

Do not bury hope!

"Hope" is the message of Easter. Easter proclaims that no one is so far gone into death that Jesus cannot call her / him back to life; that no one is so lost in darkness that he / she cannot be drawn back into the light.

Easter is God-given but it is meaningless without an understanding of what went before in Holy Week and in particular on Good Friday: evil is confronted and defeated, love overcomes hate, suffering and death are overcome. If this is true then it has huge implications for our understanding of our own lives and their challenges.

Understandably, we are tempted to despair when confronted with the complexities of life, the worrying situation the world is in right now with COVID-19 and, of course, our own personal anxieties and fears. We are tempted to lose heart, to cry out "my God my God why have you forsaken us". We wonder if God is real or have we just lost touch with him. It is certainly not easy at times to find him in the confused cynicism of the modern world.

The Christian faith, however, insists that the God we think we have lost is revealed to us in the pitiful figure of Jesus exposed to public ridicule on a cross. We find it difficult because we humans look at Holy Week and can only see failure. God sees it differently and in the event we

know as the resurrection reveals that what we thought to be failure is in fact a triumph.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead shows that there is hope beyond all the sufferings that humanity have to undergo. Easter is about a living hope, a hope that is contemporary and real for the present moment, whatever the circumstances of our lives.

"Do not bury hope! Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside." (Pope Francis)

May you all have a Blessed Easter!

Fr Subin Thomas, Your Parish Priest



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 emerging.



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Question:

Why do Catholics have to confess their sins to a priest? Why can't they confess to God directly?

Answer:

Catholics **can** confess their sins to God directly and they frequently do so. They are encouraged to examine their consciences daily and to express sorrow in their own hearts for any sins they have committed.

Through the sacrament of penance, not only are sins forgiven, but graces are obtained. So regular confession should be encouraged.

There are three main reasons for confessing to a priest in this way.

First: Jesus gave his apostles the authority to forgive sins, and Catholics believe that this authority has been handed on to bishops and priests throughout the Church's history. This is consistent with God's way of communicating with us -through visible signs. We are flesh and blood human beings and we communicate in a physical way. Through the priest God allows us to hear that our sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Second: Confession does not only reconcile us with God, it also reconciles us with the Church. Sin harms the whole community of believers. Just as two people having a row at a party puts a damper on the whole gathering, so the sin of a member of the Body of Christ, the Church, has repercussions on the whole body of believers. Confession to a priest, appointed by our Lord as an official stand-in for Christ (*alter Christus*), is an expression of our sorrow and our desire to be reconciled with our fellow Christians.

Third: the priest is often able to offer counsel, advice and encouragement to the penitent in the light of his/her own circumstances.

Terence O'Shea

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Question:

If my wife goes to confession will the priest find out all about ME?



When your wife goes to confession, she is seeking reconciliation with God from whom she has turned away through her **own** sinfulness. The ways in which she has rejected God's love are the matters she will mention in confession. She will acknowledge these failings as honestly as she can. She may also seek help and advice from the priest about overcoming particular faults she recognises within herself. When Catholics go to confession, they investigate their **own** hearts and examine their **own** behaviour. A priest would actively discourage a penitent who tried to tell him about other people's faults and failings.

Terence O'Shea

Dear Reader.

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In Our Parish

Regretfully, all ceremonies are suspended in our parish for the immediate future

We can watch Mass live from home by accessing the Archdiocese of Brisbane site arcbne.ora/bzw

Lenten Programs

Lenten programs can be completed at home by following the well-structured booklet containing many inspirational writings.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament planned for the 3rd April will now not take place - instead its suggested that contemplation take place at home privately.

Stations of the Cross

As with all our religious ceremonies the Stations of The Cross, Good Friday, have been cancelled this Faster

Please keep safe and pray. Prayers can unite us in this time of isolation.



Procession to the Altar of Repose, 2017

The Altar of Repose is where the Communion Hosts, consecrated on Holy Thursday during the Mass of the Lord's Supper are preserved for use on the following day, Good Friday



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Lent

The forty days of Lent represent the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness at the start of His ministry. He fasted during this time and so Christians identity with his suffering by abstention from particular foods.

The problem with Lent is its glamour. It has too many things going for it. Some we've bypassed, others we still celebrate. Shrove Tuesday, so called after the medieval practice of hearing confessions that day, was pancake day – the best and tastiest way to use up all the animal fat, butter and oils forbidden by the Lenten fast. Ashes, of course, and the old veil, called the "Hunger veil" to remind us of food limitation, formerly hung across the outside of the church and later the crucifix inside



Since meat was totally proscribed in ancient days, bread dough was rolled snake-like and bent to represent human arms crossed in prayer on one's breast and which has come down to us as the pretzel. Maundy Thursday or as we call it "Holy Thursday" takes its name from the Latin word meaning Mandatum, to command (the new commandment of love at the Last Supper), to mundo, to wash (to remind us of the feet washing at the same event) to the old word Maund meaning basket (of food for the poor).

