched her and her sisters grow up in this parish.

Erica has been very active in the Youth Group and in all initiatives of youth. She is now our Parish Council Secretary, where she is doing a great job.

Matthew was born in Darwin and is in his second year training to be a primary school teacher and he joins and supports Erica whenever he can. We wish the young couple all the very best!



Celebrating 60 years of Marriage

Max and Joy Maloney have been married for 60 years. What a stellar achievement!!

They married in Sacred Heart's church in Sandgate. While Max worked long hours on police business it was up to Joy to be the home maker and raise the family. They are blessed with three sons and five grandchildren.

Max and Joy have been outstanding supporters of St Patrick's over the years, serving in many of the ministries, St Vinnies and the Parish Council. Joy has a keen interest in the music, she is an organist and has been playing in nursing homes as well as the church for 25+ years. She was very involved in the choir where she sang alto. Max has been involved in most big events, in particular the Police Memorial Masses which he helped organize.

Congratulations on a great achievement and may God grant them many more years together.

Corpus Christi Procession in the City

On Sunday June 3rd, a large crowd attended the fourth Corpus Christi Procession to be held through the streets of Brisbane. In times past, it was held at Nudgee Junior, now Tracey College, at Indooroopilly and many years ago many will remember the crowds of tens of thousands that flocked to the Exhibition Grounds at Gregory Terrace in the days of Archbishop Duhig.

Four years ago Archbishop Coleridge gave permission to Fr. Paul Chandler and his organising Committee to approach the authorities to use Elizabeth, Wharf, Adelaide and Albert Streets as the route for this demonstration of Faith. The application was well received and the Police even classed it as an event that did not attract the usual costs for the police presence and traffic control.

The day turned out to be superb, weatherwise as well as the number of people that turned out to show their Faith to the public of the city. In the time the Procession has been using the streets of Brisbane, I have not witnessed a single unfavourable comment or action from the shoppers and site-seers along the way. Credit must be given to the Organisers for having some of the Cathedral Youth Group and others walking along the footpaths and answering questions of the bystanders.

At the head of the Procession, in front of the Archbishop who carried the Monstrance, were the flower girls with their baskets of petals, which were strewn along the way. Then followed the Clergy and Seminarians and then the Faithful, some in their colourful traditional Costumes and others with brightly coloured umbrellas.

The Rosary was recited and hymns sung as the Procession wound its way through streets usually filled with traffic. Loud speakers on the footpaths broadcast the Rosary and the Choir so that all could join in the prayers and singing. And that they did! Even when a "glitch" in the transmission made it difficult to hear, they were able to judge when to respond and the message was passed on along the line.

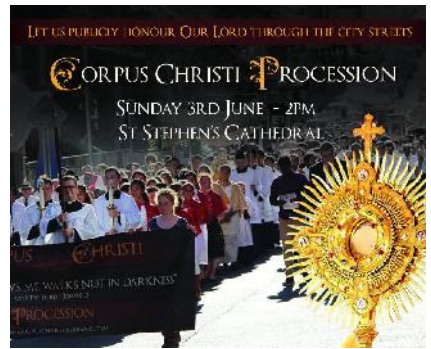
I believe their would have been around a couple of thousand participants and their expression of Faith could not have been lost on the observers.

The Procession stopped at the top of the steps of the Cathedral where the Blessed Sacrament was held aloft and the final Decade was recited. All moved into the Cathedral till there was standing room only. Prayers, a Homily by the Archbishop and Benediction followed and a final Hymn concluded the Ceremony.

The Cathedral Youth Group had food and drinks, hot and cold, for very cheap prices, before and after the Procession. Many gathered on the lawns and enjoyed the chance to relive the powerful demonstration of Faith in which they had just participated. The Archbishop made himself available, as always, and many had the opportunity to express their thanks for his part in the event.

As a final thought, if you have not been to such an event, you would not regret the time you spend in participating in such a wonderful experience.

Don Robertson



Senior's Day

On the 13th of June senior parishioners were invited to a sit down lunch in the Truelson room hosted by Together In Faith- prayer group. The event allowed seniors to feel special and cared for, as well as an opportunity to break bread as a community. It was a special afternoon where 30 people sat down in a restaurant styled arrangement and the mood was very social yet relaxed.

On the menu was home cooked chicken & corn soup, quiche, salad, cheesecake, tea and coffee. The set up included beautifully presented long tables using black table cloths, white table wear and white flowers.

Big thank you to Father Joseph whose flexible and holistic approach allows us to gather for such events.

