

Parish Bugle



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Thomas Merton once said, “If you want to know who I am, do not ask me where I live or what I like to eat or how I comb my hair. Ask me what I am living for.” It is a terrifying question, isn’t it? What am I living for? It invites us to face our deepest value. It calls us to name that which directs our lives. In Merton’s question a second question is implied: “Is what I am living for enough?”

There might be some living for the end of their education, looking beyond college or graduate studies to go on with life. That is a valuable goal. Others might be living for retirement. Such a purpose would be understandable and deserved. Still others here might be living for their grandchildren. What a joy they are. But is it enough to live for?

The New Year invites us to understand that the lives we live have a part to play in God’s plan for the world. When we graduate from college the knowledge we have learned is more than just a way to earn a living. Finding the way that we can use our knowledge for God’s purposes gives meaning to our life. The time and opportunities of retirement are meant to be for God’s purpose. Discovering how we can use our experience and talents in new ways to serve God’s will is deeply satisfying. Spending time with our grandchildren is not just a way to make us happy. The love and wisdom we share with them will one day be love and wisdom for their own children and enrich the future society in which they live.

When we choose to use our talents and opportunities as a part of God’s plan, we find a deeper meaning for living. God is able to use our simple actions for his own good purpose. That is something worth living for, because there is no greater joy than being able to participate in God’s plan to love and save the world.

Fr Subin Thomas, your Parish Priest



Fr Subin Thomas, mcbs

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 is Lent?

Lent (Latin: *Quadragesima*, 'Fortieth') is a solemn religious observance commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry. Says Mr Wikipedia!

It starts on Ash Wednesday, culminating in the wonderful joy of Easter Sunday - Resurrection Day when Christ arose from the dead, conquering death for himself and for all of us. According to some sources there are 3 pillars in the Lenten Journey- fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

Fasting

As Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we, too, are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It is during this time we can deepen our awareness of his sacrifice on the Cross, as well as Jesus' daily forgiveness of our sins and unconditional love for us. This personal sacrifice should be difficult but healthy, while respecting responsibilities.

Going without something you enjoy regularly—like Netflix, if you watch it often—may seem like an impossible task, but is a small price to pay for a step closer to eternal salvation!

Despite the challenge, we can take solace in knowing Jesus protects us in our struggle, as St John Henry Newman reminds us: *“Even in our penitential exercises, Christ has gone before us to sanctify them to us. He has blessed fasting as a means of grace, in that He fasted.”*

During Lent, Catholics and other Christian participants are given a reprieve on Sundays as a “mini-Easter,” allowing us to break our temptation. Again, though, this is not designed to allow or condone taking part in any inappropriate behaviour.

Almsgiving

Stressing the importance of recognizing those in need while demonstrating the model of selflessness that Jesus embodied on earth, Lent offers us an opportunity to further concentrate on displaying acts of charity within our communities.



Whether it be through the giving of time, money, clothing or food, volunteer service provides us a perfect occasion to improve society by living out Jesus' teaching of helping him, through helping his people.

Such offerings remind us of the valuable need to remain disciplined and prudent regarding our own desires in life, as well as the standard set in order to be welcomed into God's Kingdom.

Prayer

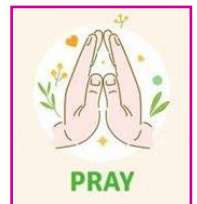
Another avenue for self-growth during Lent that can lead to closer relationship with God is prayer. While talking with God is a practice Catholics and all Christians should conduct regularly no matter what point in the year, Lent presents us with an especially meaningful time to connect with our Lord and nurture our bond.

We can strengthen our relationship with God through deeper and more frequent prayer activity, such as Scripture readings before beginning our daily morning routine, or praying at mealtimes, commuting to work or school, or during nature walks and other such exercises.

Lent can also provide us a chance to pray in ways beyond simply asking things from God for ourselves. Praising him for his glory and wonder, acknowledging and thanking him for our many blessings and calling on God to intercede and aid in the lives of others are all examples of how we can appreciate God's presence and works.



FAST



PRAY



Building Project Update

Fr Subin is in the very early stages of having a church hall built. A number of locations for the new building are under discussion and recommendations will eventually be made after planning meetings with designers and engineers.

A building committee is being formed and meetings are planned with designers, engineers and parishioners with the appropriate skills and interests.

