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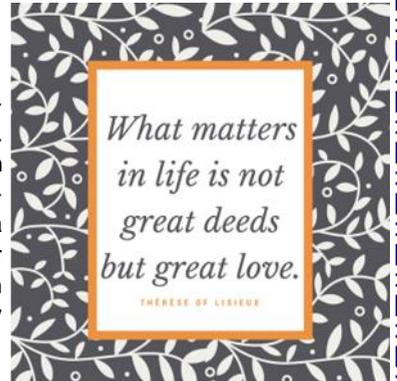
If no one ever told you what really matters in life, I will. There are only three things that really matter in life. These three things are all that the world wants to know about you no matter where you live in the global village that we know as Planet Earth—the space and place you occupy along with 7.5 billion souls. Your happiness and success are directly connected to these three things. And these three things that really matter are actually questions that the world asks you:

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***Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs,
Your Parish Priest***



St Patrick's Mass Times:

Mondays and Tuesdays 7am
Wednesdays 7pm
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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—Multicultural Day

On August 19th St Patrick's celebrated Multicultural Mass with Bishop Brian Finnegan the main celebrant and our own Fr Joseph co-celebrating. The church looked beautiful with flower arrangements and flags from all over the world and every seat was filled with parishioners and visitors. The Mass was wonderful with parishioners reading and praying in their own languages and with music from the different countries. Thank you to everybody who helped to make the Mass special.



After Mass we had a great celebration in the St Joseph's School Hall. We had performances from many countries and groups. Food was provided in very generous amounts and of interesting variety. Thanks everybody for your great efforts in cooking and serving, singing, dancing and performing.

Events in our Parish—Confirmation

47 children were confirmed on Thursday 30 August. Bishop Joseph Oudeman was the main celebrant, assisted by Fr Joseph Kanatt. Teachers from St Joseph's provided the music, Mary and Barry McGrath and many others helped in the background.

Thank you to all!

We wish all the children and their families the very best as they continue on their faith journey.



Father's Day

At the Father's Day Masses Fr Joseph blessed all the fathers in the congregation.

After Mass all the men were treated to a small gift consisting of a St Joseph prayer card, a ruler, a rosary and a how-to-say-the-rosary booklet.

Thank you to Tamara and Betty for your thoughtfulness.

St Joseph — Defender of the Faith

Oh God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

Oh My God!

When will that happy time arrive

In which I shall be entirely
dedicated to your service?

When shall the promise made
to me be fully filled?

My Heart burns with longing to
be fully occupied in serving You

Listen to my supplication and
satisfy my desires. Amen

Words from

"The life of St Joseph"

60 Anniversary



Reg and Mary Crawford receiving a blessing from Fr Joseph as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations Reg & Mary

Alpha Program in the Parish

St Patrick's Parish hosted the inaugural Alpha program from June to August.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith through community coming together over a meal, watching a DVD and having a conversation.

Although Alpha has been around more than 30 or so years in many countries it only appeared on the parish radar in late 2017.

Through tireless organisation and lots of prayer a small team stepped up to the challenge under Colleen Sheehan's guidance in early May to prepare for the forthcoming June launch.

We enjoyed lots of great conversations, and hearty hot meals as we embarked on the weekly Friday night gathering.

Alpha 2018 hosted young people to young at heart people with around 25 to 30 attendees.

Parishioners and guests soon got to know each other particularly in the small group discussions on the evening faith topic, which opened up many questions with no right or wrong answers.

Alpha works because of the power of prayer. There are no limitations on future Alphas, whether it is at the Church or school or at a local cafe or in your home. A true highlight was the weekend retreat at Colleen's home and Father Joseph conducting mass.

I personally have been inspired to read the Bible again through the thought provoking messages and stories in the DVDs. Many personal accounts I saw have transformed lives from addiction, poverty, crime etc. to finding faith in God.

We hope that people may be inspired to come and share a new Alpha journey in 2019 and invite your friends and neighbours.

Please keep it in your prayers.

Gail Weston



The Alpha group during a retreat at Colleen Sheehan's. Fr Joseph held an outdoor Mass in the garden.

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Betty—In Thanksgiving to All

In Thanksgiving to All

To the people of Beenleigh Parish of St Patricks Parish. God it seems is always in your hearts, for you are filled with overflowing love of His spirit and His precious blood, also His love. As I've said so often you are most kind, and give of yourselves always. You have followed me for many years, since I started with Mamre International and now for the past four years with St Mother Teresa Home for Orphans India - I had said to Fr Joseph Kanatt that I had retired, and he said "We need someone to help us here in Australia, so again I said Yes.

Now the following I need to thank, who have helped me, Isabel, who came even when she was not well, over the past years or more. Therese Pauli and her beautiful plants, Cedric and his jams and cakes, but maybe he will not be able, as he's now in his 90's bless him. Cathy K for the loan of her tablecloths and helping me set up, also Catherine W , Tamara and Monica, always offering help and many ,many others with tins of loose change. I'm almost 85 in years and would love to visit my children at the orphanage once again in India, so I'd love one or two to offer to come with me next year 2019 God willing. I've advertised for someone to take over, but no replies - So maybe God wants me to keep going so if you're interested, contact me either on 07 3807 9986 or mobile 0439 791 133 I don't want to close the Charity as Gods children need me.