Thank you also to those not mentioned who were assisting in the background.



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Our Church Chapel—A Holy Place

St. Patrick's Church, Beenleigh, may not be a particularly beautiful building—but it includes one of the most inspiring and lovely side chapels to be found in any Catholic Church.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is our treasure: it houses the Tabernacle, the place of repose of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, which makes it a most holy place. It is used daily in conjunction with Mass times—and specially at 9 a.m. on Saturdays, after the beautiful Holy Hour—for Rosary prayers, which are open to everyone who wishes to pay tribute to the Holy Trinity through Mary, Mother of the Christ. And at other times, it usually is open to any Catholic who wishes to spend a few minutes in prayer and adoration.

For this purpose it also houses a beautiful crowned statue of Mary standing alongside the Tabernacle, where she would always want to be, and a lovely modern picture of her Immaculate Heart. Mary is adorned with a silver ball containing a holy relic, with her Rosary beads at her feet, ready for display at Rosary time. At special times such as Rosary prayers, panels of votive candles are lit—red for Our Lord at the Tabernacle, and in blue for Mary,

Holy statues adorn the chapel: Jesus of the Sacred heart is opposite the entrance, and St. Joseph holding the Christ Child at the rear. A traditional painting of Australia's first saint—Saint Mary MacKillop—is one of the first things seen on entering.

There are more than 20 seats for visitors, but tragically, these are very rarely filled. It is a sad fact—as Mary stated at both Fatima and Garabandal—that devotion to the Blessed Sacrament has fallen away in the modern Catholic Church. And even at Holy Mass times, only a handful of parishioners go to genuflect to Our Lord when they enter the Church. In earlier times (before Vatican II) the Tabernacle held place of honour in every Catholic Church—above the altar, and facing the congregation. After blessing themselves with Holy Water at the door, worshippers marked their entrance to the House of God with a solemn genuflection, bowing the knee in devout greeting to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He is truly there—through the years, many miracles have proved that the Host and Wine really are the Body and Blood of Jesus. And Our Lord has promised that He will reward those who visit Him in the Sacrament, even if only for a few minutes.

Sadly, the lawlessness in our modern society decrees that the Church will be locked at times, to counter vandalism. On one occasion recently, vandals playing with matches caused a dangerous fire in the Chapel. Fortunately, a parishioner saw the smoke, and quick action prevented what could have become a serious conflagration. And there have been several break-ins through the years. leading to the installation of an alarm system.

The Chapel is the heart of our Church, so all of us should make a point of starting our devotions by a brief visit to honour Our Lord and His beloved Mother, in the age-old Catholic tradition!

(Cedric Wright, Convener, 9 a.m. Saturday Rosary.)

Kid's Stuff



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18th Sunday In Ordinary Time Color Page

God made the sun,
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Couples for Christ

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) originated in the Philippines through the initiative of Catholic laymen. Is recognised by the Catholic church and has been active here in Australia since 1988 when it started in Sydney and in Brisbane since 1996.

It's main purpose is to strengthen family Christian values and make them co-workers in building strong Christian community.

The Christian Life program, that runs for 7-8 weeks, is held every year in one chosen parish to help new couples, youths and single individuals to understand their faith and be part of the CFCA community if they choose to.



CFCA having fun at Christmas in July function

Depending on the numbers of the group or unit, three or four couples meet every week and engage in Bible and faith sharing in their homes... making it a Household group. There are also activities for children.

Numerous gatherings such as sports days and family days are held to inspire families and keep them closer together. Most of our members belong to St Edward's and St Patrick's Parishes.

Some of the events we attended lately include Proclaim 2018 and 2000 Hail Mary Devotion.

Virginia Se

Family Mass

Another beautiful family mass at St. Patrick's parish on 21st July Saturday evening. Thanks to all who worked behind the scene.



Guiding Light

The strange light I often See
must be you, God
for I see none else
but the shadow of your face.

It's light is that strong
that I cannot ever see the Angels above
so let me know Lord
what it is You want of me.

As all I want to do Lord
is to serve You and the realms above.

Every day of my life
I need no-one but Thee
So give to me the strength
It takes to serve Thee.

Betty Graver 17.6

Our Schools

Mother Teresa Primary celebrates being of service to others in the spirit of St. Mother Teresa who modelled her commitment to service on Jesus. Our elected Yr 6 leaders have been active in modelling that same commitment to service as well.

Our school committed to raising \$500 for Project Compassion and went past that to raise \$620 - a great community effort.

