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Easter: Celebration of Joy and hope

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Christians all over the world sing this song. Within a few weeks these words will be in our hearts which brings Joy and Hope. Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. With the Resurrection of Jesus a new epoch has completely began. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried has now been glorified.

I wish each and every one of you a VERY HAPPY EASTER. May the risen Lord bless you abundantly?

Death is not end of the story. After Jesus it can never be end. There is one more chapter. This is an important chapter that is, Jesus is risen from the dead in all glory and majesty. For us, the followers of Jesus, death is not the end of life, but the beginning of another level of existence. We also believe that our life after death depends on how we live in this world. Therefore resurrection is not something that happens all of a sudden after our death. It is the continuation of the daily transformation we undergo in our lives. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus invites us to self transformation as well as social transformation.

Then the questions come into our mind, what is the purpose of life? What is your goal in life? Where is your heart in life? Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare for the next life, and if you are not preparing for your own resurrection you are like a train that has become derailed. What happens to a train that gets derailed? It goes nowhere. Can you take your house to heaven with you? Then why make such a fuss about your house? Can you take your car to heaven with you? Well then, why become so engrossed in your car? Can you take your bank account to heaven with you? Use your life for spreading the Gospel, sharing the goodness of God with others to have joy and peace.



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
Saturdays 7am Rosary in the Chapel
Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

We acknowledge and pay respect to the land and the traditional families of the Yugambeh region of South East Queensland, including the Kombumerri, Mununjali, Wanggeriburra and others, and their Elders past, present and future.

St Patrick

The feast day of St Patrick, the patron saint of our Parish, was celebrated in a special Mass by Fr Joseph Kanatt on the 17th of March. The church was decorated with floral arrangements and the Parish choir sang beautifully..

After Mass we had a pot-luck brunch in St Joseph's School hall. Thank you to the Witham family for all the work that went into organising the brunch. Thanks also to Vince Morgan and his band who entertained us with Irish music. The brunch concluded with the draw of the St Patrick's Day raffle. Thank you for your support of the raffle and a thank you to everybody who helped making the day a great success.



St Patrick's Easter Calendar

Palm Sunday April 13 & 14

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 7am, 9am and 6pm

Holy Thursday April 18

7pm Mass

Good Friday April 19

Stations of the Cross 10am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm

Easter Saturday April 20

Easter Vigil Mass at 6pm

Easter Sunday April 21

7am & 9am Mass
6pm Mass

Bequests to the Parish

Should any Parishioner be considering making a financial bequest to St. Patrick's Parish, such a bequest must be included in your Last Will and Testament.

There is an exactly worded statement required to be used when making such a bequest. This exact statement can be obtained from the Parish Office.

St Patrick—originally “Padraig”—of Ireland is one of the world’s most-loved saints. Premier Patron of the Emerald Isle and people of Irish descent everywhere in the world, he is feted as “The Apostle of Ireland”, and together with his famous three-leaf shamrock, is the ultimate symbol of that land of saints and song. So it comes as something of a surprise that discover that actually, he was English!

He was born in AD 387 in what was then the Roman colony of Britain. In his early ‘teens, he was captured by a raiding party of pirates from across the Irish Sea, and taken to Ireland as a slave, to herd sheep. At that time, the Word of God had not yet reached Ireland, a pagan land in the grip of the Druids. But Patrick had been born and brought up as a Christian, and this young slave was destined to bring about the conversion of Ireland. In his celebrated memoir, “The Confession”, he wrote:

“The love of God and His fear grew , more and more, as did the Faith in me. My soul was roused, so that in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow, or ice, or rain.” When he reached manhood, Patrick managed to escape, after having a dream “from God” in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors, who took him back to England, where he was reunited with family. But a few years later he had a vision, in which a man named Victoricus gave him a letter to read. The heading was “The Voice of the Irish”.

“As I began to read, I imagined that I heard the voice of the people living near the wood of Foclut, near the western sea, crying out: ‘We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us!’” This prompted him to undertake studies for the priesthood. He was ordained in France by St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre, under whom he had studied for years. His piety and learning soon led to him being ordained himself as a bishop. Sent to take the Gospel to Ireland, he arrived at Slane on March 25, 433. There are several legends about his turbulent early years in Ireland. But one of the most credible is that he converted a Druid chieftain who had tried to kill him, and started on his mission of preaching throughout the country. He converted thousands, and began building churches across Ireland.

He used simple analogies to explain the faith to ordinary people—most famous being his use of the three-leaf shamrock clover to illustrate the three-in-one Being of the Holy Trinity. For forty years, this pious and gentle man spread the Gospel message throughout Ireland. He worked many miracles—one being his reputed act of banishing serpents—symbol of the Devil—from the island.

