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### ***"To do small things with great love"***

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of September the world recognised the life and commitment of Mother Teresa as she was raised to sainthood by Pope Francis. What is sainthood? It is an official confirmation of the Catholic Church that someone is "in heaven" and "worthy" of veneration as a model of sanctity for the faithful on earth.

She was a living saint throughout her life and now the Catholic Church officially recognises her holiness. In this modern age her life is an inspiration for all of us to follow and to commit ourselves to work for God and humanity, to love God and everyone equally.

To do everything with love was at the core of her life and her mission and the lives of the Missionaries of Charity. She is well known all over the world as Mother Teresa but now she is known as Teresa of Calcutta. One of the famous sayings of Teresa of Calcutta is "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family". Family, the people we share our lives with, is the basic foundation of everything. Another saying was "if you judge people you have no time to love them". She did that.

Now it is our turn to work for the peace of the world. We have the life message of Teresa of Calcutta before us as an inspiration. Everyone has a call within **us** but it is up to us to realise and actualise that call. Let our life be a light where there is darkness.

*"Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness."*

**Let these words of Teresa of Calcutta strengthen our lives.**

*Fr. Joseph Kanatt  
Parish Priest*

#### **St Patrick's Mass Times:**

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  
Rosary in the Chapel 9am

#### **St Patrick's Weekly Activities:**

Mondays 9am Adult Meditation  
Mondays 3:15pm Children's Meditation  
Tuesdays 8am Rosary in the Chapel  
10:30am Charismatic Prayer Group  
12:30pm Legion of Mary  
7pm 1st & 3rd Tues every month  
Together-in-Faith Prayer Group  
Saturday 9:30am Choir Practise  
Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

## BLESSING OF NEW BUILDINGS



*The new parish buildings, the Presbytery and the Office, were blessed and officially opened by the Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Tuesday the 8th of September.  
Photo by Mary McBride*

This day was a long time overdue. I recall around 20 years ago, a working bee to paint the old presbytery across the road which subsequently became the Parish office. At that stage, I thought, how long will this last? It was a matter of time before it all started peeling again.

Over the years, the office was looking worse for wear. There were issues with electrical points which were becoming dangerous, the place was not safe for the people working there, the wooden stumps under the house were starting to rot, the paintwork was peeling everywhere and no longer inviting, and to put the final nail in the coffin, termites were starting to settle in. So, Fr Joseph got the finance committee and pastoral council to discuss where we go from here - do we buy elsewhere, do we patch up what we have, do we have a major renovation rescue and gut the existing place, or do we simply knock down the existing house and rebuild from scratch?

Negotiations started with the Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Stephen Johnson the St Joseph Principal, BCE (Brisbane Catholic Education) and Fr Joseph. A reasonable price was negotiated for the existing Presbytery to be sold to the school. Once this was established, a building committee was set up to decide exactly what we do.

It was decided to build a new office on the church grounds, and rebuild the Presbytery on the existing site. We worked out our costs and determined that, as we would not be using all the existing land, there was enough room for a small granny flat to be added on. The whole plan was calculated to break even, using existing funds as well as the sale proceeds, and adding in some fund raising. It was very important not to put the Parish in debt and in fact do the opposite by providing a rental property which would continue to generate cash income for years to come.

Anyone who has built a property knows how strenuous it can be. A special thanks must go to Fr Joseph for driving these changes, having to deal directly with tradies, councils, unfamiliar laws and regulations, all in a foreign language and country.

Fortunately he was given a lot of support and assistance by two people who need a special mention, John Truelson and Pipo Ng. These people have given up an incredible amount of their time and knowledge assisting in supervising and following up matters wherever required. The construction of the Presbytery and the granny flat were awarded to Hallmark Homes, whilst the building of the Parish office was awarded to KD Groom.

Special thanks also go to all those who have helped in so many ways, either in fundraising, assisting in campaigns, taking part in a project, or simply remembering these projects in their prayers. It must be noted that these events are only a work in progress - our efforts should not stop once the buildings are completed. Rather, this has brought our community together for the betterment of our children and grand children, giving our Parish something that should last for some 50-70 years.

This evening, we welcome not only our Archbishop for blessing our two buildings, but also welcome Fr Dan Ryan (Vicar for the clergy), Fr Michael McKeaton (Dean of Logan deanery), Jenny Breene (councillor at Logan City Council), Mark Boothman, and the 17 invited priests for sharing this mass with us. Additional thanks also go to St Vinnies for providing temporary office accommodation whilst the buildings were being constructed.

Many people played an important part in these constructions. No contribution was too small. You should all pat yourself on the back for your contributions. As mentioned before, this is a work in progress, it is another brick in the wall of the long history of this Parish.

