

Parish Bugle

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Life is an Incredible show

As 2019 gets under way the first issue of the Bugle comes out. In this issue I would like to bring your attention to an inspirational homily made by Pope Francis on 6th January 2019.

You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not have a sky without storm, road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, and security in the stage of fear and in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves.

To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let alive the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made a mistake". It is to have courage to say, "I am sorry". It is to have sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have ability to say, "I Love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness.

Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up; never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show. (Pope Francis)

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
Fridays Exposition of Sacrament 7am-7pm
Saturdays Mass/Novena 8am

St Patrick's Weekly Activities:

Mondays 6:30am Rosary in the Chapel
9am Adult Meditation
3:15pm Children's Meditation
7pm Choir Practice
Tuesdays 10:30am Charismatic Prayer Grp
Tuesday-Friday, Sunday
6:30am Rosary in the Chapel
Saturdays 7am Rosary in the Chapel
Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

A new year at St Patrick's

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardship from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most and by making you anxious to be there to help.

Gods love, peace hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Anonymous, https://happynewyeareve2019quotes.com/happy-new-year-prayer/

Adult Meditation

Adult Meditation has resumed after the Christmas break. Please join us in the Truelson room Mondays at 9am. For information please contact Celine on 0417 626 576



Children's Meditation

The Children's Meditation Group has been running on Mondays 3:15-4:30pm for a few years, with Celine as leader and assisted by Tamara and Monica. It is open to all children and teenagers as well as their parents.



We start with a free afternoon tea, we say the Rosary, meditate, read the Bible, talk about our faith and answer questions as best as possible. Sometimes we have activities to emphasise and explain the stories.

Children's Meditation resumes on February 4th. Please come and see or talk to us, or call me on 0414 032 510. *Tamara Malone*

Christmas Memories

Fr Joseph, his Staff and the many invaluable helpers worked hard to prepare the church and the liturgy for the Christmas celebrations. Fr Joseph celebrated Mass at the 6pm Children's Mass, the 8pm Youth Mass and the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and then again at 7am and 9am Christmas Day.





A big thank you to Fr Joseph and his team. Thank you also to Dr Josephine Ching and the Filipino community for the beautiful Simban Gabi Mass and lovely outdoor light display, in the great spirit of Christmas.

Christmas without Family but with Friends

This was the first Christmas that I spent without family nearby. I was wondering how things would be without loved ones to share it with. I needed not have worried so much as I was contacted by immediate family and relatives from near and far.

As I loved good singing, I decided to attend Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Brisbane. I invited a friend to come and enjoy the atmosphere, pomp and ceremony that are characteristic of the Cathedral.

Archbishop Mark was the chief Celebrant and he was assisted by a Deacon and several altar servers. The Cathedral choir had a full complement and was in great voice. We arrived early for the Carols at 11:30 but still ended up towards the back of the Cathedral as many others had the same idea. Some of the carols were sung by the choir alone while others were a combined effort with the congregation.

By the time Mass began, there was little room except for standing along the sides. The choir led the Procession through the front door with servers, readers and a child carrying the Infant to be placed in the Crib, and finally the Celebrants. This was accompanied by all joining in the singing of the Introit to the tune of Greensleeves.

The Cantor then sang the Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus Christ from The Roman Martyrology that essentially pinpoints the time of Christ's Birth by recalling how many years had passed since major events such as the Exodus, the 1000 years since David was appointed King and the 752 years since the foundation of Rome. It is quite a moving introduction and focuses on the reality and magnitude of this Day.

Mass proceeded with the Choir and congregation joining in the singing of the responses and the sung parts of the Mass, as well as Christmas Hymns. Though we did not finish till around 2am with the number receiving Communion responsible for extending the normal time. It was great to witness so many sharing the Eucharist on this special Day.

I had been invited to share Christmas with a friend's family and had prepared a ham, Christmas pudding and a salad. The rest of the food, including the trawler prawns, was prepared by the family. It was a great way to celebrate this beautiful Feast Day. Those having to drive home were cautious in their serves of the fortified pudding and I was warned that any failed testing on the way home would be my responsibility. Their concerns proved groundless.

So my Christmas celebration turned out to be a time of sharing and a time to be with friends, so what more could I have wished for!

