

# Parish Bugle

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Light of Christ: "Just as one matchstick can overcome the darkness in a room, so too our one small voice in the place where we find ourselves can make a difference. We are invited to be that light in the darkness. We are invited not to perfection, but to encounter with Christ who is alive in us, and wants us to find the fullness of life in Him."

*Sr Melissa Dwyer*

*The Catholic Leader, Thursday, July 25, 2019*



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## Farewell to Fr Joseph

This is the last issue of the Bugle during Fr Joseph's time in our Parish. Fr Joseph has been a supporter of the Bugle right from the first issue and his contribution to each issue has been treasured reading.

Fr Joseph has been our Parish Priest for the last seven years, being responsible for all facets of parish life including sacramental, pastoral, administrative as well as a multitude of ordinary everyday tasks.

Father has been celebrating Mass every day of the week, and often more than once per day. He has held services at retirement villages and nursing homes and has visited the sick in their homes and hospitals.

Father has managed a building project replacing the ageing office and residential quarters without creating a debt to be paid off in future years. He has presided over numerous improvements to the church that we can be very proud of. The renewal of our Church speaks a lot about Father's mission, hard work and vision.

His Parish leadership includes special events such as Multicultural Mass, Family Mass, Youth events, pilgrimages and other programs that we will continue and develop in future years.

As Parish Priest Fr Joseph is passionate in all he does within the Parish and the atmosphere of Mass is filled with deep reverence. He is a great leader and his leadership stems from his love of God and of his parishioners. He is a compassionate man, a friend to the sick and needy, but stands very firm on matters of principle. He is a true leader.

We will remember the love, kindness and support which Fr Joseph has shown us, and of course his tolerance and forgiveness of our many mistakes and imperfections. We shall always remember his faithfulness and dedication to his priesthood. We will miss him and ask God to bless him as he begins his mission at his new parish.

*Monica Boucek, Parish Council Chairperson*



## Welcome to Fr Subin Thomas

Fr Subin Thomas has been appointed Parish Priest to St Patrick's by the Archbishop and will be joining us on the 5th of August. He has been the Parish Priest of the Murgon Parish and is of the same order as Fr Joseph, the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. We wish him welcome and hope he will enjoy his time with us.



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

## Fr Joseph Kanatt - Our Catholic Spiritual Guide

Fr Joseph is a quiet achiever and special man who has led us in our Catholic faith for the last seven years. He was born in the town of Vaikom in the state of Kerala, India and he was the third of six children.

Fr Joseph lived a very vibrant, loving and traditional Catholic childhood life. He was baptised in St Anthony's Church in Pothy and went to Catholic Schools.

Fr Joseph was an altar server and his family held Rosary service every evening in their home. He had people around him who cared for him and influenced and impressed him deeply, such as his parents, his Catechism teacher and a Grand Uncle who was a priest. At 14 years of age, Fr Joseph read part of the Passion of Christ during Good Friday celebrations and this made a deep impression on him.

With the support of his family, Fr Joseph studied at the MCBS seminary in Kottayam. His parents were very happy for him, but also sad to see him move away from home as a young man of 16. During the first year, his Novitiate, he could have no visitors, and during the following years he would see his family only during school holidays. On Sundays Father and his fellow students would cook to give the staff a break and to learn life skills.

After 11 and a half years study, Fr Joseph was ordained on 28/12/1990. He spent the next six years working in parishes in Kerala and 13 years at the Mission at Karnataka. Fr Joseph completed a masters degree in social work in 1999 and eventually became the Provincial Councillor in charge of social work.

In 2011 Fr Joseph was asked to come to Australia. It was a difficult decision for him as his father was quite sick by then, but his parents understood the call and were happy for their son. Fr Joseph became assistant priest in Beenleigh and Chaplain at Logan Hospital, and in January 2014 he became our Parish Priest.

Fr Joseph maintains that the priesthood is a ministry and a service to people. It is a call, rather than a profession. He has assisted the parish to grow in faith and he has enjoyed being with people and helping them develop.

