

Parish Bugle



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As we enter into the final week in Lent and the Sacred Triduum — the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday/Easter Sunday — we are reminded of the holiness of these days as we journey with our Lord Jesus Christ through his passion and death.

During the days of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, may we together reflect on the wonderful gift of the Eucharist and how Jesus' self-gift to the Father — his suffering and death for us — is an example of how we are called to reach out to one another as well. There are no words to describe the Easter Vigil. It is the Solemnity of Solemnities. Most blessed of all nights chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead. As we stand in vigil by Jesus' tomb, we keep ourselves ready to greet the Risen Lord, alive again, immortal. Holy Week reminds us that there is always hope after despair and joy after sorrow.

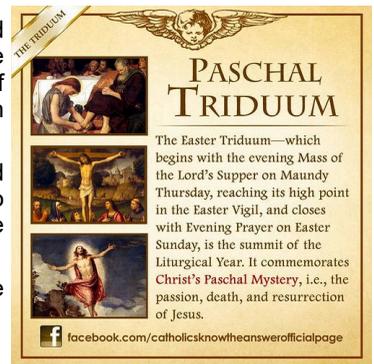
I hope that during the days of Easter, particularly on Easter Sunday, you will have time to celebrate with family and friends. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection that is offered to us and in how the power of the resurrection is reflected in the love that we have for our family members and for one another.

So let us keep holy these days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, journeying prayerfully with the Lord who suffers and dies to set us free from the power of sin and death. Rejoice that he broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave!

The power of the Lord's resurrection is available to you and me. And one day, that power will be completely granted to us when we, as well, know final victory over death and the grave.

May the Lord bless you and all of those whom you love during these most holy days of the year!

Subin Thomas, your Parish Priest



We acknowledge and pay respect to the land and the traditional families of the Yugambah region of South East Queensland, including the Kombumerri, Mununjali, Wangerriburra and others, and their Elders past present and emerging.

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Should children have the right to decide if they want Religious Instruction in State Schools?

Recent articles in the Courier Mail and other publications would indicate there is pressure from secular humanists, some union officials and other groups for parental rights in this regard to be removed.

There are a significant number of Catholic children in State Schools so that any change in this regard would jeopardise their ability to access such instruction. Leaving such decisions for children to make would cause chaos. It would be impos-

sible to provide a regular, consistent service. Would the same people advocating for such change go further with such logic as to give children the choice of attending school at all, or whether they should wash their teeth and hands, when they might go to bed and when they get up?

This scenario may be extreme but such attacks on the rights of parents demand a response from those who would not wish to see such a result and are concerned about rights in general. There are several ways to contribute positively to the support of the current legislation. Firstly you could contact your local MP and discuss the issue with your friends and family. Any polls you see online or on radio or newspapers or magazines can be utilized to voice your opinion in support of your rights.

Some possible points to include your email to your local state MP:

- RI is part of a holistic education for children.
- RI enables children to question, explore and discover faith for themselves.
- Students only participate in RI if opted in by parents or carers.
- RI is all about parent choice.
- RI is popular and is in over six hundred schools; over 200 000 children have been given consent into RI by their parents.
- A multicultural Qld is a multi-faiths Qld and to support this there are many options for RI e.g.; Baha'i RI, Buddhist RI, Christian RI, Hindu RI, Jewish RI, Islamic, Sikh RI etc.
- RI supports student wellbeing where children are taught faith-based values.
- Only accredited RI Instructors can teach RI.

An independent panel of curriculum experts review approved RI curricula. You can see and share these reviews [here](https://multifaithsri.org.au/programmaterialreviews/) (<https://multifaithsri.org.au/programmaterialreviews/>)

- School staff supervise all RI lessons.

Please ask your local state MP whether they support RI staying in curriculum time and please restrict your comments to the positive benefits of RI.

Here is a [link](https://www.qld.gov.au/about/contact-government/contacts/local-mp) (<https://www.qld.gov.au/about/contact-government/contacts/local-mp>) to where you can find the contacts for your local state MP, as well as help to work out which electorate you live in.

Terry O'Shea



Religious Education

Lent at St Patrick's



*Create in me a clean heart O God
A pure heart create for me God
Steady my weary spirit
Do not cast me away from your presence
Psalm 51*

During Lent Fr Subin and Michael Zarate put together a power point slide show of the Stations of the Cross, which has been played before all the weekend Masses and on Friday nights in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

For the last three weeks of Lent we have benefitted from visits by Lisa McKerr, Evangelisation Brisbane, Fr Noyichan M Anthony from the Gold Coast and David Cruse also from Evangelisation Brisbane. These three amazing people have spoken for 30 minutes after the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights.

They have passed on their vision and knowledge and encouraged us to continue on our journey of self reflection and hope.

Thank you Fr Subin and Michael for a grace filled initiative.