Don Robertson

Up Coming



A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

It is being held in 2020 in order to give the Catholic community time to listen, dialogue and discern with one another and, guided by the Holy Spirit, about the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australia.

A Plenary Council has legislative and governance authority. The decisions that are made at the Council become binding for the Catholic Church in Australia.

The first stage of preparation is Listening and Dialogue. It will continue until Ash Wednesday 2019. We are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. All people are invited to engage in Listening and Dialogue Encounters – which are an open and inclusive experience of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church.

It is an opportunity to get together a group of friends, family or colleagues and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. Everyone is invited to respond to the question:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear responses from as many people as possible. The encounter can happen in many ways. You can get a few of your friends and family together at a time and place that suits you. Additionally, your local parish or Catholic school, your Catholic workplace or the local Diocese might host an evening and invite people along.

http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/

World Day of Prayer

We would like to invite all Parishioners to this special day of prayer that will be held on Friday 1st of March 10am at the Anglican Church in Tansey Street. This year's host is Slovenia and the theme of this year is 'COME, EVERYTHING IS READY'. The women of Slovenia have put together a beautiful service for us to follow and we would be delighted if you could join us to celebrate the World Day of Prayer 2019.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian event. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March and this year is the 52nd occasion. The aim is to bring together various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

World Day of Prayer Committee.

Up Coming

Shrove Tuesday, also known as **Pancake Tuesday** or **Pancake day**, is the day immediately preceding **Ash Wednesday**, which is the first day of Lent. This year Shrove Tuesday falls on March 5th.

The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "absolve". Catholics make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

In some countries the eating of pancakes has become a custom as It allows for the eggs and butter to be used up before the beginning of Lent. In other countries this is a Carnival day, and the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting of Lent.



The Fight Between Carnival and Lent is a painting by Pieter Bruegel the Elder from 1559, showing the contrast between two sides of life, as can be seen by the inn on the left—for enjoyment, and the church on the right—for religious observance.

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. The significance of the 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years in the wilderness by the Israelites and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness.



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Prayers for Australia

Father ever generous,
give us new vision to see your shaping hand at work
in all the gifts to our country
and in the care and protection with which you frame our lives.
May we always live in this land
united in purpose and freed in the Spirit
until the final feast at heaven's table.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Youth





The Year of Youth 2018 concluded with a packed program at St Joseph's School Hall which included a talk by David Clarke about the danger of drugs and the consequences of making wrong choices.

The day was followed by an evening Mass at St Patricks. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Ken Finnegan and concelebrated bv Deanerv Priests and our own Fr Joseph Kanatt.



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Getting into Books

For me books are a mystery that works away and benefits us all our lives.

When I was little my family was pretty ordinary and we had secrets like we didn't have any books at all. My father was often away and my mother seemed to be to us very poor. It was a very vague beginning. I wasn't like my siblings. I didn't do anything big to learn. But I did want to be specific.

I found books. Because I had them I was less dramatic because they helped me navigate my life and generally speaking be happy. At every turn they added other meanings and the richness to what I understood and thereby helped me make my choices. I learned other people's ideas gave me options that worked for me when I had goals or there were challenges like the mistakes we all make. There was an answer in every book to my questions and I needed answers in a big way. Words fascinated me. Described behaviour fascinated me. What-ifs fascinated me. People doing what they do in fiction and nonfiction fascinated me. I grew up and was able to socialise because of books. What a concept!

I absorbed so many books I was even able to train to make my living using complicated books. I found ways of living from books that helped me in so many situations from birthing my babies to living creatively. Mind you living cooperatively and constructively was and is still challenging. But of course books like our Bible helped me again and again to choose as I aged.

Not surprisingly as I grew I found books weren't the only source of inspiration, but

were still important in so many ways to me and so many others I met. They have become part of who I am from how I relax, to how others perceive me and above all have become my legacy. I have cute beliefs that books are still popular because we need them as a physical and mental connection to relevant information in our changing world. I'm all for that I have to say. My siblings trod their own path. All of them thought I was pretty nice. I wouldn't have that without books. Recently it took my breath away when I met a young man from Vietnam who was clearly following in my footsteps. I can only say getting into books worked for me and I think it is going to work for him. learned English and his accounting trade and then to move to Australia from books. He plans to work and contribute in Australia for as long as he can.

If you get the chance go for it I say. Getting into books can be so rewarding.