The new hall will host functions and events and will feature a modern sound system, kitchen and amenities.

Sacramental Program Schedule 2023

All parishioners and families are invited to participate in the 2023 sacramental program. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Reconciliation

Wednesday 8/03 6:30-7:15pm
 Wednesday 13/03 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 22/03 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 29/03 6:00-7:00pm

Information Evening
 First Lesson
 Second Lesson and practice
 Actual Reconciliation night



First Holy Communion

Wednesday 19/04 6:30-7:15pm
 Thursday 20/04 6:30-7:15pm
 Saturday 22/04 6:00pm
 Sunday 23/04 9:00am

Information Evenings
 Enrolment Masses

Wednesday 26/04 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 03/05 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 10/05 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 17/05 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 24/05 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 31/05 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 07/06 6:00-7:00pm

First Lesson
 Second Lesson
 Third Lesson
 Fourth Lesson
 Fifth Lesson
 Sixth Lesson
 Seventh Lesson and practice



Sunday 11/06 9:00am Mass

Actual Holy Communion Day

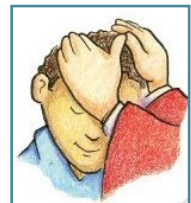
Confirmation

Monday 12/06 6:30-7:15pm
 Wednesday 14/06 6:30-7:15pm
 Saturday 17/06 6:00pm
 Sunday 18/06 9:00am

Information Evenings
 Enrolment Masses

Wednesday 21/06 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 12/07 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 19/07 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 26/07 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 02/08 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 09/08 6:00-7:00pm
 Wednesday 07/06 6:00-7:00pm
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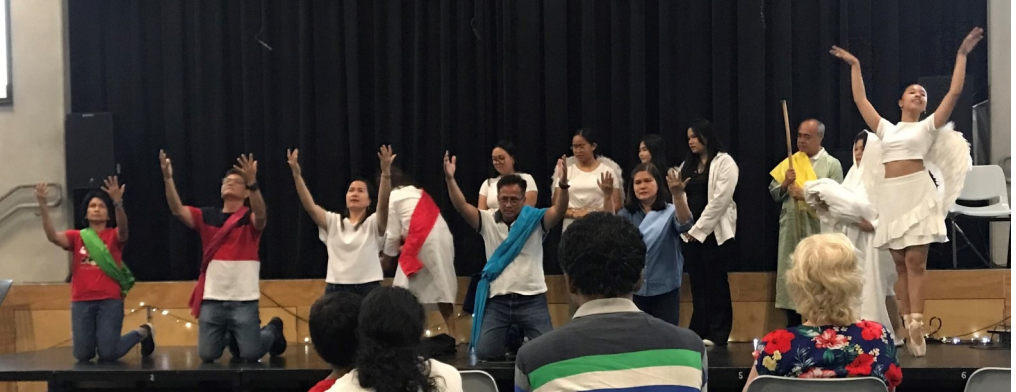




St Patrick's—Christmas memories

The lead up to Christmas was a very busy, happy and faith filled time.

The Meditation group held Advent discussions using the excellent resource "Incarnate – Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections". Other groups and individuals decorated the church and the Truelson Room and installed lights outside. It all looked very beautiful and inviting.



Performance by Couples for Christ at Christmas Carol evening

Our Parish Council organised the traditional Christmas celebration night with carols for our parish on Friday 16 December in the St Joseph's school hall. We were entertained with music, song and dance, and there was plenty of scrumptious food shared by parishioners.

To help prepare our hearts for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ, Fr Subin and the Filipino community initiated a Simbang Gabi, a nine day devotional, Christmas Novena prayer, which was recited after each Mass from December 16 and concluded on Christmas Eve. It was very well received and we can only hope that it will form part of the St Patrick's Christmas traditions in years to come.

Fr Subin had a very busy schedule with Children's Mass at 6pm Christmas Eve, followed by Youth Mass at 8pm, Carols at 11:30 and then Midnight Mass. On Christmas Morning Fr Subin celebrated the birth of our Lord at 7am and 9am.

Sincere thanks to Fr Subin and all the many people who helped making the Christmas celebrations, faith filled and happy.