Our Preps explored what it was like to be in the times of Jesus with their 'Jesus Day' last term. The students dressed in 1st century attire, fished, made objects with hammer and nails (staff assisted), made pottery and listened to great Jesus stories. They loved the opportunity to get a feel for how Jesus lived.

The staff at Mother Teresa values the growth of our students in their literacy skills and it has been great to see the measured improvement in reading results over the first two terms. For example 97% of our Yr 2 students have shown expected improvement of 3 levels or more and 60% of those have improved 5 levels or more. We still have another semester to go to further that growth!



*Ben Torenbeek
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Trinity College Motto

Our Schools

First Communion

Recently we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It was a great honour to celebrate this feast with the children receiving Jesus for the first time in Eucharist.

We congratulate St Joseph's students Abigail Witham, Layla Butler, Mitchell Daly, Hayden McDonald, Emily Miller, Anthony Lopez-Debrincat, Sophia Doherty, Camryn Hinds, Gabbie Parsons, Hayley Searle, Rhyleh Whyte, Jophin Boby, Sean Bailey, Emman Manchanayake, Hayley Parker, Tristan Torralba, Ethan Unsworth, Layla Morris, Kaitlin Bradley and Xavier Harris to the Lord's Supper.

Many blessings,

Margaret Hatzis,

Acting APRE St Joseph's Tobruk School



Fr Joseph with children having received their First Communion

Catholic Education Week 2018 was celebrated from Sunday 29 July to Saturday 4 August. It is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate and promote their uniqueness. The theme for this year was 'Discovering new Horizons', which is derived from a speech by Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2016.

At St Patrick's the Principal for Trinity College, Mr Chris Raju, gave an inspiring homily in front a full church. Young people from our three Parish schools were in attendance, assisting Fr Joseph by reading and serving during the Mass. It was a beautiful occasion.



The Principal of Trinity College, Mr Chris Raju, giving the homily during Catholic Education Week.

St Vincent de Paul society

Thankyou to staff, students and parents of LORDS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

On Friday, 22nd June, Kate Halstead (Vinnies Youth Worker), Fay O'Toole and I went to Lords Lutheran School at Ormeau to collect some items which the school had raised for our Vinnies Winter Appeal. We were met by the principal, Jodie Hoff, three teachers and 7 students. We were overwhelmed by their efforts. We completely filled two vehicles with blankets, rugs, clothes, food and toiletry items. These will, of course, be distributed to those people who seek assistance at our Beenleigh conference. In addition, the school has raised in excess of \$5000 for the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. All money from the sleepout are directed towards the homeless in our community.



Retreat at Marian Valley

7 members of St Patrick's Conference Beenleigh attended a St Vincent de Paul retreat on Sunday, 17th June at Marian Valley. The retreat was organised by the Gold Coast region and was led by Sr Mel Dwyer who was our guest speaker at our last Parish Mass. The theme for the day was:

SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST IN THE POOR

Although it was an extremely cold day, Sr Mel provided some wonderful insights into our work at conference level with the emphasis on the way that we relate to the people who approach us for assistance. In the words of Pope Francis:

-) EACH ONE OF US IS INVITED TO RECOGNISE IN THE FRAGILE HUMAN
-) BEING THE FACE OF JESUS WHO, IN HIS HUMAN FLESH, EXPERIENCED
-) THE INDIFFERENCE AND LONELINESS TO WHICH WE OFTEN CONDEMN THE POOREST



Vinnies Winter Appeal

On behalf of all those less fortunate than ourselves, we wish to thank our parishioners for your generosity during our recent winter appeal. We have banked in excess of \$2500. Thankyou.

New Members.

If anyone (of any age), is interested in the work of St Vincent de Paul Society please feel free to call Fay O'Toole (0407 465 478) or John Maksimas (0410 602 549). Samantha, (3807 5547) at the new Vinnies shop, would also welcome anyone interested in volunteering to work on perhaps one day a week. All training provided. **John Maksimas, President**



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New Saint in the Making

The official process which could lead to Australia's next saint has begun with the appointment of a postulator to oversee the cause for beatification of Sydney woman, Eileen O'Connor.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP announced the appointment of Australian priest, Fr Anthony Robbie, who is currently based in Rome as postulator, which is the person who guides the cause for beatification or canonisation through the judicial processes set out by the Church.

The major development comes after decades of speculation and petitioning by Catholics, particularly in Sydney, where she lived her short life and co-founded the order of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor.

