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QEA-The God that Jesus Reveals to Us

Mr Berkowitz, a Jewish tailor, was out walking one day when he was run over at a busy crossing.

A crowd gathered and a Catholic priest who happened to be passing pushed his way through them to see if he could offer assistance to the dving man.

The priest knelt beside Mr Berkowitz and whispered "Do you believe in God the Father. God the Son and God the Holy Spirit"? Mr Berkowitz raised his eyes to Heaven and said "I'm dying, and he asks me riddles"?

Mr Berkowitz's difficulty with the Christian doctrine of the Trinity (the doctrine that there are three persons in one God) is shared by many people. including some Christians themselves. It looks like a mathematical puzzle. How can three be one and one be three?

But Jesus did not reveal to us a puzzling doctrine, he spoke of a reality which he himself experienced. Here are some of the things Jesus said:

"I and the Father are one "

"The Father is greater than I".

"To have seen me is to have seen the Father".

"......the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you

Catholics (and other Christians) believe that Jesus revealed something of immense im-

portance to us about the nature of God. He revealed that God does not stand monolithic and alone. Within the one Godhead there is movement and relation. That is why we can say "God is Love".

This has important implications for us as God's creatures. For we are made in his image. That means we are made for relationship, for communion, for love. So, the revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit tells us something about our own destiny. We are created to share in that community of love which is the living God.

We are not in realm of "riddles" here, we are in the realm of mystery. And mystery cannot be put into words. The doctrine of the Trinity is an attempt to express something for which the language is inadequate. Words necessarily fail: but for Christians the reality remains.

Terry O'Shea



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GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!

It is with great enthusiasm that I join with our Parish Finance Council to inform you about the launch of the St Patrick's Parish Endowment Fund.

We were recently blessed with a gift of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor who wished to start an endowment for the parish. Additionally, the Archdiocese of Brisbane matched the donor's gift to help us open the fund with \$20,000.

An endowment is a fund in which the initial deposit is permanently invested for growth and never spent down. Each year the fund distributes 5% of the balance to the parish. As the fund matures through investment growth and contributions, the yearly distributions will become a steady stream of income to support parish life in perpetuity.

My hope is that this fund will grow with support from parishioners over the years. Please consider making a gift or perhaps leaving a gift in your Will to the St Patrick's Parish Endowment Fund. It's a meaningful way to be an eternal guardian of this parish, sustaining the sacramental life of the community for generations of families to come.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and a special thanks to the kind donor who started this fund for us. Please join me in praying that our new endowment continues to grow and bless this parish forever.

God bless, Fr Subin

Our Parish Volunteers

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. From Monday 17 - Sunday 23 May, thousands of activities are held across the country to say Thank You to the 6 million Australians who volunteer their time.

At St Patrick's Fr Subin did the same by inviting all our Parish volunteers to a special Mass followed by refreshments of Kalevara Keralan butter chicken and rice, South African chilly bites and other specialities from our multicultural cuisine. A lovely time was had by all.

Thank you Fr Subin!









Parish Celebrations



Parishioners waiting to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday



Fr Subin being the Servant washing the feet



Fr Subin during Easter Vigil preparing for baptisms

This year, again, Easter was very nearly spoilt by the idea of a lockdown. As it came I thought, oh not again, please Lord do not let us not have our Easter celebration again this year. I could not bear to think that we would not be able to celebrate the life, death & resurrection of our saviour Jesus Christ.

So I got to it, by ringing up many people, asking them to pray that the lockdown would be lifted. Guess what: at midday or thereabout it was lifted. We were all able to go to Maundy Thursday celebration where the priest washes the feet of his disciples. Thanks be to God that of course we were able to have Good Friday – right through to Easter Sunday, so as to remind us that once again Jesus has risen. It was so wonderful and of course thanks to the people who joined in our prayers.