Colleen Sheehan

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 6 April	Mass 7pm followed by all night vigil til 8am Good Friday
Good Friday 7 April	Stations of the Cross 10am Passion of the Lord 3pm
Easter Saturday 8 April	Vigil Mass 6pm
Easter Sunday 9 April	Mass 7am Mass 9am No evening Mass



Celebrations at St Patrick's

Australia Day

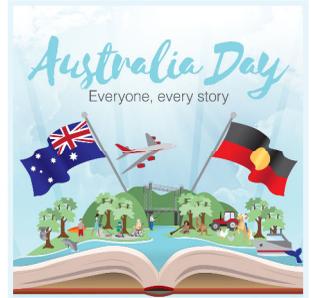
During the Australia Day homily Fr Subin spoke about his feelings for our country.

"It's beauty that catches our breath; the stark contrasts – the rich, fertile farming country, the tropical rainforests, the dry and barren interior, the rugged bush, the magnificent beaches, and mile after mile of natural coastline.

Our country has been enriched by the customs and cultures that people from all over the world have brought with them. Our land is an untamed land – floods, bushfires, cyclones, searing heat, droughts are part of the Australian scene.

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted – blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families."

From Fr Subin's Australia Day homily



St Patrick's Day

'St Patrick's Mass was as usual lovely. Fr Subin's homily was wonderful and deeply felt by all who attended. The night lent itself to an outdoor setting on the lawn and coffee and cake was enjoyed by all.

The choir outdid themselves and Michael is to be congratulated for the effort he put in. Thank you choir members for your joy and spirit. Thankyou also to the ladies who served lovely cakes that were enjoyed by all. A great celebration.

Colleen Sheehan



Fr Subin and parishioners enjoying St Patricks supper on the lawn



Aileen & Gail relaxing after choir

World Day of Prayer



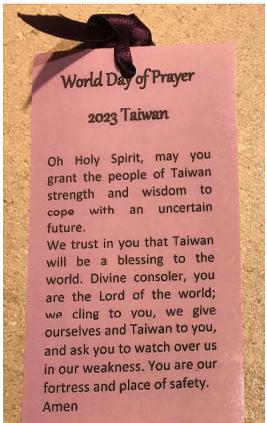
Recently St Patrick's Parish was host to this year's World Day of Prayer (WDP). The service took place on Friday 3rd March at 6pm. As was mentioned in the last edition of the Bugle, the country that was prayed for this year was Taiwan with the Theme 'I have heard about your faith'. The Taiwanese women prepared a beautiful service which included them asking us to greet one another with the phrase "Ping-an", which means "May God grant you peace"- a peaceful relationship with God and with one another.

The service was well attended with approximately 75 people filling the Church, which was beautifully decorated with Taiwanese flags, lanterns, artefacts and their national flower, the Butterfly Orchid. The service booklet produced by the Taiwanese women described some of the history of Taiwan and the many struggles faced by the women living there. Their stories were heartfelt and moving.

Members of the local Churches of Anglican, Uniting, Baptist, Lutheran and Salvation Army all participated by each reading a different section of the service booklet. Each member of the congregation was given a little prayer card (as they entered the church), which had the picture of the painting from the service booklet on the front and a beautiful prayer for Taiwan on the back of it. Cathy Korzeniewski along with members from the youth and parish choirs delighted the congregation with beautiful songs that were joyfully sung along too.

Following the service, Marian Ward along with the WDP Committee members and many other volunteers, served up an amazing, delicious supper which included some Taiwanese dishes and a beautifully decorated WDP cake made by Meryline Croker-Falani. All of the St Patrick's parish members involved in bringing this wonderful service together, need to be enormously praised for their generosity and time given to this prayerful celebration. A delightful time was had by all. God bless.

Marian Ward





PPC Corner



Being asked to become a parish council member, was a defining moment for me, in my Catholic faith, as I had always wanted to contribute somehow towards my parish, but with a young family at the time, it was an impossible feat.

The opportunity had arrived and once I had decided to accept the invitation, it made me a little nervous, but it also gave me a chance to fulfil my wish. I was happy and grateful to have the opportunity to do so.

It was a huge learning curve for me in the sense of the duties involved as a pastoral parish council member. As eager and keen to learn, I wanted to seek the right aptitude to taking on the tasks that needed to be done and gaining the knowledge of my faith a little more was also a highlight of the start of this new part of my life. Having enrolled in the first year of the C.L.I. (Catholic Leadership Intensive 10 weeks training) with another parish council member gave me such encouragement and hope, and believed that we, the PPC could build our parish up and glorify his name.

This stirred a little fire in me that I didn't realise I had, the longing to serve our God, his people in more ways than one and to walk a life proclaiming my faith in my actions hit the top of my list. I was eager and ready to take on work, to make things happen, change for the better, working with others, to create a parish where I would long to visit, daily, weekly, and forever.