God bless you all and once again Thank You

Betty Graver

PS Smile for Jesus loves You and Me.



Shalom World Australia

Last weekend we were treated to a presentation by the Shalom World Australia media organization. The Hebrew word 'Shalom' means Divine Peace and the mission of Shalom is to impart the Peace of Christ to the world through media evangelization.

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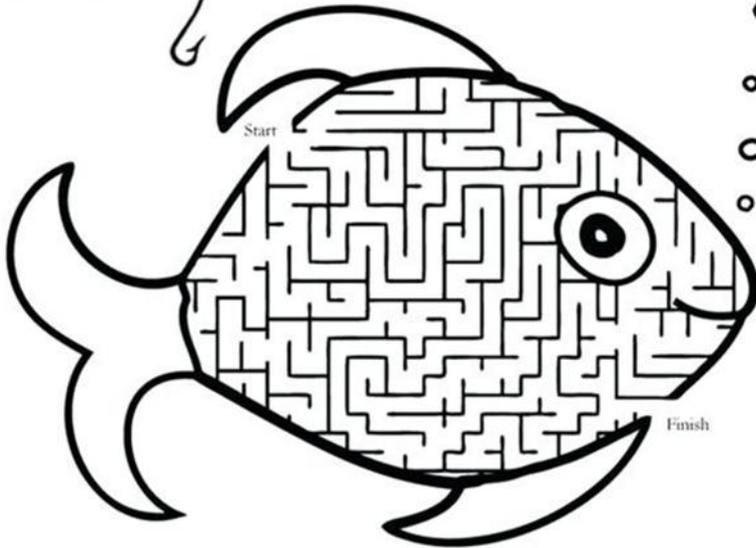
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There is also an app available to be installed on most mobile devices and smart TV's.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge says "Shalom Media seeks to communicate to families and show the beauty of the family within the plan of God".



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And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." **Mark 1:17**

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MY FIRST WORDS TO GOD

As soon as I awake I say:
Dear God, I thank Thee for this
day.
Wherever I go,
Whatever I do and see,
I want to spend
This day entirely with Thee.

Please, dear God, come into my heart,
Our day together is already a-start.
Bless me ever and ever again!
I love Thee, dearest God. Amen.

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Year of Youth

The St Patrick's Youth had been really active this year. We have been involved in some of our parish events such as the Multi-cultural day where some of us, performed a thanksgiving dance for the parish. Some of us learnt this special dance from the Logan Deanery Mass and I'm glad that we have shared it, to the parish. Hearing the words from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, "it is another way of worship and prayer."



This year, we have a lot more happening in our youth ministry.

On Friday, on the 14th of September, all the youths in the Logan Deanery come together in the Logan Deanery Adoration, at St Bernadine's Parish.

Then coming up in about two weeks, we will be starting the 40-hour Famine Backpack Challenge. Raising money for world vision and poverty around the world. For this, we will not be using our technology and no junk food for the next 40 hours.

Furthermore, from the 27th-30th of September, the youth will be heading again to Redcliffe for this year's, Ignite Conference. (one of the best thing that a young person should experience in searching for his faith. I highly recommend all young people to check out in the future.)

On December 1st, there will be a Logan Deanery Retreat coming up. It will be a one day event, held in St. Joseph's Hall. Parents and teens, please mark this in your calendars.

~ Abby Se ~

Bible Quiz

Q: What symbol did St. Patrick use to explain his theory of the Holy Trinity?

Q: What country has the largest number of Catholics?

Q: What name has been shared by the most popes?

Q: In St Johns Gospel who is called the "Word of God"?

Q: What colours are papal flag?

Q: What sister won the Nobel Peace prize for her work with the poor of India?

Q: Who are the men responsible for the personal safety of the pope since 1506?

Q: Who is the saint that tamed a wild wolf?

Answers:
The Shamrock, Brazil, John, Jesus, white & yellow, Mother Teresa, The Swiss guards, St Francis

Our Schools

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since arriving at St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School and St Patrick's Parish on the 13th August. My name is Maree Wright and I was recently appointed as Assistant Principal Religious Education at St Joseph's. I have previously worked as Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education at Marymount Primary, Burleigh Waters and St Mark's Inala, prior to coming to St Joseph's. I am looking forward to working with the St Patrick's community over the coming years.



Year Five and Six Spirituality Day

Students from Years 5 & 6 represented St Joseph's as part of the celebrations for the Year of Youth, held at St Vincent's Primary School on the Gold Coast. Steph Unger- Project Officer and the Identity, Mission and Religious Education team from Brisbane Catholic Education hosted the day along with college students from Years 9, 10 & 11. The theme for the day was "Spreading Joy: Be a 5th Gospel." The students mixed with their peers from other Gold Coast schools in song, liturgical dance and various activities to be a 5th Gospel in the world today and spread this joy to others. The aim of the day was for these students to be equipped with the knowledge and resources to lead formation sessions with their peers and younger students back at their respective schools, sharing their faith as an authentic witness of servant leadership.