Praise the Lord – Praise the Lord. Betty Graver



Anzac Celebration with Max Maloney and Fr Subin

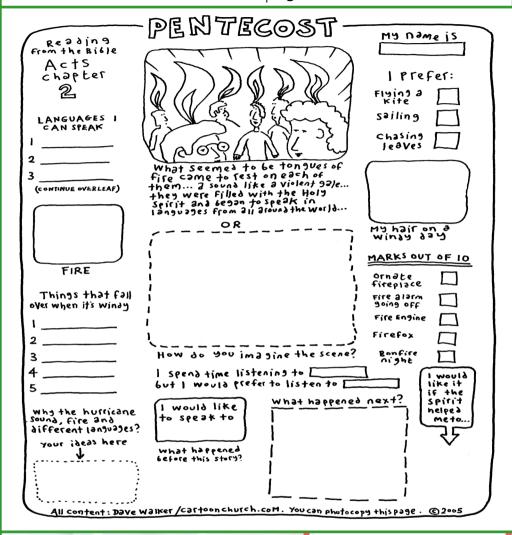


Max Maloney, Paul Jeffrey and Fr Subin



Max Maloney and the girls after Anzac Day Mass

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Family Scribbles—The Self Stage

The boys have hit the stage of "Self!" They want to do it all by themselves. From making breakfast, to putting clothes on, to climbing the very wobbly chain

ladder at the park (at the same time!!). They don't want your help, your input or your opinions. It's doing it by themselves or they will throw the biggest tantrum.

I have to bite my tongue and tell myself multiple times, while I watch them struggle to put their foot through their pants, to let them go. Let them do it. It's their journey of self-discovery, not mine... I can usually hold out for a few minutes but with the clock ticking I usually just take over because while it's lovely to see them try and be independent little humans it's super frustrating when you're trying to rush out the door so you make it to kindy/work on time

I often wonder if God, as our Father, feels this frustrated when we have our moments of "Self!". When we go off and do our own thing. Despite God trying to nudge us in the right direction. Does he ever have to bite his tongue and refrain himself from stepping in? I guess he's had a lot of time to practice patience and he knows whatever path we end up taking will be the right one for us.

I wish I had an ounce of God's patience in regards to this stage of "Self!"... but then I think I'd be waiting forever and mumma needs to get to work to pay for kindy! Erica Na Philipps



James & Oliver hitting the road

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VALE Morag Archibald.

Morag joined our conference as a healthy 89 year old. She was a tireless worker volunteering for any task. She had great compassion for our companions. She became our spiritual coordinator and her 40 years as a nun allowed her to have a deep understanding of our faith. During the last year or so she was a cheerful face in the piety stall at the 7am Mass every Sunday.

Morag passed away suddenly on 21st April. She would have been 92 years old in July. She will be greatly missed but we're sure that she will continue to guide us in the years ahead.



Vinnies House Update

Removal of our Vinnies House will almost certainly occur at the end of June, during the school holidays which commence on Friday 25 June. As we are unable to find any alternative premises, we will be operating from home in the foreseeable future

Winter Appeal

We shall be handing out collection envelopes on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May. Although the official Winter Appeal weekend is Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May, envelopes can be placed in the Offering Bags at any Mass right through June and beyond. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Fund Raising

In an effort to do what we can to raise some badly needed funds fo our conference, we have decided to organise:

- Coach tour to Redcliffe on Saturday 26th June. We hope that our parishioners will join
 in visiting this very interesting destination. More details to follow. Also plans in hand for
 a coach trip in September to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We have been given the opportunity to hold a number of sausage sizzles at Bunnings Bethania. The first of these will be on Saturday, 12th June. As our numbers are limited and we need a minimum of 10 people on this day, we ask if you would like to help. Please ring John Maksimas on 0410 602 549.

John Maksimas



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Líturgical Musicians Training Day

On Saturday 15th May, Anne Erbacher and I travelled to St Laurence's College in South Brisbane to attend the Liturgical Musicians Training Day facilitated by the Archdiocesan Commission on the Liturgy.

We first gathered with people from all over the Archdiocese in the St Lawrence's Chapel for some vocal warm-ups with Dr Anthony Young before Morning Prayer with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. After Morning Prayer Archbishop Mark reminded us that music breathes life into liturgy as it provides opportunity to break open the theme and adds another dimension to communal prayer. We then broke into smaller groups to attend workshops.

