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Influencing Others

The book of Joshua explains how Joshua has guided the tribes of Israel out of the wilderness into the Promised Land. But he is not confident that Israel will continue to worship the Lord who led them out of the land of Egypt. Joshua appears bold and dramatic in this reading. But he is actually humble and wise, because he offers us the most effective way of influencing others.

There are two steps to Joshua's method: freedom and example. Joshua deeply wants Israel to continue to follow the Lord, but he knows that Israel is free. Therefore he knows that the tribes of Israel must make their own choice of who to follow. So Joshua owns that freedom and asks the Israelites to decide. But, then he adds his own example: "As for me, I will follow the Lord." When we seek to influence people to do good, we should follow the method of Joshua. First, we must admit that we cannot make decisions for other people. They are free. But then we should offer the example of our own lives.

You might deeply wish that your children or grandchildren would become active members in a church community. But you cannot make such a decision for them. Therefore shaming or coercing them is not productive. All you can do is own their freedom and say, "You must decide how you are going to serve God in your life." But then add your example, "As for me, I intend to continue to practice my Catholic faith."

You might sincerely desire to stop somebody at work or at school from treating other people with unkindness and prejudice. But, you cannot force that person to be that way. All you can do is say, "You have the freedom to decide whether you are going to treat other people with honesty and fairness." But then you should add, "As for me, I intend to treat people with respect."

We would all desire to move the people we care about towards something good. But our example has to be enough. It is important to say, "This is what I believe. This is where I stand." Then we trust that God will use our example to move the hearts that we cannot move and to lead the people we love closer to life.

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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Q & A— What are Angels?

The word angel had its origins in the Greek language and means “messenger”. The word messenger in English just does not have the impact, the connotations, that the word “angel” has for us today.

For those of us who use the word “angel” it is without any doubt associated with the Lord - we know that certain fortunate people throughout history have been visited by angel/s to bring a message from God and this has occurred in both the Old and New Testaments.

From the Catechism - According to St. Augustine, "Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel'." With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in Heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word”

As purely *spiritual* creatures’ angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendour of their glory bears witness.

They have been present since time immemorial and constantly working for the accomplishment of God’s great plan. The angel Gabriel himself announced the birth of the Precursor and that of Jesus himself. So therefore, their existence is a truth of faith.

The whole life of the church benefits the mysterious and powerful help of angels. We even know from Scripture more of some angels than of others- St Michael, St. Gabriel, St Raphael, and the guardian angels.

From birth to death, our life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Besides each one of us stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading us to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and humankind united in God.

Terry O’Shea

Feast of the Guardian Angels

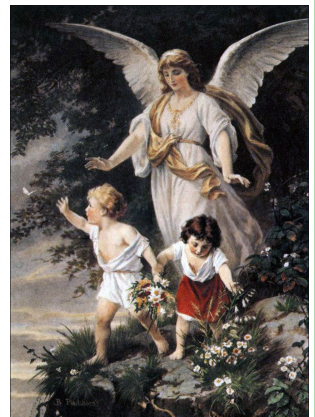
The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels is a memorial of the Catholic Church officially observed on 2 October. Catholics set up altars in honour of guardian angels as early as the 4th Century, and local celebrations of a feast in honour of guardian angels go back to the 11th Century.

Source Wikipedia

*Angel of God,
My Guardian Dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and to guard,
to rule and guide.*



The Triumph of Saint Augustine painted by Claudio Coello, c. 1664



Schutzengel by Bernhard Plockhorst (1825 – 1907)

Going Deeper

When asked, almost every practicing Catholic talks about the need for some sort of adult faith formation. However, many do not have the time to follow up on this themselves. In response to this situation, the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation team has developed 'Going Deeper' - an online faith formation experience. Launched by Archbishop Mark Coleridge towards the end of July, Going Deeper is now live.

The question at the heart of Going Deeper is what does it mean to know and respond to this God whose love for each of us is so great, that he never gives up on inviting us into an ever-deepening relationship with him. We invite you to join us in this faith conversation, and to invite those you work with and with whom you minister to do the same. Arranged around a series of short videos spread over 10 weeks, Going Deeper provides an opportunity for individuals and small groups to think about those things that are at the heart of our faith.

From Archdiocese of Brisbane , Shane Dwyer on Going Deeper

At St Patrick's Michael Zarate is facilitating this series on a Friday night at 6pm in the Church. The sessions are free of charge to participants as St Patrick's are covering the cost. Although the course has already started, there is still opportunity to join and Michael can help you catch up by providing past transcripts.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, Beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.

*I promise to submit to everything that You ask of me and to accept all
that You allow to happen to me.*

Just show me what is Your will, O Holy Spirit.

