

**God's Frozen people**

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Christians that even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people. Frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate to one another, and frozen in the way we celebrate our faith. We don't seem to be happy to be in God's house; we are always in a hurry to get it over and done with as soon as possible. So the Easter season is a great time to stand still and to ask the Holy Spirit for God's fire of love.



When Jesus left this world he gave us four gifts: First, he gave us his love, which will enable us to keep his word. Next, he gave us the Holy Spirit, who will teach us everything we need to know. Third, he gave us His peace to strengthen us against fear in the face of trouble. Fourth, Jesus rewards us with the assurance of his second coming. All these gifts are remembered and experienced in this season. So let us become God's loving people by responding positively to the call of God, proclaiming the good news and actively participating in the mission of Jesus.

Your Pastor  
Joseph Kanatt

**St Patrick's Mass Times:**  
Mondays and Tuesdays 7am  
Wednesdays 7pm  
Thursdays and Fridays 7am  
Saturdays 8am and 6pm  
Sundays 7am, 9am and 6pm

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# OUR PARISH PROGRAMS

## Sacramental Preparation

Incorporation into the life of Christ begins with reception of the sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation but is most fully expressed and brought about through participation in the Eucharist, which is the culmination of our initiation into the Church. Our Parish of St Patrick's offers a family centred, Parish based and school supported program for preparation of the sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation.

The family is the heart of the parish faith community. Parents first presented their children at Baptism and the parish recognises the importance of the family as faith educators and sees the initiation process of a child as part of a life-long faith journey. The parent's role in fostering a child's life of faith is so crucial, that nothing else can replace it. Therefore families are encouraged to be full and active members of the parish faith community, particularly through the presence of parents and children at Mass. The parish school offers support through religious education curriculum and also offers the parents support in their children's faith journey.

The children of our parish have begun preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, firstly by participating in a Rite of Enrolment Mass and secondly completing their work books with the help of their parents. On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May the children will be presented with the Apostles Creed at Mass. There will be a family orientated workshop after the 9am Mass on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May and the program will conclude with the Rite of Confirmation 7pm, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please continue to pray for these children during their time of preparation and as they continue next year to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Peter Haack  
Pastoral Associate



## Building Program Update

Construction of the parish office has now commenced. The building has been set out and the footings and slab has been poured.

The plans for the new presbytery are now in council awaiting approval and building is expected to start shortly.

To make room for the construction Fr Joseph's garage was lifted in one piece by a

## RCIA PROGRAM

St Patrick's parish welcomed the new Catholics into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. These people have participated in our parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process.

During the Easter Vigil, they made a profession of faith, were confirmed and received their first Communion. It was a solemn occasion for the whole parish and for friends and families. In the words of one proud mother:

*Easter Saturday at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Beenleigh, was very exciting for five generations who were present at Jody-ann Willoughby's Confirmation. Her family consisted of - Jean Jenkins, 95 year old grandmother to Jody; Jody's brother, Gavin Willoughby; her daughter, Alicia Willoughby and her three children, Tyler, Elliana and Kiara; and her mother Jeanette (Jenny) Willoughby.*



*The Church overflowed out the doorways with many other families observing a Baptism and others being Confirmed, which all contributed to a very happy and spiritual evening. Plus the choir sang beautiful hymns which made the night very special.*

*Jody looked serene in a white dress, and loved every minute of this special Mass led by our capable priest, Father Joseph, to who Jody gives a big thank you. Another thank you goes to Peter Haack who gave his time freely over many weeks in order to teach Jody the necessary knowledge needed to become a Catholic. His teaching was amazing. Another thank you must go to the women belonging to 'Together in Faith' prayer group, of which Jody is a member, as their strong belief and dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ surely had an influence on her choice to join our Church. A special thank you to Betty Graver.*

*Janette (Jenni) Willoughby*

huge crane and moved to the front of the block near the Columbarium.

By end of April \$3,030 had been raised through the Buy a Brick campaign and \$17,226 by other fund-raising for the Building Fund. It is a great effort which will benefit not only ourselves, but also the future generation of Beenleigh Catholics. Thank You to all parishioners for your support and special thanks to Bendigo Bank for your donation.





### Stations of the Cross

I had the pleasure of playing a very small part in the re-enactment of the stations of the cross on Good Friday. I was so impressed by Cathy and the youth team on their enthusiasm and professionalism that they showed to this very important task.