At the end of a life of poverty and total devotion to, and trust in, God, Patrick died on March 17, 461, which the world now celebrates with joy as “St. Patrick’s Day”. He is believed to have been buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick.

It was the descendants of his Irish converts—the convicts transported from Britain, who brought the Faith to Australia. With no priests to minister to them, they found consolation in the Holy Rosary. It was their devotion to this beautiful prayer which laid the groundwork for the Catholic Church in Australia—when priests and the first bishop arrived in the early 1800’s, they found a ready-made and devout nucleus in place for the first churches and congregations.

Their legacy—and his—lives in the scores of churches in Australia—including our own—which bear his name.

Cedric Wright

A perfect end to a perfect day

What a perfect end to a perfect day. 27 November :- for that was special to me, for I was invited to the children's concert, by my young friend Elise, who is in her last year in St Josephs. Elise is 11 years old and took part in the concert - 'A Christmas Night' - by the Children of St Joseph's School Beenleigh.

I was interested and blown away by what the children did, and how well they performed and behaved, it was absolutely marvellous.

The teachers are to be congratulated, especially one whom I saw sitting in the front, directing and helping the children.

The coordinator was amazing and so accurate in the way she helped all the children, I'm sure everyone was spellbound by the whole performance.

And of course none of it could have taken place without the help of the parents, whom I believe made most or all of the outfits.

They, the children looked gorgeous, and I loved them, and the way they went through their routines, they were spot on.

God love you all, and may they grow up to be wonderful people of the Future Generation.

Stay Cool Be Happy,

Betty Graver

PS Smile for Jesus loves you and me!

St Joseph

March 19 is the feast day of St Joseph, foster father of Jesus and patron of the universal church and of St Joseph Tobruk Memorial school. Fr Joseph Kanatt celebrated a special Mass on the feast day of St Joseph for the children of the school.



Maree Wright, APRE and Tony Barron, principal review preparations for school Mass

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BRITA is coming to St Patrick's Church!

St Patrick's Church and Qld Transcultural Mental Health Centre are teaming up for a fantastic program called BRITA (Building Resilience for Transcultural Australians) Futures. It is a program that promotes resiliency life skills to achieve a healthy integration into the society while maintaining and being proud of their cultures of origin and hence, live more harmoniously. It covers multiple topics like health and well-being, migratory process, cultural identity, resiliency, social connections, and intergenerational relationships. It runs over five days 3-hour sessions or nine days 2-hour sessions.

All sessions of this program are offered free to all participants and will take place here at the parish very soon so stay tuned for more announcements about BRITA.

*Rodel Josue,
Queensland Transcultural Mental Health Centre*

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer was hosted by St George's Anglican Church Beenleigh and was held on Friday^{1st} March 2019 at 10am.

The host country this year was the little European country of Slovenia, with the theme being "Come – Everything is Ready".

The Celebration was well attended with around 80 people joining in the service. The Bible readings and the stories from the women of Slovenia were beautifully presented by the representatives from each of the churches in the Beenleigh area. Namely, St George's Anglican Church, St Patrick's Catholic, Uniting Church, Bethesda Lutheran, Salvation Army and Baptist Churches. The hymns were sung with gusto by the Anglican choir.



Come – Everything is Ready

The Representatives and readers for St Patrick's this year were Monica Boucek and Marian Ward.

Pastor Peter's message of the day focused on the bible reading Matthew 22:1-14 about the King's son's wedding and how the invited guests refused to come and so he sent out his servants to invite others in the town to come instead. He explained how this parable represents how we are all invited to God's feast and it is up to us as to whether we accept his invitation or not. God tells us "Come – Everything is Ready" he has a Feast awaiting us in heaven, he just needs us to accept his invitation to live our lives by following the example of his son Jesus Christ. Pastor Peter's message was powerful and well received.

The service was followed by a delicious Luncheon which was enjoyed by all.

Marian Ward

Lenten Program

The charismatic prayer group namely Breath of the Spirit are holding a Lenten Program arranged by the Brisbane Archdiocese in book form and cd every Tuesday in the Truelson Room 10.30 to 11.30 followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome to join us For further information ring Mary McGrath. 0402859396.

Mary McGrath



The Breath of the Spirit Prayer group has been operating for many years and its members have been leaders in many of our church's initiatives. It is a very friendly and welcoming group and everybody is welcome to attend the meetings.

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.