Monica Bouceck

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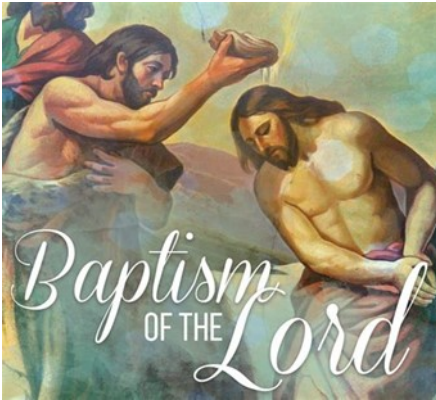
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Pope's Page—Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 8 January 2023, the Gospel portrays an astonishing scene: it is the first time that Jesus appears in public after his hidden birth in Nazareth; he arrives on the bank of the River Jordan to be baptized by John (Mt 3:13-17).

It is a rite by which the people repented and committed to converting; a liturgical hymn says that the people went to be baptized “bare of soul and bare-foot” – an open, naked soul, without covering anything – that is, with humility and with a transparent heart. But, seeing Jesus mingling with the sinners, we are surprised and ask ourselves: why? After all, He, the Saint of God, the Son of God without sin, we find the answer in Jesus’ words to John: “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all right-

eousness” (v.15). What does it mean?

By having himself baptized, Jesus reveals God’s justice, justice He came to bring into the world. Often, we have a limited idea of justice and think that it means: those who do wrong pay, thereby compensating for the wrong they have done. But God’s justice, as the Scripture teaches, is much greater: it does not have as its end the condemnation of the guilty, but their salvation and rebirth, making them righteous: from unjust to just. It is a justice that comes from love, from the depths of compassion and mercy that are the very heart of God, the Father who is moved when we are oppressed by evil and fall under the weight of sins and fragility.

God’s justice, then, is not intended to distribute penalties and punishments but rather, as the Apostle Paul affirms, it consists of making us, his children, righteous (cf. Rm 3:22-31), freeing us from the snares of evil, healing and raising us up again. The Lord is always there, not ready to punish us, but with his hand outstretched to help us rise. And so, on the banks of the Jordan, Jesus reveals to us the meaning of his mission: He came to fulfil divine justice, which is that of saving sinners; he came to take on his own shoulders the sin of the world and to descend into the waters of the abyss, death, to rescue us from drowning. He shows us today that the true justice of God is the mercy that saves. We are afraid to think that God is mercy, but God is mercy, because his justice is indeed the mercy that saves, it is the love that shares our human condition, that makes itself close, in solidarity with our suffering, entering our darkness to restore light.

Brothers and sisters, we are afraid to think of such a merciful justice. Let us go ahead: God is merciful. His justice is merciful. Let us allow Jesus to take us by the hand. We too, disciples of Jesus, are required to exercise justice in this way, in relationships with others, in the Church, in society: not with the harshness of those who judge and condemn, dividing people into good and bad, but with the mercy of those who welcome by sharing the wounds and frailties of their sisters and brothers, to lift them up, not dividing but sharing. Let us do as Jesus did: let us share, carry each other’s burdens instead of gossiping and destroying, regard others with compassion and help each other. Ask ourselves: am I a person who divides or shares? Think a little: am I a disciple of Jesus’ love or a disciple of gossip, that divides. Gossip is a lethal weapon: it kills, love, society, and kills fraternity. Let us ask ourselves: am I a person who divides or shares? And now let us pray to Our Lady, who gave life to Jesus, immersing him in our frailty so that we might receive life again.

Excerpts from Pope Francis Holy Mass 08.01.23 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Full transcript see link: <https://www.popefrancishomilies.com/home>

Denise O’Shea



PPC Corner

Over two years ago I was asked to join the PPC. My first reaction was 'me! What have I to offer?'. The reply was that I would find my place. Well I had my doubts about that but decided to consult the Holy Spirit and the reply was that I should give it a go. So I did.

The PPC meets once a month and have a very organised meeting where everyone's opinion matters. Together the PPC members have worked on many issues for the benefit of all parishioners. Various members have different roles, e.g. flowers, choir, sacramental team, catering, etc. We are a diverse people just as the people of the church are diverse.

Last year I was able to participate in the Leadership program run by Evangelisation Brisbane (EB). This was an excellent course which led me into deeper thinking. I have found that my prayer life has grown and my love of the Eucharist has increased. I would like to see more people involved in faith development through the various courses EB run and through Bible Study here in St Patrick's.