Contemporary and Classical Guitarists Share their Skills-Angelina Ellis & Michael Mangan Angelina is principal guitar examiner and consultant for AMEB Qld and lectures in classical guitar performance and pedagogy at Griffith Uni Qld Conservatorium of Music. Michael Mangan is a composer, teacher, performer and liturgist. He is the liturgy educator at Liturgy Bne.

Angelina and Michael lead a workshop for guitarists of diverse skills from parishes throughout the Archdiocese develop skills in playing liturgical music appropriately. I was impressed by the way they addressed a variety of challenges faced by guitarists both accompanying ensembles and playing solo in liturgical settings.

Strategies for those who Don't Read Music - Dr Anthony Young

Dr Anthony Young is the Assistant Head of Faculty – Music and the head of liturgical music at St Laurence's College, Brisbane. He is the Director of Music at St Ignatius' Parish, Toowong, a member of the Archdiocesan Commission of Liturgy and serves on the National Liturgical Music Council for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

He ran a session especially for those who do not read staff notation. He demonstrated and explained strategies for making it easy to learn and memorise music aurally. We then enjoyed a short introduction to reading common contemporary worship sheet music, with a joyful sing along. Dr Young is a master musician. This by far was my favourite session. I was reminded of skills and knowledge I had tucked away in my subconscious and gave me the key to unlocking this skill I was convinced I would never attain. His enthusiasm and generosity were inspiring.

The Singing Guitarist: Putting It All Together - Michael Mangan

Michael tours extensively each year presenting concerts and workshops for students, teachers and parish musicians and speaks and performs at conferences throughout Australasia and North America. Michael presented practical strategies for leading liturgical music when combining singing and guitar playing, all while keeping track of liturgical flow and supporting the singing of the assembly. Great tips and tricks to help the juggling guitarist cope with the variety of multi-tasking skills needed to authentically lead liturgy. He inspired me to simplify and then practise, practise, practise!

You Are Not Alone: How to Get A Large Group To Join In And Keep Singing - Dr Anthony Young and Keyboard Players together - Practical Strategies for Keyboard Players - Dr Anthony Young and William Brown.

William Brown is a member of St Laurence's musical staff, in demand as a composer, arranger and accompanist and is also the co-conductor of award winning ensemble, Biralee Blokes.

They both demonstrated many examples of helping the congregation to sing comfortably and confidently by giving a clear indication of a hymn's melody, pitch and tempo by playing a full introduction and varying the accompaniment style between verses if appropriate. Repertoire planning, tempos, phrasing, keys, range, congregational rehearsal were all discussed. Both men were inspiring, energetic, enthusiastic and passionate about good liturgy.

We concluded our day with Evening Prayer in St Laurence's Chapel with Fr Tom Elich from Liturgy Brisbane.

We are grateful to St Laurence's College and Liturgy Brisbane for this wonderful opportunity. Margaret Hatzis and Anne Erbacher

St Patrick's Meditation Group Retreat Day

On Saturday 15th May St Patrick's Meditation Prayer Group held a very special Retreat Day. The Theme of the day was called 'Desert Day' to remind us that sometimes you need to just escape from our noisy and stressed world. Take a 'day off' in the desert with life simplified, reduced to its essentials and nourishing us with its spiritual teaching.

St Patrick's Meditation Group belong to the World Christian Community Meditation worldwide group. The WCCM is a global spiritual community united in the practice of meditation in the Christian tradition. It shares the fruits of this practice widely and inclusively, serving the unity of all and building understanding between faiths and cultures.

The day began with a lovely morning tea at 9.30am and then Guest Speaker Johanna Lawrence presented several talks about the benefits of Meditation/Contemplative Prayer and how it can bring you closer to God.

This quiet day brought together 22 people who travelled from as far away as Margate, Tamborine, Manly as well as those from the Beenleigh areas. They were representatives of many different faith communities i.e. Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran and Uniting Churches.