It officially launches the cause for Australia's next saint, after St Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop, with documentation signed by Archbishop Fisher being recently sent to the Vatican, seeking a 'nihil obstat' or 'no objection' to Eileen's cause. ...

"I am very pleased to announce this next step in the cause of Eileen O'Connor," said Archbishop Fisher. "Eileen was a young woman who received the love of God, multiplied it in her heart, and passed it on to others. It is my hope that the heroic and saintly example of Eileen O'Connor will inspire everyone to live faithful lives as disciples of Jesus Christ."

The order co-founded by Eileen said they are "delighted" by the news. "We welcome this joyful news with great gratitude to God – and we joyfully thank all the sisters, volunteers, benefactors and everyone who has walked with us in any capacity in our long journey," said former congregational leader and Eileen O'Connor Centenary Project Leader, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan Oln.

"Our congregation has been praying for this marvellous news ever since Eileen died in 1921. Many people consider her to be a 'saint-in-waiting'."

Born in Melbourne in 1892, Eileen O'Connor was crippled by a fall that injured her spine when aged three. She was largely paralysed for several years and remained in constant pain, which was later attributed to Pott's Disease – tuberculous osteomyelitis.

Her family moved to Sydney's eastern suburb of Coogee when Eileen was aged 10, and it was from there along with a local priest they established in 1913 a ministry, Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor, to tend to the sick and poor....

The decision to appoint a postulator came after 18 months of research by Most Rev Tony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, who was tasked with investigating and assessing whether the cause should proceed.

"He [Archbishop Fisher] asked me to look at her life with a theological and canonical eye and to evaluate the historical evidence that we have, both in the archdiocese and beyond," said Bishop Randazzo. "Having spent many months doing that and praying about it I was able to recommend confidently to the Archbishop that he proceed with the case."

From an article by Peter Rosengren March 21, 2018 <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/next-saint-making/>
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First Communion - Where did all those boys come from?

These boys are the grandchildren of Tony and Margaret Poon, who have been parishioners in our church since they first arrived here in 1987. They are long standing members of the Meditation group and have spent untold hours cleaning our church over the years.

The Poon family background is very interesting. Tony's father was Chinese and his mother part Chinese and part New Guinean. Tony's dad was brought over from China as a labourer by the Germans who were colonising PNG at the time.

Tony was brought up in the strict manner of the Chinese, but the social and communal way of life was all PNG. He has very fond memories of his childhood, 'the very best childhood I can imagine'. The family lived close to the beach and when not in the US missionary school the siblings were swimming, fishing and playing on the beach.

At the age of 11 Tony was sent to Toowoomba for secondary education at Downlands College. He felt lonely in a strange place, but after about two years he felt settled. He completed a four year motor mechanic apprenticeship in Brisbane before returning to Rabaul.

Soon after he met Margaret, a beautiful young girl, who was babysitting for her older cousin, who happened to be married to Tony's older brother. Coincidence?

Margaret's family had an equally interesting origin. Her father was part Chinese, part PNG and her mother Portuguese, Spanish and PNG. Her paternal grandfather was a business man from China and her maternal grandfather was a Portuguese sailor who worked on Guam, before coming to PNG.

Tony and Margaret married and had three boys, Malcolm, Bradley and Alistair. When the boys reached high-school age in 1987, Tony and Margaret decided to come to Australia. The family loved Australia but still missed PNG and all the fond memories. The boys are adults now. Two of them being local business men and one running a business in PNG. They are all married and have their own families and Tony and Margaret are blessed with 12 grandchildren.

Margaret was the driving force in getting the grandchildren baptised, confirmed and just recently receiving their first communion. The parents were on board and fully involved. Margaret feels that it has brought the families closer together, the mums in particular, and it made the boys more settled and appreciative of the church.

Fr Joseph and Peter Haack played a big role in the way the children progressed through the program and it opened the eyes of the parents to all that is happening in the church.

Tony and Margaret love the church and see St Patrick's as a good community where the Youth Group, in particular, is doing a great job getting the young people involved in the church.

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Tony and Margaret Poon and five of their grandchildren, Anthony, Kai, Zane, Alex and Bailey who received their first Communion earlier this year. Congratulations to the Poon family

The Adult Meditation group meets every Monday morning at 9am in the Truelson room. Everybody is welcome to join or just come for a visit.

The Parish is looking for new people to help with the cleaning of the Church. The cleaning usually takes place between 5am and 7am on Saturday mornings, but it is possible to arrange a different time. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.