On a personal level I have only been at St Patrick's for a little over 5 years. Because of my involvement with PPC, I have made solid friendships and met so many wonderful parishioners that I may never have met.

If you are approached to join the PPC, please give it serious prayer and thought.

Helen Bradford



My name is Troy Grindrod. I have been celebrating Mass at St Patricks Beenleigh since 2017. Sometime around 2020, I was very surprised when Colleen Sheehan approached me one Sunday and asked if I would consider being involved with the Parish Council. I thought that it would be a great way to be more involved with the Parish and a way to get to know parishioners a little better.

There were challenging times during the COVID restrictions. We, as the Council, had to do our best to keep up with the ever changing safety guidelines of social distancing placed on the Parish by the Queensland Government. But the positive (excuse the pun) thing I got from it was when we had to check everyone in. It was a great way to meet everyone in the Parish. (The 7am Mass anyway).

Monthly meeting with Fr Subin and Council members has been an experience I have enjoyed. I met with motivated people who enjoy organising events for the Church and who, with the guidance of Fr Subin, work with Ministries and Groups within the Parish.

I have recently stepped away from the Parish Council, however would recommend the experience to anyone who would like to dedicate their time and input into St Patricks Beenleigh.

Yours in Christ, Troy Grindrod



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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In relationships we have issues that come up. It's part of life. There is nothing wrong with a good argument from time to time whether it's between a couple or with our children. Arguments can be really healthy and help to grow relationships.

It is inevitable that at certain times people have differences of opinion, which may create conflict. Sometimes we have different expectations, goals or values and that is going to lead to a disagreement of some sort.

Often many couples go into a relationship believing it will be smooth sailing and don't know what a healthy, strong relationship demands. Our understanding about a lifelong relationship has been formed by Disney and is about "happily ever after".

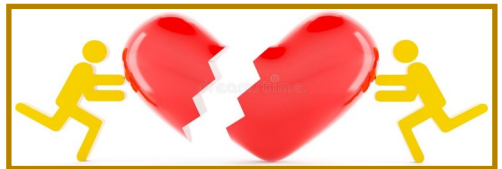
If one person in the relationship believes in peace at any price and is afraid so they never raise difficult issues, it usually results in one person having an amazing time but the other person is struggling. The main concern is that there is no growth.

When there is an argument in the home, typically only one of three things can happen.

One person is right and one is wrong and the person who is wrong does some growing. They realise that there was another way of looking at this situation and they grow as a person.

But most of the time, it is not really like that - it's just that we have a different view and you have a tough conversation about that and expect that it is normal. In most areas of life, growth comes in a discomfort zone. Whenever we learn something new it's in the uncomfortable bit that we're are growing.

It is in the discomfort zone that growth occurs in a relationship, but lot of people just have a fear about conflict in anything and avoid it every opportunity.



There is nothing wrong with having a difference of opinion and you are not always right. And you're not always wrong. It is not a matter of right or wrong.

There are many things that couples can do to overcome conflict and there's so much research in this area. Generally there are two broad categories in resolving conflict.

One is having the right attitude and the other is having the right skills.

An example of what I mean by having the right attitude is giving the other person the benefit of the doubt. Typically in relationships when one person asks for help of another person it can look like criticism.

An example is if I get home after work and my wife has just spent the whole day cleaning and I park myself on the couch and kick off my shoes and socks. Then she comes in and says, "I can't believe you left your socks right in the middle of the floor!" It feels like criticism and the natural reaction is a sort of a defence.

But it's a request for help. What she is saying is "Come on, I've been cleaning all day and I need your help to keep it clean". So it can help a lot if we give the other person the benefit of the doubt and see what they're trying to say, as opposed to just hearing it as criticism.

Being open to giving a sincere apology and to working at repairing relationship, knowing that we need to do some things to help regain the connection and the closeness and trust we really yearn for in our family and our family relationships.

We don't have to do it alone. Invest in the relationship, seek advice when things seem overwhelming and invest in your relationship like you do for other things in life.

*Extract from Derek Boylen's Figuring out Families Podcast, www.majellan.media
Submitted by Anne Erbacher*



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World Day of Prayer 2023



This year St Patrick's Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd of March at 6pm.

The World Day of Prayer is an annual ecumenical event and the combined churches of Anglican, Uniting, Baptist, Lutheran and Salvation Army take turns in hosting the service each year. A different country each time is prayed for. Taiwan is the focus country this year that we will be praying for with the theme "I have heard about your faith".