*The Way
of the
Cross*

The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

At St Patrick's Church the Stations of the Cross is held every Friday evening during Lent, at 7pm. Please feel free to join Fr Joseph, parishioners and visitors for this solemn devotion.

St Vincent DePaul Society

ST PATRICK'S CONFERENCE – BEENLEIGH

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

Our conference recently conducted a membership drive in an attempt to recruit any interested parishioners to join our conference here in Beenleigh. We were delighted to receive 17 expressions of interest, seven of whom have completed their membership applications. A truly great response. As the next step in our induction process, our membership co-ordinator Patrick McAnally and our Regional President Bruce Laker will conduct an Orientation session on Sunday, 24th March at 1.00pm.

BI MONTHLY REPORT:

In an effort to keep our parishioners better informed we have decided to submit a brief statistical report of our activities.

Over the last two months our conference has been extremely busy:

Total Number of Contacts: 301

Total Number of People Assisted: 722 (502 of these were single)

Total number of children: 338 (0-16yrs)

Total Value of Assistance provided: \$16,182.10



THE TREE OF LIFE:

To celebrate Quota International's Centenary, Junior Quota Beenleigh in collaboration with International Artist Donald James Waters OAM and Logan City Council have decided to launch a mural entitled "The Tree Of Life". This tree consists of trunk and roots representing the people and the land which have and will continue to support Beenleigh's growth. It has leaves that are representative of significant businesses, community groups and individuals who have contributed to the life of the town. It occupies a central position within the Beenleigh Town Square precinct and is a photographer's delight. Vinnies is represented on one of the leaves as well as St Patrick's Parish. The mural is well worth a look.

NEW MEMBERS WOULD STILL BE MOST WELCOME !

John Maksimas, president

Driver Reviver Ormeau

Queensland transport recently put on a celebratory lunch for Mary and Barry McGrath to thank them for 25 years coordinating driver reviver for dusty travellers in Ormeau.

This project is carried out every school holiday and long weekend, with Christmas shifts requiring 72 positions. The 4-hourly shifts run from 8am to 8pm.

We are supported by volunteers, several from St Patrick's Parish. We are always in need of more to help the community. This is a lions club of Ormeau project which Barry chartered some 28 years ago.

If interested in helping, contact Mary on 0402859396.



SPYM: *Called to Love and Serve*

New Year, New Plans

This year I am proud to say that we have grown so much since our youth ministry made the decision to now be called *St. Patrick's Youth Ministry*. Many of us have been so blessed beyond measure to have become a big family of loving, caring, faith-filled, passionate and committed young individuals. I'm sure many of you may know me as Mary, I am one of the older members and leaders of SPYM and for me it almost feels like I have a dozen more siblings. We are so thankful for our parish community, and our families who have long been there for us and inspire us every day in our walk with God and our commitment to serving and loving Him and His people as a youth ministry.

After successfully (and faithfully) participating in many significant events held and hosted by the Archdiocese of Brisbane like the "Year of Mercy" and the "Year of Youth", SPYM are being called by God for the next chapter of their journey. St. Patrick's Youth Ministry is now moving forward and working on collaborating with other parish communities. So far within our ministry we are proud to have achieved a Logan Deanery Retreat which was hosted by our Parish last year in December, 2018. With special guests and talks by Policeman David Clarke and Canossian Sister Melissa Dwyer, and parish priests Fr John Conway and Fr Clesio from Brazil. We were pleased to have met with other youth ministries from around the deanery area like the Youth-for-Christ from Couples for Christ Beenleigh, St. Matthew's Parish, Loganholme and St. Maximilian Kolbe, Marsden to name a few. The retreat was an opportunity to be in each other's presence, also God's presence and to thank Him for what the "Year of Youth" has done for every one of us. Although it was just a small retreat, it was a pleasure getting together with other young talented and faith-filled young people that share a similar mission and vision as us.



St Patrick's Youth Ministry (SPYM) in a group photo with St Matthew's Youth Ministry after Adoration at St Bernadine's Regents Park. SPYM stood for the music at this event.