There were lots of rehearsals and different ideas put forward. In the end they decided to go with the silhouette and I'm sure you will all agree with me that it was a wonderful decision.

It is so important for the youth to play this important role, to be a driving force in our parish. All involved should be commended on their dedication. It was a beautiful, moving re-enactment which a lot of our parishioners found very spiritual.

On behalf of the parish council; well done to Cathy and the youth team. We are very proud of you!

Cheryl Evans  
Parish council member





## STAGES OF FAITH PRESENTATION



### A MORNING WITH FR. RAY SCANCHEZ

I HAD BEEN TO MANY 'FAITH DEVELOPMENT' COURSES OVER THE YEARS AND ENJOYED THEM ALL. WHEN I READ IN THE PARISH BULLETIN THAT FR. RAY WAS COMING TO OUR PARISH, I DECIDED TO GO ALONG. I DID NOT KNOW WHO FR. RAY WAS, BUT THOUGHT THIS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

I SHARED THE MORNING WITH APPROX 50 MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY AND WE WERE IN FOR QUITE A MORNING.

THE SESSIONS WERE BROKEN UP WITH GROUP SHARINGS

THIS PROVED TO BE VERY INFORMATIVE. GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL AND KNOWING ALSO THAT WE ALL FACE SIMILAR CHALLENGES ON OUR OWN FAITH JOURNEY.

FR. RAY WAS AMAZING. HIS INSIGHTS ON THE STAGES OF FAITH AND PRAYER DEVELOPMENT HAD US ALL LAUGHING AND SOMETIMES CRYING. HIS DOWN TO EARTH APPROACH REACHED US ALL. HE SPOKE SIMPLY AND WITH GREAT KNOWLEDGE.

A WONDERFUL PRIEST.

WE SPENT A LOVELY MORNING IN GREAT COMPANY.

MANY THANKS MUST GO TO THE PEOPLE WHO INVITED FATHER RAY TO COME TO OUR PARISH AND I HOPE THAT HE WILL COME AGAIN.

GOD BLESS.

COLLEEN SHEEHAN

*May God Smile  
On You Today*

## LEBANESE CULTURE NIGHT

St Patrick's Parish is made up of many cultures from God's World. The culture of Lebanon was celebrated in St Joseph's Hall on Saturday evening the 23rd April, 2016.



The night was fun filled with Dabkeh Folk Dancing, which was firstly demonstrated by our Lebanese community, followed by others who quickly got the swing of it. A performance of Belly Dancing by Ildiko was greatly admired, but unlike the Dabkeh Dance many of us could not get those hips to gyrate.

There was a brilliant display of artefacts from Lebanon which prominently displayed a picture of St Charbel Makhlof, who was a Maronite Monk and Priest in Lebanon in the 1800's. He was beatified in 1965 and canonised in 1977 by Pope Paul VI.

Lebanese flat bread spread over with homus/garlic aioli and topped with Koftas and a range of salads and then rolled up, was tastefully enjoyed by all. Along with traditional sweets and topped off with a short Black coffee. It was a Lebanese feed to remember.

A super great night enjoyed by all in attendance. Well done to the organisers and the many helpers from within the parish and also from outside for their generous support.

\$3,000 was raised from this parish event and this amount has been donated to St Patrick's Building Fund for the purpose of the three new buildings soon to be constructed.



*Cellean Cune*

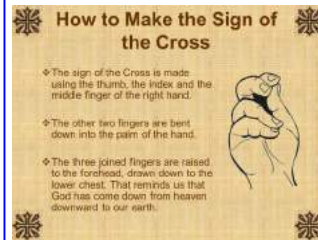
# UPCOMING FEASTS

## Holy Trinity 2016, Sunday, May 22



The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Pope Gregory IX instituted Trinity Sunday in 828 CE. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The belief of one God in three elements is fundamental to the Christian faith.

In 1334 Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Church and ordered that it should be held everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost.



The making of the sign of the cross, which professes faith in the Trinity, was practiced from the earliest centuries. Saint Augustine (431) mentioned and described it many times in his sermons and letters. In those days Christians made the sign of the cross with three fingers on their foreheads. The words ("In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost") were added later.

## Corpus Christi 2016, Thursday, May 29



Corpus Christi is a festival that has been celebrated by the Catholic Church in honour of the Eucharist since 1246. The name "Corpus Christi" is a Latin phrase that refers to the body of Christ.