We are looking for parishioners to form a committee to assist with the preparations of decorations and food on the day. Approximately 90 people attend the service each year.

If you would like to be involved, by helping with decorations or by providing food on the day, please contact Marian Ward on 0433 727 713. We are particularly interested in people from Taiwan, or with a connection to, or with knowledge about Taiwan.

Marian Ward



Women are praying as darkness fills the sky. Christian faith brings peace and vision despite Taiwan's uncertain future.

Significant species: birds—the Micado Pheasant and the black-faced Spoonbill; flower—the Butterfly Orchid which is the pride of Taiwan.

The Artist; Hui-Wen HSAIO was born in Tainan, Taiwan, in 1993. In 2017, she received her bachelor's degree in Visual Communication Design at Kun Shan University in Tainan. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Intermedia Art Therapy (Intermediate Kunsttherapie) at MSH Medical School in Hamburg, Germany.

"I cherish my God-given talents and serve God with my artwork. I humbly hope people will know God through my art."

Hui-Wen HSAIO



View of Taipei



Holy Rosary Cathedral, Kaohsiung



Our Groups

The Parish Choir

The adult choir of St. Patrick's Beenleigh is an inclusive ministry focusing on prayer, vocal technique and singing as a group

The choir sings on special occasions, such as Australia Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, AN-ZAC, Pentecost, Multicultural Day, All Souls Day, Christ the King and Christmas. For months with no special occasion, the choir sings on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 9am Mass.

Choir practice is held once a week at 6:30pm, either on Monday or Tuesday, depending on availability. Accompanied by the organ, the choir sings a range of repertoire from Hymns to Contemporary Liturgical.

New members are welcome. We require members to be over 18, love God, have a desire to improve and enjoy singing in a group. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to join.

The goal of the choir is to Praise and give Glory to God by praying and singing to the best of our potential.

Mike Zarate

The Breath of the Spirit Catholic Charismatic prayer Group

We are a group of men and women, who gather weekly, Tuesday 10:30-12:30 approximately, to pray in the Truelson room. We are registered with the Catholic Charismatic renewal Brisbane, under the authority of Brisbane Archdiocese.

Our program is set out by CCR worldwide, it consists of an opening prayer, a number of songs, followed by a 15 min quiet time. The aim is to allow you to clear your thoughts and allow the Holy Spirit to be present.

During this time, a message, a scripture, an image from the Lord, or a prophetic message or two may enter your thoughts. This time can be so special as you never know what may take place. At this point you may share your thoughts.

At prayer Group you can be as open and free as you feel, knowing nothing leaves the room, as we are there for each other in trust.

For further information, contact Barry and Mary McGrath, Group Leaders on 0402 859 396

What is it that you hold in your hand?

Nothing you say? Look Again!

Every hand holds some special gift

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a scalpel, an artists brush, a needle,
a phone or cookbook,

A music score, a way with words,
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Our Groups



The Youth Ministry

Our Goals..

- ..To help young people to know the love of God, and develop a life sustaining relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ..To help form young people to become an integral part of our Church.
- ..For young people to be provided with the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge that allows them to participate in the Church and wider community.
- ..To provide a positive environment for young people to gather together.

What we do..

..Youth Masses: Every 1st Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass, and every 3rd Sunday at the 9am Mass. The Youth are involved in music ministry, reading and offertory in these Masses. We occasionally include liturgical dance, skits or visual displays.

..United Youth: Fortnightly on Fridays from 6pm till 9pm, for ages 10 to 20something. We meet in the St Joseph's School Hall. The night includes dinner, games, praise and worship, prayer and discussion. Currently we are doing the Alpha Youth course.

..Young Adults study group: Every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesday night in the Church from 7.30 – 8.45 (after 7pm Mass). Depending on the night, it may include prayer and praise, discussion, Scripture and Church teaching. For those in their late teens, twenties or thirties.

..Youth Band: Our band practises every 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday night from 7-8.30pm in the office. Apart from our Youth Masses, the band also provides music ministry for other functions, eg entertainment for the SVDP fundraising dinners.

..Outings: Every now and then we go on an outing such as bowling, movies, a picnic, bush walking, etc. We also attend various youth conferences and rallies.