(by Cardinal Mercier)

Resources-on-the-Prayer-to-the-Holy-Spirit.pdf (diolc.org)



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Have you eaten yet?

Jingeri (hello),

Just after I gave birth to the twins I was sent a request to play a word game online with a lady from church. I gladly accepted because, what the heck, it's not like I had much else to do when I was pinned down feeding. I'd previously played this word game with other people but after one or two games they would stop playing... maybe they didn't like my use of the word 'Xi' for crazy amount of points- who knows! But this lady just kept the games rolling.

I looked forward to our word battles, it focused my mind on something other than my turned upside down world. It was almost like a daily chime in from them to say, "Hey! Thinking of you today... and here's my 80 point word!", and it was really nice.

I've always been one to give a robotic response of "Good thanks!" when asked how I am. I get super uncomfortable with the idea of ever telling people how I actually am. I pin point it to my cultural heritage. Put perfectly by the words of writer Gabrielle Widjaja,

"In Asian households, we don't often say "I love you." Instead, we say, "Have you eaten yet?" (你吃了吗?) This is a deceptively simple and mundane question. But for us, it bears the weight of relationships, of family, of connection. This statement addresses not only the love for a person, but also a concern for their overall health and well-being. When we fight with our parents, we don't necessarily apologize afterwards. My mom just says, "Dinner is ready; come downstairs." And without being asked, my dad would bring me bowls of cut-up fruit while I'm doing homework. Food is our language of love and care.

With all the crazy stuff occurring in our world now and 'R U OK?' day having been and gone it's crucial to remember we still ask this question to our loved ones; but we also have to remember there are some of us who find it hard or uncomfortable to speak up, or don't know how to speak up, or to whom, but you should still reach out. Let them know you're thinking of them. Let them know you are there. It can be as simple as asking if they've eaten yet or just a simple request to play a silly word game.

Erica Ng Philips



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Mark 10:13-16



Jesus did not want the disciples to keep the children away from him

Submitted by Amala Saju

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God with Us

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Lord of All
Alpha and Omega
Wonderful Counselor
The Mighty God
Prince of Peace
Everlasting Father

Salvation
Lamb of God
Good Shepherd
Morning Star
Emmanuel
Holy One
Light of the World

Spring Time Blessings

This native orchid is growing in the fork of a banksia in my front garden. The photo shows 3 more sprays, of the same orchid to bloom. We are all different with the ways we express our faith and our beliefs. I do believe that it is God who has given me the talent and gift of being a patient "carer". A carer to keep my husband, and others, cleansed and fed as healthy as possible and a carer to keep plants nourished, healthy and blooming.

It is God who has created nature. Thousands of plants and animals around us. Plants and animals close by our houses and even on our shoulders and also the many further afield. It is God who has created each of us. Remember to appreciate all of what we can see and can do. Take care of each other and take care of yourself.

*Louise Leonardi
Feeling Blessed.*



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VINNIES HOUSE UPDATE:

Once again I need to advise that the removal of the Vinnies House has been postponed. The removalists have only recently been advised that the house is ready for removal and as they do not have the required permits from council, main roads and police they are unable to carry out the work for some time. The target date is now December and the way things are going that is by no means certain.

In the meantime our conference is left with a house that has no power, no running water, no toilet, no landline and therefore no computer or printer, no air conditioning etc etc. We have been advised that we will have to work from home but have not been told how we can cope with the large number of people seeking our assistance. We are homeless.

FUND RAISING:

On Saturday 11th September we were able to conduct our second Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Thanks to our conference volunteers, a few of whom worked all day, we had another financially successful day. Unfortunately unless we are able to find more volunteers, this may have been our last such event.

Due to various Covid restrictions and the understandable reluctance of our parishioners to travel, the Toowoomba Flower Festival bus tour has had to be cancelled. No further bus tours are planned at this stage.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST

Despite the doom and gloom, we have continued to function with an ever decreasing membership and have been able to help the needy in our community, especially with food.

Total number of contacts - 160

Number of singles - 215

Number partnered - 42

Number of singles with child/children - 43

Total value of assistance provided - \$11809.00

This is early a 50% drop on the previous two months and is mainly due to Covid but also to our inability to provide adequate assistance to those in need.