Fr Joseph has felt great support from the Parish, and has enjoyed working and making memories with the different groups. Together many challenges have been overcome, outstandingly so with the Office and Presbytery building project.

Fr Joseph has been ordained a priest for 29 years now. He comments that he has had "a happy life" and he has been very happy being with us in Beenleigh. Many thanks to Fr Joseph for his contribution and leadership and our prayers go with him as he moves to his new parishes.

*Colleen Sheehan & Monica Boucek*

*From article first published in the Bugle issue 9, July 2017*

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## St Patrick's Family Challenges

Breast is best, is how the saying goes. I always imagined breast feeding would be a cinch. How could it not be? Step one- Get baby. Step 2- Put baby on breast. Step 3- Baby drinks. Step 4. Happy baby. Nothing to it?

Shame it was not so.

I didn't realise the struggle it would be to get baby on in the first place, and keep baby on. LET ALONE TWO!

All the books I read and all the educational videos I watched made it seem so easy. They made the whole process look so peaceful and lovely. All the babies knew what they were doing and all the mum's were so natural. Me on the other hand had four arms flailing and two mouths screaming- but let's be real here- it was six arms and three mouths. And everyone was in tears.

I had no clue what I was doing. The midwives at the hospital would come in with their magical hands and latch the babies on, and each time I tried on my own I was in agonizing pain, babies would scream and cry, and the whole process was emotionally, mentally and physically draining. And I was expected to do this every 3 hours or more!?

Perhaps my mistake was trying to feed two babies at once... But had I not I would have spent my whole day being nothing but a milk factory.

I came to really resent feeding sessions, and in turn the time I spent with my boys. I didn't want to hold them. Didn't want to spend extra time with them. Our bond seemed non existent. They were just a thing that required me to exist. Was this what it would be like? Was this what I was waiting my whole life to be?

After falling into a bout of mastitis and being stuck in hospital away from the boys and having to pump and dump my milk because of antibiotics we made the decision to feed the boys formula exclusively. The boys thrived and I started to find joy in not only feeding the boys but also being with them. I could look at both of them without pain, without discomfort, and they were happier, I was happier. I felt more mentally capable at handling the two dumplings without the dark clouds of the baby blues completely consuming me.

Many people are quick to judge a mother for choosing to feed their children formula, which makes me so sad! I have been so fortunate to not have experienced this judgement (yet) but I know lots of women who have. Motherhood is hard enough without the guilt placed on us by other people's opinions. Nobody ever judges the person grabbing the tin of pumpkin soup instead of the fresh pumpkin! So why judge a mother who is feeding her child the best way she can? But while I know breast is best, I firmly believe fed is better!



*Erica Ng Philips*



## Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The first stage of the Plenary Council preparations, the listening and dialogue encounters took place in Parishes around Australia between May 2018 and March 2019.

The central question the Plenary Council asked was: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

More than 222,000 people participated and contributed 17,457 submissions from individuals and groups.

All these submissions were evaluated by the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council. Archbishop Costelloe said there was a clear desire expressed for the Church to renew herself and focus on the person of Jesus Christ.

“Accordingly, the six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people,” he explained.

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- ) Missionary and Evangelising
- ) Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- ) Prayerful and Eucharistic
- ) Humble, Healing and Merciful
- ) A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- ) Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.



*Meditation Group considering what God is asking of us in Australia at this time*

This discernment process will involve establishing Working Groups for each National Theme for Discernment. Also, people in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters.

Out of this process the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020 will be determined.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/announcement-of-national-themes-for-discernment-opens-next-phase-for-plenary-council/>



# St Vincent De Paul Society

## ST PATRICK'S CONFERENCE – BEENLEIGH

### Bi-monthly report:

Again the months of May and June have been extremely busy:

Total number of contacts: 284

Total Persons: 701 (468 singles, 116 partnered, 117 single with children)

Total value of assistance provided: \$17,685.54



### Piety Stall:

We desperately need someone to take over the general running of the piety stall. It is not an onerous task which mainly involves stock control - ordering, pricing, display and sales. Can anyone help? See Fay O'Toole or John Maksimas.