This event commemorates the Last Supper on the day before Jesus' crucifixion, as described in the Bible.

Symbols that portray the event may include: an image of a host (consecrated bread) and chalice to depict the Holy Eucharist; an altar; and a ciborium, which is a chalice-like container used to store consecrated hosts of the sacrament of Eucharist, or the Holy Communion.

Source: [catholics.about.com](http://catholics.about.com)



# Mission Statement



## Vision

Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School, established in 2010 at Ormeau, is located half way between the lovely Gold Coast and our capital city Brisbane and opened its doors to students in 2011. This new and developing community, part of the Parish of Beenleigh, aspires to be an authentic Christian community, building quality relationships based on servant leadership, modelled by the vision and example of Jesus Christ, enriched by the words and actions of Mother Teresa.



## OUR SCHOOLS

*Our schools, St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School, Trinity College and Mother Theresa School, are certainly among the shining stars in our parish crown. We hope you enjoy information about our schools in coming issues.*

*Mother Teresa Primary School is a newer school, established in 2010 while Fr Tony was parish priest. You can see below that enrolments at Mother Teresa Primary School are growing and the mission statement is really inspirational!*

### **Mother Teresa Primary School (April 2016)**

Since our foundation in 2010, Mother Teresa Primary School has grown from 55 enrolments in 2011 from Prep – Year 3 to over 200 enrolments in 2016 from Prep – Year 6.

Our school Mission Statement was drafted in 2015 in consultation with our whole school community, including staff, parents, parish representatives and students and is a celebration of the thriving community that has evolved in the school's short history.

The statement was developed collaboratively by the writer's group which consisted of parents, staff and the school leadership team. It was proudly presented to our community in September 2015 for feedback and has been embraced by all members of our school. After the final process of editing, it will be published in a variety of printed and digital formats to share with the wider community in 2016.

We are excited to share this document with the St Patrick's Parish Community.

### **SCHOOLS UP AND COMING**

#### **Mother Teresa's School:**

Principal Mr Peter Kerrins 55495000  
School now taking prep enrolment  
Trivia night 7pm Friday 13th

#### **St Joseph's School:**

Principal Mr Stephen Johnson  
32872798  
Liturgy every Thursday 9am  
Sr Jenny cuppa every Friday 8:30-  
9:30am  
National Story Time 11am 25th May

#### **Trinity College:**

Principal Mrs Catherine Thompson  
34425222  
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# “VINNIES”

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### ST PATRICK'S CONFERENCE – BEENLEIGH

Nearly everyone in Australia associates Vinnies with a voluntary organisation which assists the poor. But the story of Vinnies and what it stands for is much more than that.

Part 1: Where and why did the Society begin?

Paris, France, in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, was in the grip of great upheavals. During and following the French Revolution (from 1789), Paris was profoundly affected by social unrest. A new type of society had been formed—a secular republic based on liberty, equality and fraternity. But after the fall of Napoleon in 1815, the pre-revolution regime and the Bourbon monarchy were restored, with the Catholic Church resuming its former position as the established religion of the country.

The 1830's brought the collapse of the monarchy. Religion was on the decline and atheism increasing (sound familiar?). Skepticism was rife. And then The Industrial Revolution.

Large numbers of country people were moving to large cities to find work in the factories. Many arrived to discover that work was hard to get and those who who found it were poorly paid. Many factories were closed due to revolution. Sprawling disease-ridden slums formed in Paris. Homelessness and starvation were common. In 1832 an epidemic of cholera swept through Paris killing up to 1200 people a day.

A young student, Frederick Ozanam (1813-1853), had to walk through the poorer suburbs on his way to university lectures each day. He soon became deeply moved at the hopeless state of families who had been left without the support of their breadwinners after the epidemic. An active student debater at the University of Paris, Frederick argued in public that Christianity had always fostered human progress. He demonstrated this with evidence from history.

It was the taunt of an anti-religious St Simonian opponent in a University debate that stung Frederick into action: “You are right, Ozanam, when you speak of the past! In former times Christianity worked wonders. But what is it doing for mankind now? And you, who pride yourself on your Catholicity, what are you doing for the poor? Show us your works?”

The challenge was taken up by Ozanam. His response was: "We must do what Jesus did: let us go to the poor." He gathered a few friends around him and in May 1833, they decided to form a Conference of Charity to help the poor. They named their group the Society of St Vincent de Paul after the patron saint of Charity. After their first meeting Frederick and his flat-mate, Auguste la Tailander, took the remainder of their winter wood supply and gave it to an old man who lived in an attic nearby. (that was their first visitation).