Good Friday is a contraction for God's Friday much the same way that goodbye is a contraction for God be with you. And we can add the old three-hour watch, dark Tenebrae, the make believe Sedar meal, the palm branches and the wondrous and awesome symbols of those last days: lanterns and swords, thorns and scourges, pitcher and bowl, tomb hammer and nail, cross and inscription, sponge and reed, life and death, and lily.

Lent when you come right down to it. does have a lot of glamour. Which is too bad.

LENT'S LABOUR IS ABOUT DECISION

Not that the list of things just mentioned, wholly legitimate, is not enormously helpful in capturing the spirit of Lent, but the uneasiness expressed is over the possibility and even the likelihood that we, seduced by the sheer multiplicity and attractiveness of these customs and activities, are being deflected from the larger issue.

For I must boldly state that Lent is not primarily about Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Such events are merely the means, not the end. They are merely (though importantly) catechetical tools designed to attract the eye, move the heart and imagination-and why?

In order to engage our commitment, Lent is not only meant to draw us to those priceless, saving acts of Jesus, and to cause our profound wonderment at such love, but it also ought to provoke fundamental responses from us. In a word, Lent's labour is about decision, about conversion. This point is crucial – in the church's ancient and traditional language, conversion means just one thing, Baptism! The Baptismal promises which are repeated during the celebrations on Easter Sunday.

Submitted by Vin Russell



Parish Council Renewal

I'm Peter Witham. I am married to Irene and we have 3 children, 2 attending Trinity College and 1 in year 6 at St Joseph's. I became a member of the St Patrick's Parish Council in early 2017. It has been a wonderful opportunity for my family and I to be involved in our Parish.

Due to being on the Parish Council, my Family have been involved in Family Mass BBQ's and

Soup nights, St Patrick's Day pot-luck dinners, the Multicultural Mass, the St Vinnie's Annual Dinner and even Church cleaning. These have allowed us, a young and busy family with school and sporting demands, to be involved and contribute to Parish life.

Creating and putting on events that allow the Parish to come together is a key reason I wanted to be on the Council. It has been wonderful working with and learning from fellow Councillors. In the past 3 years the Council has established the Alpha program as an annual offering. Led by Colleen Sheehan, this program enriches our relationship with Jesus and, for some, reintroduce Jesus into our everyday.

To be a member of St Patrick's Parish Council all I needed to commit is my existing talents and little of my time. The Council meets one evening a month for about 1 hour and work with the Parish Priest. If you have been looking for a way to be involved in the Parish, why not be a part of the Parish Council.



Alpha is Coming

Alpha is the beginning; a first step in enriching your understanding of Jesus and your Faith.

It is run over 12 nights (one a week) right here in the Parish. It gives you an opportunity to meet fellow Parishioners, share a meal and explore your understanding of being a Christian today.

During the program, together, we explore topics such as:

Did Jesus really exist?

Where is Jesus today?

Is the healing power of the Holy Spirit present?

It is a unique opportunity to delve into topics, learn more about ourselves and others.

We have run this program here at St Patrick's for the last two years with great success. It will be offered again this year because we think more people in our community should have the chance to experience it.

Alpha is an opportunity for you to work on what you understand and what you believe. It is about allowing yourself some time on the thing that matters to you – your Faith.

You might have questions, you might have struggles, you might have it all sorted out. The Alpha program is for everyone.

You may have friends or relatives who have moved away from their Faith, with questions, concerns or lost, maybe they don't have a 'faith' or a 'belief'. Invite them along to Alpha.

The program will run at St Patrick's during June, July and August 2020. To express your interest or find out more, email the Parish Office beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

Peter Witham, Alpha Team Leader & Parish Council Secretary



St Patrick's—our Village



The boys turn 1 this month!

It feels like it's all gone by so quickly, and yet feels like it's taken forever to get here. The boys are so close to standing on their own. They both keep testing the boundaries of their strength, their little faces scrunched up in concentration as they stand freely for up to 10 seconds. They tumble forward, have a little shake off, and try again with such determination. It's a joy to witness!

It's not been easy getting here but the help we've received along the way has made it easier. As they say it takes a village to raise a child, and we count ourselves lucky to have such a village. We have had people visiting with food, clothes they wish to pass on to us, just lending an extra set of hands to assist me during the day, or just some words of encouragement. I am beyond grateful!