Ann Hehir

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Joseph-Man of Action

Traditionally known as 'the Silent Saint' because no words are attributed to him in the Gospels, Joseph—foster-father of Our Lord—earns our admiration as a strong, courageous and supremely capable man. Nearly twenty years older than Mary, chaste and loyal, he was the ideal companion and guardian for Our Lady and the Infant Jesus. Though their relationship was celibate, he adored Mary. She had told him that the Child was the Son of God, and he worshipped the Infant from the time He was born in Bethlehem. He sheltered Mother and Son, guarded them, and took them wherever they needed to go, riding on his faithful ass.

When danger arose, he was fearless and ready to take charge and see them to safety. The first test was the midnight call to escape from the murderous orders of King Herod. Without hesitation, Joseph prepared the ass for riding, and set off for distant Egypt, as directed by the angel. It was a frightening challenge, but with Joseph they were safe, and Mary was able to call on her protective angels to help them when necessary. Arriving in Egypt, Joseph was able to find a modest home for his little family, and to start supporting them by his skills as a maker of furniture. Their income was supplemented by Mary, who was an accomplished seamstress.

Seven years later, the angel of God told them it was safe to return to Nazareth because Herod had died, and Joseph again took them safely home through the desert. In the years that followed, Joseph was called on repeatedly to take Mary and Jesus on journeys of several days between Nazareth and Galilee or Jerusalem. As always, they were safe in his care—even though the roads in those days were rough and often inhabited by brigands and thieves. Joseph suffered ill health as he aged, and died a holy death in the arms of Jesus and Mary at the of 60, when Our Lord was 27—three years before the start of His ministry.

In Church tradition Joseph has always featured strongly as the chaste and devoted spouse of Our Lady, who guided and guarded Our Lord through his 'teens, to manhood. He is revered, and deserves more than the traditional title of 'saint'. So it was not surprising that he appeared with Mary and Jesus at some of Her most important apparitions, such as Fatima and Garabandal. Again, he did not speak.

But now there is a change, and Joseph earns a place alongside Mary, where he belongs.

According to an authenticated report, Joseph appeared with Jesus and Mary to a 22-year-old student, Edson Glauber, at Manaus, in 1994, and later at Sao Paulo. At the first apparition only Mary spoke. At an apparition to Glauber four years later, Joseph spoke, about devotion to his Heart, and made the first of several promises. He said: 'My dear Son, Our Lord God, has sent me to tell you about the graces the faithful will receive from my Most Chaste Heart, which Jesus and my blessed Spouse wish to be honoured...Souls will be saved from the hands of the Devil...All who have devotion to my Heart will be chaste, righteous and holy in His sight...'

This was affirmed by Mary, and was followed by a second promise: 'I promise that all who honour my Heart and do good deeds on earth...will receive in their last moments of their lives the grace of a good death...I—with Most Holy Mary—will console them...and they will rest in the peace of our Hearts...Holy Mary and myself will take these souls to the glory of Paradise...'

Joseph also gave a stern warning about the evil intentions of Satan: 'He is...trying to destroy the mortal souls created by God. What he most uses are sins against holy purity—one of the virtues most loved by God...The invocation of my name is enough to make the demons flee...I myself will protect you...All those who lovingly have recourse to me—even those who have committed terrible sins—will have the certainly of my help to recover the Divine Grace and Mercy of God...I promise that they will not be abandoned in their difficulties and trials.'

Joseph also announced that those who asked for his intercession on the first Wednesday of each month would receive 'torrents of extraordinary graces...that I continue to receive in the glory of Paradise.' When he had finished speaking, Mary confirmed that all who honour the Most Chaste Heart of Joseph would benefit from her maternal presence in their lives 'in a special way.' Our Lady added: 'My Son Jesus, my Chaste Spouse Joseph and I are at your side. Fear nothing, because our Hearts will protect you, always!'

Cedric Wright

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ST PATRICK'S CONFERENCE—BEENLEIGH

As we start a new year, it is an opportune time to reflect on the year that was—2018.

I have mentioned in the past editions of The Bugle that St Patrick's Conference Beenleigh is one of the busiest in the South Brisbane district. We cover a large, quite densely populated area which includes Beenleigh, Eagleby, Eden's Landing, Bethania, Waterford East, Mt Warren Park, Windaroo, Yatala, Jacobs Well, Ormeau, Pimpama and a number of other areas.