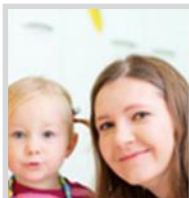
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This year 2019, SPYM are hoping to get more involved with the Logan Deanery. Logan Deanery events such as where us young people celebrate the end-of-a-theme and renew our youth ministry initiatives through annual retreats and youth masses, as well as setting in motion inter-parish communication for Logan Deanery parish youth coordinators and young leaders, and of course taking part in community outreach programs where parishes get together for an immersion experience. In my experience so far, meeting with other parishes is one of the many great privileges of being part of youth ministry. As a young person (or young adult) I feel it very important for me to be with a group of people who invite me in to feel a sense of belonging, acceptance and mutual respect, especially, when it comes to engaging with other young people from other parishes across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Now that the "Year of Youth" came to an end last year December, St. Patrick's Youth Ministry plans to focus more on upcoming events within the Logan Deanery and the Archdiocese. These events are significant milestones in youth ministry because not only are we growing as leaders, but for some of us we find *our* vocation. If you ask me about my vocation, I didn't exactly find my vocation through youth ministry, although it's a good place to start your journey. Most of you may already know I actually found *my* calling through a children's ministry. Although my vocation remains with children, my commitment to youth ministry remains strong. Never will I ever grow tired of spending time with my younger youth siblings. Again, if you ask me, I would rather spend time with my youth family, than go out partying and getting drunk. Special shout-out to Denzell, Haydenn and Shannel Almario, Sinead Fitzgerald, Hannah and Jacob Evans, Natasha Hoban, Philomena Warnholtz, Tyrone Torralba, Chelsea Steven, Sean Raineses, Ethan Keeling, Nathaniel Harris and anyone else younger and older than me who I see as my younger and older brothers and sisters!

Mary-Denise Se

Congratulations to Erica and Matthew on the birth of their twin baby boys, James and Oliver. May God bless the young family and keep them all safe



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St Joseph Tobruk Memorial School

2019 Welcoming & Commissioning Mass

Our 2019 year began with our Welcome and Commissioning Mass early February. We welcomed our Preps and those students who are new to St Joseph's. The theme for 2019 is, 'Choose Adventure with Jesus'. Our symbol of a light post represents the light of Christ ever present in our lives. The arrows point to the many directions following Jesus can take us. In choosing this adventure we, '#Choosefaith', '#Choosecourage', '#Chooselove', and '#Chooseservice'. The suitcase represents what we need to pack to choose Jesus- kindness, humility, friendship, respect and perhaps what we need to unpack- selfishness, teasing, dishonesty and rudeness. May all students at St Joseph's choose courage, faith and love to follow Jesus in 2019.

At this Welcome Mass, we also presented and commissioned our Year 6 cohort as leaders for 2019 and presented them with their badges asking God's blessing on them. These badges remind them of the responsibility that comes with this role as they interact with others in their everyday lives. We thank Fr Joseph for leading our Mass and blessing our children and their badges. We wish all the Year Six students all the best for their final year of primary school.



Show the love for Townsville Day

On Valentine's Day, we joined together as a community to share the love with the people of Townsville who have been devastated by the recent floods and let the people of Townsville know that St Joseph's cares. We began the day with a liturgy held in the Courtyard, to not only donate money but also to keep the people of Townsville who have been devastated by the recent floods in our prayers. The children came forward in prayer and placed their coin on the 'heart' to show love and solidarity with the people of Townsville and the rescue workers. The St Joseph's community raised \$486 which has been sent to Brisbane Catholic Education. Within our Archdiocese, the aim was to send \$85000 to the Townsville Education Office for their distribution to families in need. The schools in our Archdiocese exceeded this amount sending in excess of \$100000 to Townsville.



Our Schools

Social Justice Crew 2019

Nineteen Year 6 students volunteered to be part of the 2019 Social Justice Crew at St Joseph's. This group will work with myself and other teachers throughout 2019 to raise awareness of social justice issues. Their mission is to aspire to live the Gospel message by serving the poor with love, respect and justice and to work to shape a more just and compassionate society within our school community and beyond.

Throughout the year, this group will lead fundraising initiatives to support Caritas and Catholic Mission whilst also raising awareness within our community here at St Joseph's of the suffering of so many in our world due to hunger and poverty. Over the past few years, the Social Justice Crew has grown in numbers and it is wonderful to see Year 6 students stepping up to lead this important ministry.

Project Compassion Launch

On Shrove Tuesday, Year 6 leaders attended the launch of Project Compassion at St Stephen's Cathedral. There were over sixty schools from our Archdiocese represented with Archbishop Mark Coleridge leading the Liturgy of the Word. Following the Liturgy, morning tea was provided by Rosies and the students participated in the annual pancake flipping race, watched a musical performance from the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts, and took a guided walk of the Mary MacKillop trail. Our leaders enjoyed the day and were role models in representing St Joseph's.

We also cooked nearly 1000 pancakes on site for Shrove Tuesday. St Joseph's raised close to \$450 for Caritas which was a great community effort.

Maree Wright, Assistant Principal Religious Education
St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School



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