They sought the advice of Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Sister of Charity, who had for years been visiting poor families in the city. She gave them some of her "clients". They agreed to meet weekly to strengthen their friendship and to respond to the needs of those they served. Within a year, the membership of eight had expanded to 100 and it became necessary to split the group into three separate conferences. At the same time, other conferences sprang up in parishes around Paris.

In its first decade, the Society of St Vincent de Paul spread to 48 other cities in France and Italy and numbered more than 9000 members. After some years the Society reached Rome, England, Belgium, Scotland, Ireland and the USA in 1846. Today, the Society continues to serve people in need through some 950 000 members in 149 countries including communist China.

#### **Next Issue of the Bugle:**

**"The Society in Queensland."**

#### **THE VINCENTIAN VOCATION**

The vocation of St Vincent de Paul Society members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to his compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person to person contact. Vincentians serve in hope.

Are there any Parishioners who can spare one morning per week in this service to those in need in our parish?

For further information please contact John Maksimas –

0410602549 – or leave your name and telephone number at the parish office.

#### **WINTER APPEAL**

Please note that our yearly Winter Appeal will be conducted on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June. A good portion of proceeds will be spent on the purchase of blankets. Your support, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

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*Bless my little kitchen Lord,  
I love its every nook,  
And bless me as I do my work,  
Wash pots and pans and cook.*

*May the meals that I prepare,  
Be seasoned from above,  
With Thy blessing and Thy grace  
But most of all Thy love.*

*As we partake of earthly food,  
The table Thou has spread,*

*We'll not forget to thank Thee Lord,  
For our daily bread.*

*So bless my little kitchen Lord,  
And those who enter in,  
May they find naught but joy and  
peace  
And happiness therein.*

*Amen*

*Delando Crescent Cook Book of Slices,  
No. 1, 1977.*



When a family experiences the heartache and difficulty of the loss of a loved one, funeral arrangements can be a stressful time for everyone involved. Organising for a prepaid funeral can lighten some of that burden and relieve your family in a time of sorrow.

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## BREATH OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

This is a little reminder of the above Prayer Group every Tuesday morning at 10.30am till approx. 12.00.

We are a group of parishioners male and female who gather to bring our requests and thanks to The Lord. We know he listens to us because he said "whenever two or more are gathered in my name I am there".

We pray for all the sick in our Parish, our family and friends, conflict in the world and many other requests as they come to mind. We sing a few hymns in praise to open our hearts followed by a quiet time to meditate on the Lord and his word. Next we have a teaching, a witness or a scripture that we break open with the aim of a better understanding. We have intercessory prayers which are prayers of the faithful. With a closing song we end our prayer session then have a shared lunch in the Truelson room which is a great time to share and get to know each other.

We always cater for extras and the food is always enough. Some people come for lunch alone and add to the fun. We are extending an invitation to anyone who would like to join us for either prayer group or lunch or both.

You may have a particular reason for wanting prayer, we all need the most help we can get bearing in mind we cannot do things on our own. I remember speaking to a woman one Sunday after Mass asking if she was new in the parish, she replied no I have been here 22 years no one has ever spoken to me before. This can also be a good time to meet others on the same journey.

I am being reminded of a hymn we sing on Sundays "We are companions on the Journey Breaking bread and sharing life, and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the Love of Our God".

We hope to see you there and May God Bless You

MARY MC GRATH

### Our Gardener

Have you ever wondered how the gardens can look so nice? It is because of the efforts of people like Jorge Acevedo. Jorge and his wife Sonia came to Queensland for a family reunion some 25 years ago. At this time Fr Grundy was our parish priest and Jorge answered a request for ministers and became a minister of Communion. Some years later, during Fr Tony's time as parish priest Jorge started working in the gardens and he has done so ever since.



Jorge loves the community of St Patrick's and he feels happy to meet people and share his life and faith with them. He feels most happy when working in the garden. "When I look at the garden I am thinking of God's creation. Nature is God's creation and it makes me happy to be part of it".

Jorge and Sonia are also involved with the Latin American society in Brisbane. They attend mass and social get-togethers every Sunday and are also responsible for some of the financial management of the society.

At St Patrick's Jorge likes to relax in the garden. He comes to church most days, to pray and to water and look after the plants. Thank you Jorge.