It was a wonderful time spent with fellow Christians who thoroughly enjoyed the meditation, talks and activities that were conducted on the day.

The day presented the opportunity for spiritual reflection, praying and new friend-ships were made.

We enjoyed some great chats over lunch, then we had more meditation and reflection/quiet time, with the day concluding at 2pm.

It was a beautiful day!!!!!!

Marian Ward

St Patrick's Mass Times:

Mondays and Tuesdays 7am Wednesdays No Mass Thursdays and Fridays 7am Saturdays 8am and 6pm Sundays 7am, 9am and 6pm

1st Friday of month, Healing Mass 9am Fridays Exposition of Sacrament 7am-7pm Saturdays Mass/Novena 8am, Rosary 9am

St Patrick's Meditation Group

We meet every Monday at 9am in the Truelson Room.

New members are most welcome.

For any enquiries please contact Denise O'Shea, Marian Ward or the Parish Office.



St Joseph Tobruk Primary School

In April we welcomed Padre Jim Cosgrove to our school for our Anzac Day liturgy.

Padre wrote our school song 'Courage and Dreams' almost thirty years ago, in 1992 and the students still sing it to this day. The school choir performed the song for Padre at our liturgy. The song speaks of our charisms of St Joseph, Mary Mackillop and the Rats of Tobruk who had their own dreams in life as we do today.

Padre spoke to the children about the courage of the Rats of Tobruk, who followed a dream of peace and freedom in our world. We continue to pray for this peace in our ever-changing world.

Padre spoke to the children about the role they can play in bringing peace to our community here at St Joseph's Beenleigh. In their daily actions and words they can be people who dream

of peace, love and freedom for all

With the permission of Padre Jim Cosgrove, the school looks forward to recording our school song 'Courage and Dreams' in the upcoming months.

Kathryn O'Toole, Acting Assistant Principal, St Joseph Tobruk Memorial School





The things, good Lord. that I pray for, give me the grace to labour for.

> St Thomas More (1478-1535)



RAP update

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. What is the RAP trying to achieve? Put very simply it wishes to develop a Christian community showing mutual respect and solidarity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and all others of different cultural heritage. We acknowledge perceived hurts of the past and will strive to develop a spirit of mercy, love, justice and peace.

Here, at St Patrick's in Beenleigh we will endeavour to respond to the words of Pope John Paul II when he spoke to all Australians in Alice Springs in 1986. He said "We long for the day when we are fully the Church that Jesus wants us to be, a Church where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make their contribution to her life, and that contribution is joyfully received by others".

We at St Patrick's can strive to achieve the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the word of the Holy Spirit.



The next event in our calendar is National Reconciliation Week (NRW). The dates for NRW, 27 May to 3 June commemorate the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

In the referendum Australians voted to amend the Constitution to allow the Commonwealth to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to include them in the census.

The Mabo decision overturned the Terra Nullius, where the land belonged to no one, and acknowledged the traditional rights and that native title existed for all indigenous peoples.

At St Patrick's Fr Subin is celebrating Mass in recognition of NRW on Wednesday 2 June at 6pm. After Mass we will be holding an unveiling ceremony of our Acknowledgement of Country plaque followed by a light supper. All parishioners are very welcome to this event.

Vin Russell & Monica Boucek

New Parish Councilor-Meryline Croker Falani

I arrived in Melbourne on 13 June 1987, from Suva, Fiji with my husband. I have lived in Australia ever since, soon 34 years. I started my working career in Melbourne and my first job was as a Larder Chef at the Old Melbourne Hotel. After six months I realized Larder Chef was very hard work when the pots, platters and mixers are as big and heavy as you! I decided to study towards another career. My second job was with Rawlinson's Quantity Surveyor as word process operator and accounts assistant. I then studied IT and worked for the Australian Wheat Board before moving to the financial services sector, as I enjoyed working with numbers.