Not everyone is lucky enough to have this village. Some women have no support network around them. Or some are just too scared to reach out. But maybe it's not for them to reach out. Perhaps we should reach out to them. To you, the reader, if you are a new mother or father and you're struggling don't ever be scared to reach out to this village that is St. Patrick's; if you are a villager, don't let the moment that you can be of assistance to a new mother or father pass you by. When you're in such a sleep deprived state, as most new parents are, an offer of help can make a world of difference. So to those villagers who've helped us this first year, thank you. I appreciate you rocking up.

Erica Ng Philips

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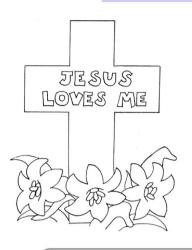
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Should any Parishioner be considering making a financial bequest to St. Patrick's Parish, such a bequest must be included in your Last Will and Testament.

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Submitted by Asha & Amala Saju





Granny's Thoughts by Loius Dainese, Submitted by Tamara Maloney

Our Schools—Mother Teresa

Year 6 Gold Coast Schools Leadership Day Our Yr 6 class visited Marymount Primary on Wednesday for the annual Yr 6 Leadership Day. The schools combined for a liturgy in the

morning followed by singing, dancing and story telling sessions. Pam Betts, the executive director for the entire of Brisbane Catholic Education delivered an informative and encouraging presentation on the importance of servant leadership as the model how all leaders of every age and level should operate. Thank you to Mrs Lyons for her thorough and inspiring commitment to building leadership skills in our Yr 6 students. They all enjoyed the day

and took away with themselves some great new experiences and knowledge.





Project Compassion

Our campaign for Lent with Project Compassion has started and its great to see students with their donation boxes getting filled. This time of year is focussed on looking within ourselves, admitting where we get things wrong and finding the opportunities to grow our faith through good deeds and giving up those things that hold us back from being closer to God. On Shrove Tuesday we joined the many other Catholic schools in BCE at the Project Compassion launch at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. Our student leaders were thrilled to be given a commission by Bishop Ken to "Go Further Together" in generating awareness and inspiring others to give generously to those in need in our world.

Ben Torenbeek APRE - Mother Teresa Primary







Our Schools—St Joseph's

2020 Welcoming & Commissioning Mass

Our 2020 year began with our Welcome and Commissioning Mass. We welcomed our Preps and those students and teachers who are new to St Joseph's. The staff joining this wonderful community are Kathryn O'Toole (Primary Learning Leader), Natalie Kirkman (Year 2), Brenton Meddings (Year 4) and Olivia McLeish (Year 5). May their time here at St Joseph's be rewarding and fulfilling. We also asked God's blessing on all the staff, students and parents here at St Joseph's for the 2020 year.

At this Welcome Mass, we also presented and commissioned our Year 6 cohort as leaders for 2020 and presented them with their badges asking God's blessing on them. These badges remind them of the responsibility that comes with this role. We also introduced our school captains Alana Perera & Shea Mason and our vice-captains Abigail Witham and Max Seeto to the community. We thank Fr Subin 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.



Sr Jenny Centre

It was a wonderful celebration on Friday 14 February for Sr Jenny and the Josephite community as we officially named our Hall the Sr Jenny Centre. We gathered to thank Sr Jenny for her love and dedication over these many years to the Joey's community and to name our Hall in her honour. Sr Jenny arrived at St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial school in 1993 as Principal for two years and then went to Darra for three years in a pastoral role. In 1998 Sr Jenny went to Kingston in the same role for seven years and in 2005 returned to St Joseph's working between here and Kingston. Sr Jenny has solely been at St Joseph's since 2005 and



continues her work with us today in the pastoral care of the students, staff, families and the community. We especially gave thanks for the gift of Sr Jenny and her wonderful service.

We warmly welcomed the honoured guests who came to acknowledge the wonderful gift Sr Jenny is to St Joseph's and the Josephite tradition. We welcomed the Sisters of St Joseph's Sr Lyn, Sr Elaine, Sr Francine, Sr Mary, Sr Annie, Sr Joan, Sr Anne and Sr Moya, a past principal of St Joseph's. We welcomed too, members of Sr Jenny's family along with staff from Brisbane Catholic Education. Finally we welcomed Fr Subin, staff and students of St Joseph's along with the many parents and grandparents who were able to join us.



Sr Jenny is our model of quiet humility and we thanked

her for her many years of service to this community. We also gave thanks to the founders of our school, the Sisters of St Joseph who, inspired by the vision of Saint Mary MacKillop, have supported the many students who have come to St Joseph's since 1954. The Sr Jenny Centre, we pray, will continue to be a place of warmth and welcome for many generations to come.

Maree Wright, APRE - St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School

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ST PATRICK'S CONFERENCE. BEENLEIGH

Statistics for January and February 2020

Our conference reopened on Monday 13th January and as the statistics show we have had an extremely busy two months.