John Maksimas



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St Joseph Tobruk Primary School

Catholic Education Week

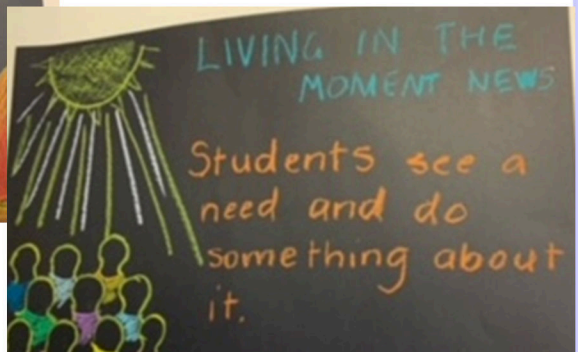
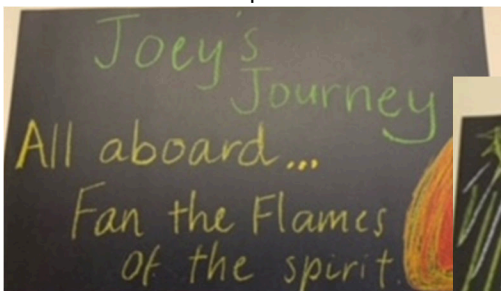
We were so lucky to have the opportunity to gather as Parish Schools with Trinity College and Mother Teresa, Ormeau to celebrate Catholic Education Week. It was lovely to join together in a celebration filled with joy and hope in Catholic Education into the future. Students from Years 3 – 6 joined in Mass and fun sporting activities hosted at Trinity College. Our Prep – Year 2 students celebrated with a liturgy and rotational activities in their classrooms, creating a video of messages filled with hope and inspiration that was shared with students at Mother Teresa.



Formation Experience

Ongoing opportunities for staff formation enables teachers to develop and enrich their own personal faith journey and as a result create experiences for students to deepen their learning.

This term the staff of St Joseph's participated in a twilight session to deepen our understanding of our Catholic identity considering the works of Thomas Groome. We focussed on the theme of *tradition* and the call as Catholic educators to immerse our students in the Christian story and vision. In one of the activities, teachers created news headlines to spread the *Good News of St Joseph's* making connections to our identity and work. Please find some of these below.



Kathryn O'Toole,
Acting APRE -
St Joseph Tobruk Primary

In the Religion Classroom at Trinity College

Year 8 Religion – Minecraft

At the end of last term our year 8 students were studying liturgy. Their assessment was to create a liturgy that included prayers, songs, scripture and a reflection, and then to build a space for the liturgy to be held.

This liturgical space was built in Minecraft and the students were encouraged to make use of symbols and colours to highlight the theme of their liturgy and key beliefs. The Minecraft spaces were all very different and students were generally enthusiastic about creating somewhere to bring their liturgy to life.

Some students showed a great understanding of the importance of symbols, colours, and space to communicate key themes within liturgy.



Year 7 Religion – Visit to St Pat's

This term in Year 7 our Religion classes will be visiting St Patrick's Catholic Church as part of their studies on ritual and liturgy. At the church they will explore the use of symbol, colours and texts to communicate teachings and beliefs in the context of ritual and liturgy. For some of our students this is their first time inside a church, and as they begin to understand some of the reasons for things inside the church, like vestments, the altar and pulpit, and the Priest's chair.

Thank you to Fr Subin and the parish for generously allowing us to visit and show our students vestments, vessels, and other ritual items that are part of the Catholic tradition.

Luke Watts,
Religion Curriculum Leader,
Trinity College

In This Challenging Time

In this challenging time Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times.

Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people.

Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated.

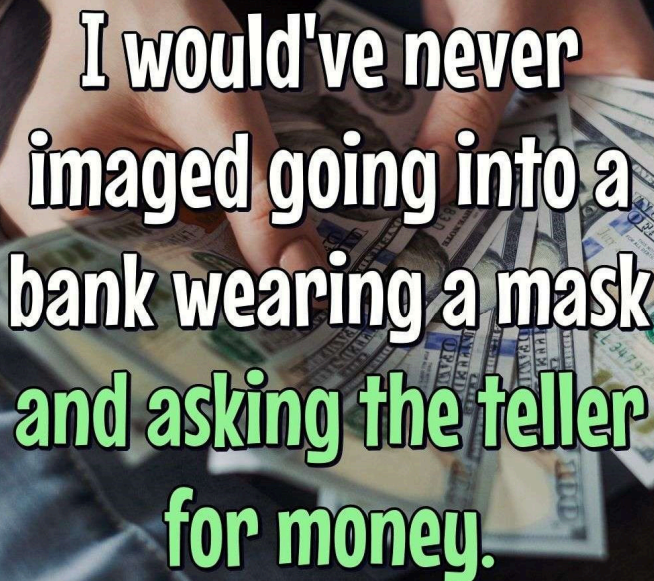
As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.

We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Prayers of Protection from the Corona Virus

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imaged going into a
bank wearing a mask
and asking the teller
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Joshua

Fr Subin mentions Joshua in his page one article. Joshua was born in Egypt. He was of the tribe of Ephraim and was originally called Hosea. Joshua was the person appointed by Moses to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. Moses changed his name to Joshua (may God save you), before sending him out to spy on the enemies.