*Baudy Verriest, Parish Finance Council*

## OUR RCIA PROGRAM

### Are you interested in becoming Catholic or curious about the Catholic faith?

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If you are interested in becoming a Catholic please contact the parish office for more information.

*Peter Haack, Pastoral Associate*



*A depiction of Jesus:  
stained glass: Alfred Handel,  
photograph: Toby Hudson*

# MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY



# YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE



## UP-COMING FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS

### **21 September—St Matthew, apostle**

St Matthew, one of the twelve apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. When our Lord passed by the toll station of Matthew, the Publican, He merely said, "Follow Me" and from that moment Matthew became a faithful disciple of Jesus.

### **27 September— St Vincent de Paul (24/4/1581-27/9/1660)**

St. Vincent de Paul dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint and was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity".

### **29 September—Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels**

Angels, messengers from God appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel & Raphael are named. Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

### **1 October— St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)**

This saint, also known as the Little Flower, was a Carmelite nun who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent in Lisieux. She entered the convent at 15 & died in 1897. She was canonized in 1925. In 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a doctor of the church, the 3<sup>rd</sup> woman to be so recognized.

### **4 October—St Francis of Assisi (1182—1226)**

Known as the Seraphic Saint, St Francis was born at Assisi, Italy. In his youth he loved pleasure and fine clothes. He renounced wealth and became the most extraordinary saint of the middle Ages. He founded the Order of Friars Minor, the Second Order of the Poor Clares and the Third Order of St Francis.

### **18 October—St Luke, evangelist**

St Luke was born in Antioch and exercised the profession of a doctor. Together with St Paul, he evangelised Greece and Rome. He wrote the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He suffered martyrdom toward the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

### **1 November—Feast of All Saints**

Whether or not their names are commemorated in the Liturgy, the Church today honours all Saints, those holy souls who during life loved Jesus and strove to imitate Him and to practise His virtues.

### **2 November—Feast of All Souls**

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for Catholic churches to commemorate the faithful departed.



# Personal

# Kids Stuff



**Ann Hehir** celebrates her birthday on the 21st of October. Hip, hip, hurray from friends and family. Mum, Donovan and Lauren, David, Chau and Luffy.

**Maria Patane's** birthday was on the 29th of June. She was greatly surprised by her children who came from as far as St Helens, Tasmania to celebrate Mum with flowers, food, cakes and biscuits. On a previous occasion Maria received a commemorative certificate folder from Bert Van Manen MP, Federal Member for Forde. Maria was recently enrolled in the Seraphic Mass Association in gratitude for her contributions to the Capuchin Foreign Missions.



God our Father, through the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, poured out from His Sacred Heart on Calvary, for all people, and the intercessions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg you to send Your Holy Spirit upon all known and unknown terrorists throughout the world, to enlighten their minds and to turn their hearts to You. I ask this special grace for them through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Submitted by Anna Battle*



<http://www.christocenteredmall.com/games/maze/sheep-maze.htm>



<http://mrprintables.com/printable-word-search-puzzles.html>

Q. If you have 8 sheep and two died, how many sheep did you have?

Q. What is the sum of half of two and two?

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*The Lord is my Shepherd  
By Simon Dewey*

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## Volunteering Opportunities

### ST VINCENT de PAUL – ST PATRICK’S CONFERENCE – BEENLEIGH

Our conference is always looking for new members. We are a call centre which means that people come to us to receive assistance. We are open Mon to Fri between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Most of our members “work” one morning per week. Can you spare 4 hours per week to help the poor and marginalised in our community? We are a friendly group and the “work” is very rewarding.

For more information please call

John Maksimas ( Home 55466630 or Mob 0410602549 )

Fay O’Toole ( Mobile 0407465478 )

*John Maksimas, President*

### The Motorist’s Prayer

Grant me O Lord a steady hand  
and watchful eye,  
That no one shall be hurt as  
I pass by.  
Thou gavest life, I pray no act  
of mine  
May take away or mar that gift  
of Thine.

Shelter those, dear Lord, who  
bear me company,  
From the evils of fire and all  
calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for  
others need;  
Nor miss through love of undue  
speed

The beauty of the world; that  
thus I may  
With Joy and courtesy go on  
my way.  
So, Christopher, holy patron of  
travellers,  
Protect me and lead me safely  
to my destiny

*Submitted by Tamara Malone*

## OUR SCHOOLS

CATHOLIC Education Week was the perfect opportunity for three Catholic schools in St Patrick's Parish, Beenleigh, to come together in prayer and friendship.