If you would like to join us for any of our activities, or to find out more info, please contact our youth coordinator, Cathy on 0400 494 943 or youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

The RCIA

For those interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning About the Faith or curious about the Faith:

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, the journey takes place through distinct phases over a period of time suitable for the participant, through weekly learning sessions, meeting the parish community, attending Mass and gaining an understanding of the moral life of the Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the Apostles.

For more information, please contact the parish office 07 3287 2282

Holy Rosary Prayers

Every morning when we have Mass a group of parishioners get together to pray the Holy Rosary in the Chapel. The times vary to fit in with the Masses and other activities. When there is a morning Mass the team starts 45 minutes before and finish in time for Mass. On Tuesdays the Rosary Prayers will continue after the Mass.

Have you ever wanted to learn to pray the Rosary? If so, join in and pray all the mysteries for every day of the week and for every week in the liturgical year. As the times will vary, please feel free to drop in and chat to one of the people in the team, or the Parish Priest.



St Vincent De Paul Society - St Patrick's Conference

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our 2022 Christmas Appeal was conducted in our Parish early in December. Due to the generosity of our parishioners, school communities and some anonymous donors, we have realised in excess of \$4000. Most of this money has been used to provide 40 Christmas Hampers to some very needy families in our community. THANKYOU.

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NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

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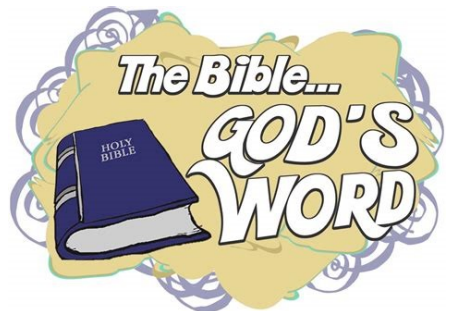
Have you ever read the Bible? Have you tried to read the Bible and got stuck in Numbers and gave up? Don't worry you are not alone. But there is a way to read the Bible. And in a Year at that. Just 30 minutes a day of listening to a podcast or reading on You tube with FR MIKE SCHMITZ. Fr Mike reads in a pattern across the whole Bible interweaving old, psalms and New Testament and then gives a commentary/explanation. This way you gain an understanding of what God is about.

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This comes to us from Ascension Press, USA. I recommend both programs to you if you are desiring a better understanding your faith. 30 minutes is just the right amount of time, but sometimes it is a little more or a little less.

You have nothing to lose except 30 minutes of your day, and everything to gain.

Helen Bradford





When a family experiences the heartache and difficulty of the loss of a loved one, funeral arrangements can be a stressful time for everyone involved. Organising for a prepaid funeral can lighten some of that burden and relieve your family in a time of sorrow.

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The Maloney family



Have you noticed the statue of the Our Lady lovingly holding baby Jesus in the western corner of our Church? This sculpture was made by an artist parishioner, Roy Hull, while the new (1980) church was being built. The lady sitting model for this sculpture was Tamara Maloney and her baby boy, Raymond.

Tamara came to Australia with her family, from Italy and grew up in NSW. It was here that she met Ken in the early 1970's and they married in 1972. Their two eldest daughters were born in Sydney. When Tamara was pregnant with the third child, the young family moved to Queensland to pursue the dream of owning their own home.

Ken and Tamara settled in Beenleigh where they bought a large high-set house next to the pool. They had another girl and a boy in Queensland. They connected with Anne Tracey, whose nephew went to school with Ken back in Sydney. Three of Anne's sons were working with Ken on his milk-runs.

Ken and Tamara sang in the choir for many years. Tamara used to put Raymond to sleep in the confessional during choir practise.

The first baptism in the new church took place on August 10, 1980 and young Raymond was one of three baby boys baptised on that day.

Ken and Tamara has done and still do a lot of work around our church and for St Vinnies and the Piety Stall.

Ken has done a lot of gardening and painting in and around the church. He enjoys reading and taking part in the Mass.

They never miss an opportunity to help when they see a need and their generosity knows no bounds.

"We feel we have a second family in the church. All the friends we have made, we are blessed. St Patrick's is a place we love".

Tamara Maloney and Monica Boucek



Tamara and Raymond



Young Maloney family at Gina's Confirmation at St Patrick's



Fr Subin blessing the couple retaking their wedding vows after 50 years of marriage



Cutting the cake at Golden Wedding Anniversary