Sadly after 10 years of marriage I discovered that my marriage was not going to work out. With so much uncertainty and sadness I felt 10 years of anger, resentment and tears overcome me, before I decided to move on with my three beautiful boys, Manu only 7years old. Our future was in my hands! These were very difficult times, but I managed to keep afloat with a part-time job at ANZ Cards, and with the help of my parents and family in Fiji. I knew that I would overcome and conquer my disappointments and I vowed to always love and protect my children. I prayed to God every day for strength that he would help me and give me the wisdom moving forward. I know that God walked by my side until I was able to take hold of my life again.

My children and I left Melbourne in 1998 but my two younger boys lived in Fiji for a couple of years with my parents, as it was too difficult for daycare and costly. I lived in Sydney with Manu and I worked two jobs just so I could cope with expenses and bring my two younger children back to Australia. I was not getting any child maintenance, which made things extremely hard for me. Manu attended St. Declan's Primary School, before going to Marist High School, Penshurst, NSW. Robert and Matthew returned to live in Australia with us at the start of 2000 and I met Uini, my current husband, (pronounced Wini) in September 2000.

Very quickly our lives took a turn for the better. It was a blessing in so many ways, as we share a deep and affectionate love for each other. Uini and I both worked fulltime jobs as we raised the boys before we married in July 2001. It was a simple back yard wedding with a celebrant, my sister Patricia and her husband as our witnesses, together with our sons and close family and friends. In 2002, Jacqueline was born, she would become the link between us all. God had blessed us abundantly. We lived in Penshurst, NSW for 5 and a half years before moving up to QLD in November 2003 and have been here ever since.

In 2008 I opened a coffee shop called 'Timba's Crepe and Coffee Café', on City Road, right next to Bobby's Indian restaurant. I ran it for a whole year and enjoyed it so much, but then in 2010, sadly, Uini was diagnosed with a Spinal Cord Syndrome after an accident at work in 2008. This had a huge impact on all our lives and the future was suddenly so uncertain. I returned to fulltime work, eventually gaining permanent employment with the QLD Teachers' Union. Without a doubt it was our faith in God and the willpower to overcome the odds, the up's and the down's that we have survived the last 12 years since the accident and Uini's recovery. Today Uini looks forward to gaining part-time employment and I continue to work in a fulltime capacity to support us.

Manu, Robert and Matthew were all born in Melbourne, and Jacqueline in Sydney. Robert, Matthew and Jacqueline attended St. Joey's. Jacqueline attended Trinity College as did Matthew in years 11 and 12, before joining his older brother Robert who was offered a full Rugby Excellence scholarship at Coombabah SHS, Runaway Bay.

With my mum, my younger sister Cathy and her family we share lots of prayer-full times and sing-a-longs. I grew up in a family of 4 girls, with our grandmother spoiling us with coconut toffees. My dad was a Sea Captain, who travelled all over the world. My mum's dad was a fisherman and my nana worked in the Hospital Laundry in Suva, Fiji. I was very blessed with a fun filled and privileged childhood, as my dad provided very well for us. I have learnt the art of survival after being through so much, but today we enjoy everything that God has provided for us and we are forever grateful for all the blessings and the hardships that have shaped our lives for the better. In 2016, I had brain surgery, and even though a few things have changed I still enjoy a fulfilling life with fulltime work, family, grand-children and my love for cooking, baking and gardening. Recently, I became a member of St Patrick's parish council and I look forward to giving my time and effort in building our church, so say hello to me when you see me.

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Recently one of our long time parishioners, Helen Holmes, passed away.

Helen and her family came to the area in 1973 already. In those days parishioners attended the old church, which now is the after school care building. Helen had a big family of ten children and still managed to be a very active member of the community.

Helen was a very humble person, with a degree in psychology. She was the St Joseph's school librarian for a time, when the library was on the second floor of the office building.

Helen had a beautiful singing voice and she is fondly remembered singing alto in the parish choir.

Helen was for many years editor of the Parish magazine, Paddy's Press. In those days, Fr Bill O'Shea days, the Parish Council had a number of subcommittees. One of those was the Education Committee and Paddy's Press was one of it's initiatives.

This was before personal computers were economically available and publishing on the school photocopier was a major production effort.

Thank you Helen and Rest in Peace





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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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