Joshua had been Moses' closest assistant during the time in the wilderness. It was Joshua who led the Hebrews to victory over the Amalekites while Moses remained in prayer. The Bible describes Joshua as a great warrior, a man of unshakeable faith, ever-obedient to God's commands.

Joshua is charged with conquering the land which Yahweh had promised the Patriarchs. Perhaps the most famous is the conquest of Jericho after a seven day siege. The Bible says "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days" (Heb. 11:30).



"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" is an African-American spiritual, composed in the first half of the 19th century and sung by pre-Civil War slaves, dreaming of the day of their freedom.

As well as being a brilliant military leader, Joshua also led the Israelis in their faith, demanding that they serve the Lord and uphold his law.

Joshua conquers the land in seven years and once the country was conquered Joshua over-saw the division of the land between the twelve tribes of Israel.

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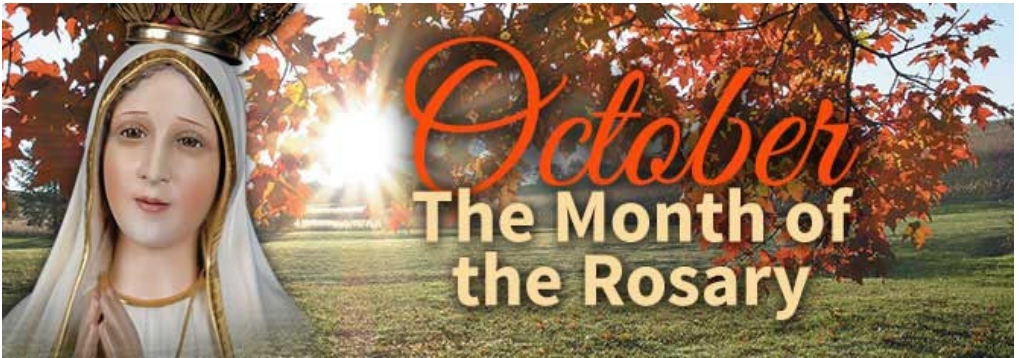
So, on the weekend of October 9&10, we will offer parishioners the opportunity to purchase some of these vases as a way of fundraising for the Church.

I hope you can help in some small way by purchasing goods from our stall or by donating plants or other related items for sale on that weekend.

All proceeds will go to the parish towards the purchase of flowers and other items which will help to make our church a joyful and uplifting place of worship.

If you enjoy flowers and would like to join the team, please speak to us during the sale.

St Patrick's Floristry Team



October is the Month of the Rosary. The Prayers of the Rosary have been prayed since the mid 15th century. Often it was said when praying for success in battle and for protection against the perils of war.

At St Patrick's we pray the Rosary on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 6:15am until just before Mass at 7am, On Saturdays we start at 7am. Feel free to join in, say the prayers and help celebrate this year's Month of the Rosary.

Bequests to the Parish

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

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

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Archdiocese RAP

The RAP team has been very busy implementing the Archdiocese plan for reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The plan has defined steps and practical deliverables to help our Parish make its contribution towards reconciliation. One of the deliverables is our Vision Statement:

“The St Patrick’s Beenleigh vision for reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is a Church where the community truly values and shows respect for and understanding of the First Peoples of Australia. It acknowledges the unique connection that Traditional Custodians continue to have with the land on which our Church is situated. It is a church where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to participate in parish life and their contribution will be truly recognised and appreciated by all. It aspires to celebrate significant days throughout the year and continue this connection into the future.”

The next activity on our journey is a community project involving Indigenous and non-Indigenous people engaging and connecting through a yarning and art process. It will be facilitated by Beenleigh Housing Development Company and hosted by St Patrick’s. There is an opportunity for interested parishioners to participate.



We have had a few fundraisers along the way and back in July we held a Trivia and Fun Night. We had some doubts about it going ahead, due to the Covid scares at the time, but luckily we pushed on. It turned out to be a terrific night.

Pipo Ng opened the proceedings with Acknowledgement of Country and a prayer. Vin and Prue Russell had prepared trivia questions, very difficult for some of us, which they pursued with gusto. Cathy Korzeniewski and Fiona Rowe ran the games, which got us all up and going with lots of laughs. Colleen Clune presided over the cent auction in a very professional manner and Colleen Sheehan and her helpers sold tickets.

While all this was happening we were entertained by the Bisdak Beenleigh Crew and a three course dinner was served, cooked by Marian, Marleine, Colleen, Joe & Monica. There were lots of volunteers and helpers and special thanks must go to Trinity College and Allison Elcoat and her family for being there for us from early morning to late at night.

Monica Boucek