Some of these areas are some of the fastest growing in Queensland. In order to assist people in need in those areas we have in excess of twenty volunteers (Vincentians) and we are open from 9.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

It may be of interest to summarize the assistance provided during 2018.

During 2018, our conference assisted an unbelievable number of persons—12057. The majority of these were children under 16 yrs—6623, 17 to 24 yrs—1074, 25 to 44yrs—3014, 45 to 64yrs—1239, and 65yrs and above—107.

The value of assistance provided was \$122,602.54, comprising food, furniture, clothing vouchers, and other items such as medical prescriptions, petrol gift cards and some monetary assistance.

This would not have been possible without the financial support of our parishioners, our friends and our business community.

THANKYOU TO ONE AND ALL

NEW MEMBERS URGENTLY NEEDED

In order to continue the work of our Conference now and in future ears, we urgently need parishioners to volunteer their services. All training provided.

We have scheduled a sign-on weekend for Sat/Sun 23rd/24th February. All details, information etc will be provided in the weeks preceding this weekend. For expressions of interest and further information, please ring Faye O'Toole (0407465478) or John Maksimas (0410602549).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

Sat/Sun 23rd/24th Feb—Membership Drive (All Masses)

Sat/Sun 25th/26th May—Winter Appeal

Fri 26th July—VINNIES DINNER— Beenleigh Bowls Club

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You may have wondered who the driving force is that helps raise many thousands of dollars to support those who are desperately poor to learn skills and support their families. Well, **Maureen Taylor** supports many Catholic charities and among them she discovered Mary McKillop International. In the years since then Maureen has contributed to raise many thousands of dollars by collecting stamps to be sold at auction. This is snapshot of Maureen's interesting life.

Maureen has lived and worked in Beenleigh and surrounding suburbs, including St. Josephs Tobruk School and St. Patrick's Parish for sixty-six years. Maureen's family moved to Norwell where they farmed Dairy Cows and Sugar Cane. She completed her education and trained as a Primary School teacher. After graduation she moved to Sydney to pursue her teaching career where she remained for the next 12 years teaching the primary school curriculum and music.

Maureen joined the Royal Australian Airforce in 1971 and served until 1979. She returned to Queensland where she joined the Airforce Reserves based at Amberley. In 1986 Maureen returned home to Beenleigh. Before long she accepted a position with Music Makers, back to her real love, 'Teaching Music', violin and piano at Beenleigh and Mount Gravatt music schools.

Maureen lived in Milne Street, Beenleigh for the next twenty-five years. Her Studio was at her home. Here Maureen taught young children and teenagers the disciplines of Violin, Cello and Piano by the Zuzuki Method of teaching. Many of Maureen's students became accomplished musicians. One young man in particular was accepted into Brisbane Conservatorium of Music

and is now an accomplished music teacher himself.

Maureen was employed by St Joseph Tobruk Primary School, for six years, teaching violin and keyboard. She became involved in the Eagleby, Beenleigh Orchestra, later renamed to PCYC Orchestra. Maureen was the conductor and her orchestra never missed a beat, Maureen seemingly tireless lead the orchestra for ten years.

Finally, Maureen decided to close the lid on her piano and retired in 2014. In October 2016 Maureen left her home of twenty-five years, still living locally and leading a far more relaxed life style. Maureen has made many new friends and renewed some old acquaintances. She spends some leisure time in the community garden and also has a beautifully thriving garden on her balcony.



Maureen (right) and friend having fun with the ukuleles

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! Maureen has put together a group of non-musicians who are now learning to play the ukulele. Surprise, surprise! On most Sunday afternoons when the common room is quiet, Maureen goes down there to play the organ. She plays for her own pleasure, but I am sure that anyone in hearing range also finds great pleasure in listening to Maureen's beautiful music.

I have had the pleasure of Maureen's friendship for twenty years now. We met when I took my three grandchildren to learn to play music, they were 3, 6 and 8 years of age. My middle grandson now plays piano, drums and guitar, he writes and records his own music and lyrics. He has lived in the U.K. and Europe for the past two years and performs his music. My youngest grandson plays guitar and sings. Thank you, Maureen, for bringing the pleasure of music to so many people and thank you for being my friend. *Chris Davis*