The week was launched at the St Patrick's Sunday Parish Mass and, in what was a first for the parish, Trinity College, Beenleigh, opened its doors during the week to neighbouring Catholic primary schools, Mother Teresa School, Ormeau and St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School, Beenleigh, in the spirit of this year's CEW theme "Opening Doors in the Year of Mercy".

The primary schools' Years 3-6 staff and students joined staff and students at Trinity College for a special Mass led by St Patrick's Parish Priest Fr Joseph Kanatt. Fr Joseph told the gathering that Catholic Education Week was a fantastic opportunity for Catholic schools to celebrate their distinctive ethos. He said the week-long celebrations offered the more than 1600 students and staff from the three schools who gathered an opportunity to put into practice what it meant to be merciful.

He asked the students to open up their hearts to others and to welcome mercy into their lives.

"The message we are getting is that Mercy is the wellspring of joy, serenity and peace; (it) is the bridge that connects God and men," he said.

He challenged each student to live the message of Jesus and reach their full potential to be compassionate, contributing and life-giving citizens of the world.

"It is our own personal responsibility to 'open the door of Mercy' in our hearts, to receive everyone and to reach out to everyone and make a difference in the world," he said.



*Fr Joseph with students from Trinity College, St Josephs and Mother Teresa schools at Trinity College CEW celebrations*



Trinity College Principal Catherine Thompson said it was the first time the two primary schools and the college had come together.

"It was a wonderful occasion to be able to celebrate together," she said.

"It took a lot of time and effort by staff at all three schools to bring it all together, but it all came together seamlessly."

Ms Thompson said it was inspiring to witness the students entering into the special celebration with such a wonderful spirit of openness.

"This is really what Catholic Education Week is all about, being able to come together to celebrate as a Christ-centred community."

The week was also celebrated by the younger students when Years Prep-2 staff and students from St Joseph's School visited Mother Teresa School, Ormeau for a Liturgy of the Word celebration followed by classroom visits, playground activities and a sausage sizzle lunch.

*Kathleen Crawford, Assistant Principal Religious Education, Mother Teresa School*



*During Catholic Education Week students from St Joseph's visited Mother Teresa School. The children had a busy day with plenty of activities. One of them was the artwork on 'Open Our Doors in the Year of Mercy', where the children drew doors with welcoming people and messages. This is now on display on the Truelson Room Library board. Please take the time to have a look at it. Thank you very much to the students for all your good work, to the teachers for their support and to Cheryl Evans who brought the artwork to St Patrick's and made it available for us all to enjoy.*

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# ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

## Chapter 3: The Story Of Vinnies In Beenleigh

The St Vincent de Paul, St Patrick's Conference, Beenleigh, was established soon after the Beenleigh Parish came into being. The society at that time was restricted to male membership and some well-remembered names were among the first members – Gerald Fields, Laurie McGovern, Tom Costigan, Brian Jordan and Gus Staunton to mention a few. Eventually this early conference disbanded because of lack of need – perhaps testament to the prosperity of the area at that time.

Around 1970, female membership was encouraged and a women's conference was formed. Eventually the two conferences joined to become St Patrick's Conference, Beenleigh.

The Conference's profile was raised during the 1974 flood when Conference members worked with the wider community to assist those whose homes and possessions had been lost or damaged by the flood waters. One such activity was a market held in the centre of town selling cakes, craft and so on, the money from which was given to the then Clerk of Petty Session, Bill McKay, who was in charge of distributing the Flood Relief money. As the roads became more accessible, SVDP came down from Brisbane with furniture, clothing and food for those in need. Our conference provided an on-going service for quite some time, helping people to re-establish their lives.

From this time on, and perhaps because of the bonds formed during this destructive event, the society has played a prominent role in the life of the parish and community in Beenleigh. In the late 1980's the Conference expanded its activities to include welfare work.

Emergency accommodation was provided in the old boarding house in City Rd and a phone room was set up to take calls for assistance. With the development of the ring road around the town centre, the then Albert Shire Council offered the Conference one of the houses being moved from Kokoda St. SVDP paid to have the house relocated in the parish grounds, where its welfare rooms are now located.

Over time, the society has adapted to meet the changing needs of our local community and to accommodate the changing face of membership. Today we have a mixed membership consisting of Catholics and non-Catholics, parishioners and non-parishioners of various ethnic backgrounds. They make up a dedicated team of 25 members and volunteers, many of whom have been involved in SVDP for more than 15 years. Alan Battle, Jo Bloxsidge, Veronica Ghidella and Fay O'Toole worthy of special mention with Fay's 28 years of dedicated service being recognised in the 2016 Logan City Council Citizenship Awards. She was the deserving winner of The Mayor's "Spirit of Logan" Award.