### Farewell to Fr Joseph:

On behalf of our conference here in Beenleigh, I would like to thank Father Joseph for his unwavering support and encouragement for our work with those in our parish less fortunate than ourselves.

We therefore say thank you Father and we wish you all the best in your new Parish. The parishioners of Sandgate/Brighton are indeed fortunate to have you as their Parish Priest. Our prayers go with you!

**John Maksimas,**  
**President**

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# St Vincent De Paul Society

## Our Mission

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

## Our Vision

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering hand-up to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny

## Our Aspiration

An Australia transformed by compassion and built on justice. The Society advocates on several pressing social justice issues such as homelessness, poverty and asylum seekers.

## Our Key Values

The Society has identified seven key values to which it is aligned. They are: commitment, compassion, respect, integrity, empathy, advocacy and courage.

**COMMITMENT**—Loyalty in service to our mission, vision and values.

**COMPASSION**—Welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgement.

**RESPECT**—Service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions

**INTEGRITY**—Promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values

**EMPATHY** – Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception.

**ADVOCACY** – Working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice.

**COURAGE** – Encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future.

## Our Fathers and Inspiration

The St Vincent de Paul Society owes much to its founders and inspirational leaders, both past and present.

The society was founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a devout Catholic and brilliant young student in Paris, who was passionate about social justice and reform. He and his companions were guided by Blessed Rosalie Rendu who was a member of the religious congregation of the Daughters of Charity.



Frederic took his inspiration from St Vincent de Paul, the patron Saint of charities, and St Louise de Marillac who was Vincent's spiritual collaborator. Vincent and Louise co-founded the Daughter's of Charity in 1633.

Father Gerald Ward established the Society in Australia at St Francis' Church in Melbourne in 1854. Both a young adult and an adult Conference still operate from there today.



In 1894 the first Conference in Queensland was established in Brisbane at St Brigid's, Red Hill. This was in response to the devastating floods and the need to assist those affected.

The Society offers new members an orientation program to explore the contribution of our founders, our ethos and our inspirations.

**Submitted by John Maksimas**

## We welcome all to St Patrick's Masses:

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

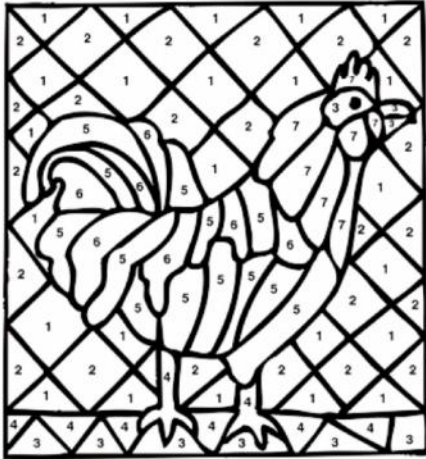
Tuesdays 10:30am Charismatic Prayer Grp

Tuesday-Friday, Sunday 6:30am Rosary

Saturdays 7am Rosary in the Chapel

Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

## I Don't Know Him



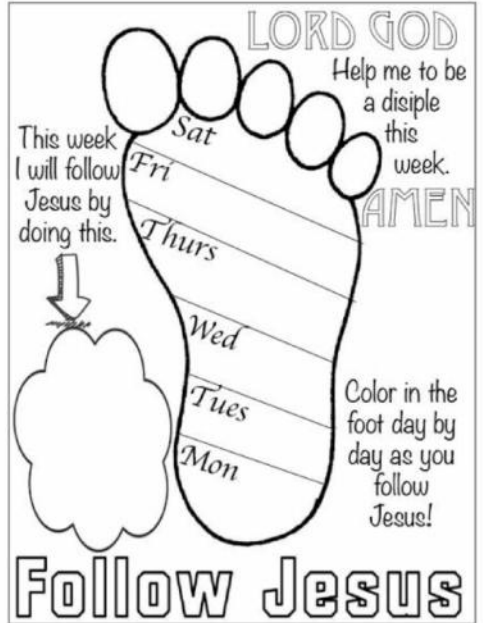
Luke 22:54-62

At the last supper Peter professed his love for Jesus. But later he denied knowing Jesus three times.