Confirmation

Congratulations to the students from St Joseph's and St Patrick's Parish who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our congratulations and prayerful support from the St Joseph's community is extended to all the children.



Our Schools

World Children's Mission Day Mass

For the past two years, the Gold Coast has hosted the World Children's Mission Day Mass for the students on the southern end of Brisbane to be involved in missionary outreach. The first mass was hosted by St Brigid's Nerang, with last year's mass being held at Marymount Primary, Burleigh Waters. This year, St Vincent's at Clear Island Waters were the hosts, with representation from all the primary and college students from Beenleigh to Currumbin. Catholic Mission were present to speak with the students and raise awareness of the plight of many in our world. This year, the focus for Catholic Mission and our respective schools is Myanmar, with the aim to, 'Heal a Nation Through Education.' Representatives from Year 6 attended this mass and throughout October, these students will lead various fundraising activities to support the wonderful work of Catholic Mission. The students gathered as leaders to celebrate their commitment to being prophets of God's compassion and hope and to be reminded of the freedom that a good education can bring to children who are fighting to break out of a cycle of poverty. Finally, we gathered to give thanks for God's saving grace through the work of Catholic Mission.



Prep Enrolments 2019

Do you know any family and friends, or people at Kindy who need a place for Prep. Please tell them to contact us ASAP.

God bless,
Maree Wright
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Trinity College Motto

St Vincent de Paul society



Photo:
SVDP President, John, catching up with childhood 'friends' while visiting his birthplace in Lithuania and spending a very memorable day in Freiburg City in Germany where he lived as a boy!!

Since the last "Bugle, SVDP have held a very successful fund-raiser in our annual Dinner. After a number of years, we returned to the refurbished Beenleigh Bowls Club, where the installation of a

lift has made it much easier for our guests and for the "aging" workers who previously had to carry all the prizes up endless stairs!

The food was great, the company enjoyable and the entertainment – provided by our Parish's own Youth Group, led by Cathy Korzeniewski; and our Organist Anne Erbacher and her talented daughter Catherine, exceptional.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of our parishioners – so Thank you all!

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.

Fay O'Toole

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May you not forget the great possibilities born of faith,

especially the vocation of being a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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There's nothing that you cannot do,
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Alice Joyce Davidson

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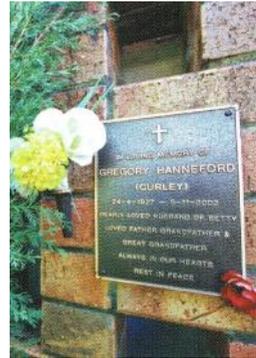
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A vibrant Faith

Recently I visited my step son Fr Paul Chandler, who is assistant priest in St Paul's parish Kealba in Melbourne. Mgr Charlie Portelli is the parish priest and has in his 18 years there built two beautiful churches. Around 2400 attend the weekend Masses and their devotion is obvious. Week day masses are at 9:30 am and while was there the school holidays were in progress. I was surprised at the numbers attending these masses. I believe there would have been around 100 to 120 in the congregation made up of all ages, from school children to a 93 year old lady. Altar servers are readily available as these are school children who wear the black soutane and while surplice and are so reverent and devout.

It was winter time and still the numbers were there. I walked to the church when the temperature was 7 degrees and the chill factor, due to 50kph winds, made it feel like 2 degrees. I made good time walking the 2.5 kms that morning! The interiors of the Churches are made for a prayerful time. Both have stained glass windows, six of them in St Paul's, were obtained by the vigilant internet browser, the Monsignor, who spotted them for sale from a Presbyterian church in North America, which was closing down, sadly. The marble tiles were obtained from the Crown Casino, which did not like their colours! Their loss the Church's gain.

The Rosary and litany of Our Lady, with trimmings, are recited before Masses. This has a settling effect on the congregation and leads beautifully into the celebration of Mass.

Interestingly, too, both churches have a glassed in "cry" room, for noisy children. They are well positioned so that the occupants can participate in the celebration of Mass.

Statues and paintings are well chosen and add to the atmosphere of the Church.

When school resumed, classes were brought to morning mass. the year 4's attended St Paul's and their reverence was noticeable as they entered with hands joined and in complete silence. They responded to the parts of the mass and most went to Communion. Some were non-Catholics and went up for a blessing. At St Mary MacKillop's church, it was the year 1's that attended. They were marvellous in their attention and, before Mass, I saw one boy pointing out to his friend the 12 Apostles surrounding Christ in the huge circular Stained glass window above the altar. I believe this was as good as a prayer for the young man.

My time in these parishes was one of faith strengthening and I enjoyed it immensely.

Don Robertson