We are also most grateful for the assistance of a number of our parishioners who generously and reliably give of their time to help with our bread collections from Loganholme and The Market Place in Beenleigh.

In any month we assist in excess of 300 people, helping them with food, clothing, furniture, blankets, pharmacy expenses, emergency travel or, sometimes, just a sympathetic ear. We never forget that it is the generosity of our fellow parishioners that enables us to provide this assistance. For this we ask God to bless you, and we thank you on behalf of all those we help.

*John Maksimas, President.*

## *Our Palm Lake Resort Holy Communion Group*

Every Tuesday morning at 10am a group of residents meet to listen to prayers and the day's Gospel, followed by Holy Communion received from pastoral associate, Peter Haack.

The group was organised after a request from Father Joseph Kanatt for all residents who are unable to attend Church, because of transport, illness and other disadvantage to be able to receive Holy Communion. We also have some residents who receive Holy Communion at Church. We also have a small group from the Assisted Care Complex. Over the four years the group has been running we have new people arriving and dear ones departing.

The group is an inspiration of keeping our faith alive and knowing God is always present in our midst.

Father visits at least every six weeks to give Holy Communion and anointing of the sick. On August 25th Father conducted a full Mass and anointing of the sick. All residents, practising and non-practising Catholics and visitors were invited. It was a very moving and spiritual morning. Afterwards we had a simple morning tea.

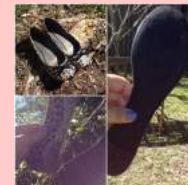
The motto of our group is "If we can't go to Church, the Church will come to us". Thank you Father Joseph and Peter Haack.



*Roslyn Classen, Organiser of the Palm Lake Holy Communion Group*

### *I Lost My Sole/Soul*

When I got home after mass taking my shoes off I've noticed that I'd lost the sole of my shoe and it's nowhere to be found. I loved these shoes, so I went back to the church to find my 'LOST SOLE' ... looking on the ground, in rubbish bins, everywhere that I can think of...nada. I went inside the church in a distressed face telling parishioners (in my accent) that I have lost my sole had any of you have seen it? Everyone were strangely starring and none of them answered me nor said a word, probably thinking '... poor Marleine she's gone cuckoo, she's lost her mind looking for her 'LOST SOUL'. Eventually I found it on the footpath. I ran back to church waving my shoe sole like a flag happily, saying 'I have found my sole!' They were still starring. I said to them laughing "my SOUL has never left me."



*Marleine Azar*

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Thank you for every challenge as it helps us to learn to do better. Sometimes we just don't understand, so we petition you Lord for strength in our hearts to keep working for our families and those we share our lives with. *Ann Hehir*



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## Lawrie Griffin—Quiet Champion of our Church



Many of us would have seen Lawrie reading at the lectern or minding the Piety stall, but what do we know about him?

Lawrie was born and bred in Tasmania. He lived his early years in Karoola, 25 miles north east of Launceston.

He came from an Old Catholic family and was the youngest of six children, now the only surviving since the recent passing of his sister. Lawrie grew up in a family very strong in its faith. He was strongly influenced by his parents and by two aunts who were nuns. Indeed, one of his cousins is now a parish priest in Launceston.

Lawrie went to a convent school and then to the local high school. He left at 14 to work as a messenger boy (before mobiles and computers) at a local garage, where he spotted Mavis amongst the other girls walking past. Lawrie later joined

Good Year in Tasmania, married Mavis in 1956 and they had three children together, two boys and a girl.

In the late 1960's Lawrie received a promotion with Good Year and the whole family moved to Melbourne. In 1977 Lawrie was offered the position as Queensland State manager and again the whole family moved, this time to Brisbane. Lawrie stayed another ten years with Good Year before opening his own tyre business in Tweed Heads, which he ran for 18 years before retiring to Crestmead. Unfortunately Mavis fell ill shortly after and passed away.

One day Lawrie popped in to our church and asked a man in shorts and sandals when mass was on. The next Sunday he saw the same man, Father Tony, saying Mass! That was the start of Lawrie's involvement with St Patrick's where he now is a reader, takes communion to the sick, minds the piety stall as well as doing the banking every Tuesday. Lawrie has made a lot of friends at St Patrick's and drawn a lot of support from his faith and from the church. "Lots of friends make life easier".

Lawrie has been involved with St Vincent de Paul and Rotary for a long time, always concerned for those less fortunate. He is particularly interested in the NILS (No Interest Loans Schemes) which makes small loans to people in need of essential goods. He leaves the impression that there is a lot of scope for us all to help others in the parish and beyond to do something which enriches the lives of others and at the same time ourselves. Thanks Lawrie for sharing your story.

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