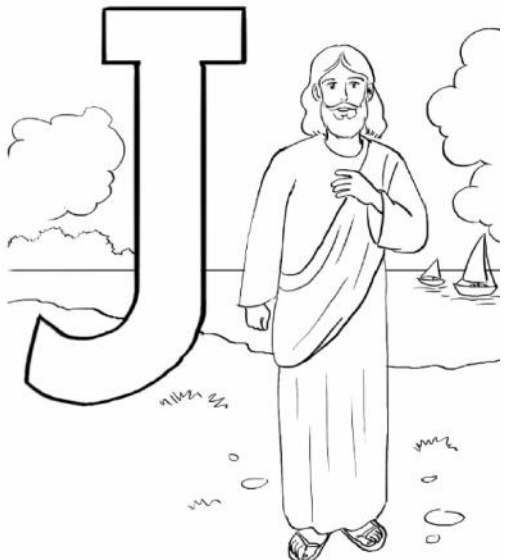
What farm animal reminded Peter of his lies?

Use the color code to find out:

1=Green 2=Blue 3=Yellow 4=Orange 5=Brown 6=Black 7=Red



## July Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in bold print

Junipero Serra  
Elizabeth of Portugal  
Maria Goretti  
Augustine Zhao Rong  
Benedict  
Henry

Kateri Tekakwitha  
Bonaventure  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Apollinaris  
Lawrence of Brindisi  
Mary Magdalene

Bridget  
James  
Joachim and Anne  
Martha  
Peter Chrysologus

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Submitted by Asha & Amala Saju



# Youth @ Family Mass



## Technology—Tap and Pray

The Catholic Leader reports that some parishes, e.g. Sunnybank and Caloundra have been trialling electronic collection plates.

As many people, especially the young, seldom carry cash, and are very used to the tap-and-go payment method, this helps with technology they are used to.

The technology is easy to operate. The amount of tap is pre-set to, say \$5. The data gets downloaded in the office on a Monday morning and the money goes straight into the Parish bank account.

This will of course not suit everyone and is only one additional way of contributing. "All revenues have to be available for people and not everyone likes to tap, and others like to donate, all different courses for different people—we're trying to be an inclusive church" Fr Camiliolo from Sunnybank said.

*From article by Joe Higgins in The Catholic Leader, July 7, 2019. Issue 5559.*



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## Visit to Yugambeh Museum & Language Centre



*Shaun Davies vividly explaining many words, origins and meanings, in front of the old Tyndall Language map.*

NAIDOC Week was observed from Sunday July 7 till Sunday July 14 this year. NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. It is a significant week in the Australian calendar, and an especially important one for many Indigenous communities around the country. It celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In the lead up to NAIDOC week I paid a visit to the Yugambeh Museum and Language Centre. The Yugambeh language people are the traditional custodians of the land located in south-east Queensland and north-east New South Wales, now within the Logan City, Gold Coast, Scenic Rim, and Tweed City regions. Their ancestors all spoke one or more dialects of the Yugambeh Language.

The Museum has two large display rooms, with very interesting information about the families from the area, their elders and descendants.

Preparations were in progress for a large reunion of the Graham family.

As part of a group of visitors we were guided by Shaun Davies, a linguist from the centre. His knowledge of the families from the local area and his knowledge and interest in the language was inspiring.

The museum is well worth a visit. It is open to the public every Wednesday between 10am to 2pm at Cnr Plantation Rd & Martens Street, Beenleigh.

## Build Bridges—Maria Truelson 2002

At times we all need refuge  
A place that's safe and warm,  
Especially when we're battered  
By a fierce, destructive storm.

God asks us to build bridges  
That all are free to cross,  
Bringing hope to everyone  
Who's suffered pain and loss.