- Total number of persons assisted: 628. 437 single adults, 75 partnered, 116 single with children.
- Total number of contacts: 267.
- This is an average of nearly 8 contacts per day.
- Total value of assistance provided: \$17,386,54.

Of special mention is the financial assistance provided for educational expenses for books, stationery and uniforms. This totalled \$2751.11. I cannot believe how costly school uniforms are and the quantities of some stationery items required by some schools - 40 pencils?

As a result of the above normal demand for assistance from our conference it has been necessary to limit the amount and type of financial help we can offer. Bluntly, we are short of funds.

New volunteers

On a more positive note, after many requests over the last two years for new members, I am very pleased to advise that 5 new volunteers have recently joined our conference. We welcome them with open arms. AND they are all under 80!

Piety Stall:

Please pop in and have a look at the many new items for sale in our piety stall. Bibles, Missals, Holy Pictures, Crucifixes, Children's Books, Cards for all occasions, Rosary Beads and many, many more. If you need something special, the item can be ordered and be available usually within a week.

Catholic Leader:

Please note that this very informative publication is available at both entrances to the church for a very reasonable cost of only \$2.00. If we have too many copies left over each week, we will need to reduce our order.

John Maksimas



St Joseph's Project Compassion Launch—We go further together

On Shrove Tuesday, Year 6 leaders attended the launch of Project Compassion at St Ste-

phen's Cathedral. There were over sixty schools from our Archdiocese represented with Bishop Ken Howell 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, participated in Chalk Art and took a guided walk of the Mary MacKillop trail. Our leaders enjoyed the day and were wonderful 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, APRE, St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School





An Australian Catholic Evangelist

A few years ago, whilst visiting my brother at Caloundra, he invited me to join him and his wife in attending a mission at his parish. This mission was to be run by 'The Catholic Guy', Bruce Downes. I was intrigued as I had only attended missions by Priests. So moved by the Holy Spirit, I jumped at the chance. Although I was only able to attend a few sessions, my life changed. Having left my email address with Bruce's staff, I began receiving emails to join other missions, Women's weekend's, prayers for special causes, Lenten and advent programmes, the Rosary in May.

Then Bruce found himself called to spread the Word of God even further and travelled overseas, requesting the prayers of his supporters.

A few years on and Bruce can now present a weekly lesson via Bruce Downes.tv. In these 45 minute sessions, he prays with the viewer, reads scripture, discerns the scripture, and closes with prayers. It is very thought provoking and powerful. Bruce teaches the viewer how to pray, how to listen to God and how to give thanks. Don't think that Bruce has reached his goal. Or should I say God's goal for him. There is more to come.

Bruce's website says – We EXIST to reach those who do not connect with the CHURCH, so they come to an ever-deepening relationship with JESUS CHRIST.

The cause of Bruce Downes Ministeries is –To proclaim the Good News, Bringing people into a Relationship with Jesus Christ to Impact their Real-Life issues, To live a Better Life.

If you don't know how to pray or any, Bruce will teach you, as Bruce believes that prayer is essential to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Bruce believes that through his prayer God has led him into his mission.

Bruce is married to Rosemary, has 5 children and 6 grandchildren. In the midst of this large family and parenting duties, Bruce has always found time for prayer.

Find out for yourself. I challenge you to change your life forever. Go to BruceDownes.org

Helen Bradford

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A Person of Interest

St Patrick's has many interesting parishioners, unsung heroes and quiet achievers, who work quietly in the background led by the Holy Spirit. One person who comes to mind is Mick Foley.



Mick was born in Ireland, near Rock Chapel, County Cork. He came to Australia in 1972 for a working holiday and liked it so much he is still here.

He joined St Patrick's some 20 years ago, while he worked as an excavator driver on building sites between Beenleigh and Southport. St Patrick's has meant a lot to Mick and he has always been very happy in our Parish. The picture shows him with his brother, at Marian Valley.

"Mick visits nursing homes, helps at the hospital, gives out Holy Communion and takes it to the sick. He does so much for the community and doesn't brag.

He is softly spoken and doesn't get mad, slow to anger. The world would be a much better place if we were all like Mick.

God bless you, Mick and I feel very lucky to have you as a friend. Thank you!"

Anna Battle

"Mick goes to Jimbelunga Nursing Home twice a month. He gathers all the Catholic people together for a little prayer service and Holy Communion, on the second Wednesday of each month.

Every fourth Friday Fr Subin celebrates the healing Mass for the Catholic people.

Mick brings the people together. He really enjoys that and knows which people are in the hospital or sick in their rooms, so Fr Subin can minister to them.

Mick has a smile for everyone and has in the past even taken the ashes after Ash Wednesday Mass and palms after Palm Sunday to people who could not attend Mass at church. He is very dedicated and takes this ministry with the love of the Holy Spirit."

Betty Graver