We all must work together  
To span the chasm wide,  
So people seeking shelter  
With us can abide

Bridges will provide support  
To those on a slippery slope,  
Stone by stone and stick by stick  
Despair gives way to hope

Fear can be replaced by trust  
If we extend our hand,  
Surely there is room for all  
In this broad and sunburnt land.

We are all God's children  
His Love for each the same,  
Let us act like Christians  
And be worthy of the name.  
AMEN

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**Pope Francis**

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Catholic schools offer this and more by not only pursuing academic excellence but excellence in all pursuits.

Of course, academic achievement is important in every school. However, academic achievement alone does not define success in our world.

Your child's education should not only be measured by tests and scores. Teachers in Catholic schools know a ranking upon graduation is not the sole definition of your child's success.

Their education should also be filled with encouragement and wonderment; where their heart sings with joy, every school day.

It should be an education that prepares them to walk gently in an increasingly complex world. And a Catholic education creates a life of purpose, kindness, honesty and compassion.

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Nobody likes to think about it, but the fact remains that we are only on this earth for a short time. Pre-arranging a funeral is no different from saving for a holiday or putting money away for an investment. Pre-planning a funeral is a logical and sensitive way to ensure your passing can be celebrated with as little stress possible on the ones who love you. Our professional and helpful funeral director can guide you in completing the appropriate paperwork – nothing morbid or sad, just like filling out a will – practical, sensible and easy.

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## Farewell from Fr Joseph

At the request of Archbishop Mark Coleridge, I have accepted his invitation to serve as Parish Priest of Sandgate/Brighton. In September 2012, I was appointed Associate Pastor of St Patricks, Beenleigh, and Catholic Chaplain to Logan Hospital, residing at St Patricks. In January 2014, I was humbled to then be appointed as your Parish Priest.

On arrival from Kerala, India in early 2012, I knew little about the Aussie Culture, hospital chaplaincy and parish life in an overseas country, indeed even priestly life in an Aussie Catholic Diocese!! However, as a priest from the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, I am called to serve and hence my arrival in Australia.

From Day 1 you warmly welcomed me, embracing, caring, sharing and guiding me as your Priest, Leader, Mentor, Confidante and Friend for nearly 7 years. Everyone of you have in ways unknown, enriched my ministry and life, and my enculturation into the Aussie way of life shared through your own history and personal experiences, has broadened my horizons and gifted me with a much deeper Spirituality that attunes my soul to the movement and love of God's spirit in Ministry and in the heartbeat of the people I serve.

Together over the past seven years we have grown and journeyed at Beenleigh as a multicultural Parish witnessing and bringing alive the Word of God, and sharing that love of God by ministry to one another and the wider Logan City community through worship and prayer. We have worked hard, laughed, cried, shared our joys and sadness, and journeyed through the "ups and downs" of our daily lives together while remaining faithful to the Word of God and receiving nourishment from our Eucharistic celebrations.

Through your dedication, and supported collectively by the Parish Team, Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee, Prayer Groups, Sacramental Program, St Vincent de Paul, the School Principals and staff, plus the many individuals and volunteers who work quietly each day in the background performing basic domestic works required around the parish, we have arrived in 2019 with a new Parish Office, a new Presbytery, various updates to our Parish Church, and yes, we remain debt free!! I am immensely proud of each of you and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your gifts, skills, and ongoing commitment to the parish.

For the past seven years it has been my absolute pleasure and joy to serve you all and to be a part of your lives. The word "Farewell" from St Patrick's evokes a "bitter/sweet" emotion. Although it's not always easy transferring to another Parish and another set of challenges, it is indeed just one of the many pathways of priestly ministry and part of our transient dedicated missionary lifestyle. We are constantly called by God's Spirit to move forward and to "Serve and spread the Love of God".

I will never forget my time of ministry and enculturation here at Beenleigh. The community of St Patrick's will always have a special place in my heart and with sincere gratitude I will daily keep you close in my prayers. I am where I am today on my priestly journey because of you. Thank you one and all and may God keep your ongoing journey safely in the protective light of His love. You are indeed, a welcoming, Eucharistic, Spirit-filled Witnessing community.

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Parish Priest*