St. Patrick's Church is a wonderful place to be a part of and as a Pastoral Council member, I have found it to be one of the best experiences of my adult life. The work is many, however my heart longs to do all I can to build his church. I have truly enjoyed every moment of this journey and I sincerely encourage others to take a leap of faith if you feel you want to, create, build, connect with God's people on earth.

Meryline Croker-Falani



My name is Colleen Sheehan and I have been a parish councillor for six years. Father Joseph asked me to join the parish council and being Father Joseph, no was not an option.

I felt I had nothing to give, but when I met all the councillors they encouraged and supported me on my journey and what a privilege to share and grow in my faith journey with these amazing people. Working with Father Subin and alongside these faithful and dedicated parishioners and meeting new parishioners all the time has been a great experience. Now my church members have become my faith family.

My time with the parish pastoral council is soon coming to an end and I would encourage all of you to consider a faith journey on the parish council.

Blessings, *Colleen Sheehan*

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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Easter Around the Globe



Guatemala

The Easter festival in Antigua, Guatemala, is one of the world's largest Easter celebrations. It commemorates the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus with Good Friday marches featuring floats with enormous sculptures of Jesus and Mary that need as many as 100 people to carry them. The streets are coloured with dyed alfombras laid out by local artisans in intricate patterns called **alfombras**, Arabic for carpet, which the procession marches over. On Easter Sunday, the city lights up with fireworks to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.



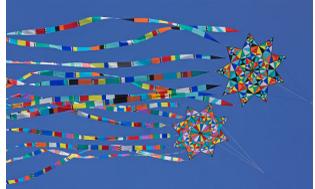
Greece

Red, the colour of life, is the only colour egg you will find in Greece. Since ancient times, the egg had represented the renewal of life, while red eggs symbolise victory over death. Greek Orthodox Christians follow the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian. The Holy Fire, believed to emit from the tomb of Christ each Holy Saturday, is flown from Jerusalem to Athens and delivered throughout Greece. During midnight church services, this flame is passed from candle to candle, illuminating dark spaces.



Bermuda

Making the most of its natural landscape, the island of Bermuda becomes even more colourful and vibrant during its Good Friday kite festival. Islanders create and decorate homemade kites, formed from a cross to represent the Crucifixion. Services are held at sunrise over the water and codfish cakes are popular along with the traditional hot cross bun. However, superstition dictates you must eat one or your house will burn down!



Spain

Easter celebrations begin before the actual holiday with what is called *Semana Santa*, Spanish for Holy Week. Parades that date back hundreds of years take place on Palm Sunday and throughout the week as Catholics build floats covered in flowers, candles and an elaborate statue of Jesus or the Virgin Mary. The floats are carried on the backs of dozens of men and paraded around particular cities. Included in these processions are hundreds of people dressed in robes, often white or black, with tall, pointed hats and carrying large candles. The hooded costumes represent penitence.



Italy

Italy holds solemn processions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday with costumed participants carrying statues of Jesus and Mary. Some towns also stage passion plays or Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Italian Easter bread is braided with three strands to represent the Holy Trinity and shaped in a crown like the crown of thorns with coloured eggs baked into the bread. Some areas of Italy bake their bread in the shape of a dove to symbolise hope. With plenty of time in the home, families can experiment with baking bread for Easter.



Extracts from The Majellan Family, a Majellan Media Publication.

Submitted by Anne Erbacher



Mother Teresa School

Stations of the Cross

This year for Lent, all students from Prep to Year 6 at Mother Teresa have been praying the Stations of the Cross. It has been a great opportunity for the students to learn about Christ's journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Crucifixion.

On Good Friday in 1991, Pope John Paul the Second developed the Scriptural Stations of the Cross. They are presented as an alternative to the traditional stations as a way of reflecting more deeply on the scriptural accounts of Christ's passion. This is the version that the school has adopted. Throughout Lent, each class has visited each of the stations, learning about Christ's journey to the crucifixion while learning how to pray and reflect upon what is a beautiful tradition of the Church.

Over the past twelve months, Mrs Tamara Armstrong our Visual Art teacher hand-painted each of the 14 stations for the school. These will be permanently displayed throughout the school this year with the originals being displayed in the library.

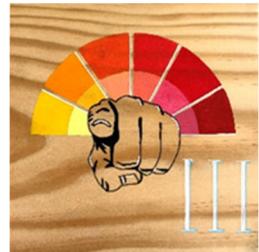
The first six stations:



Station One:
Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane



Station Two:
Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested



Station Three:
Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin



Station Four:
Jesus is denied by St Peter



Station Five:
Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate



Station Six:
Jesus is scourged at the pillar and crowned with thorns



Stations seven to fourteen:



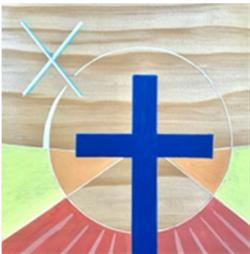
Station Seven:
Jesus bears the Cross



Station Eight:
Jesus is helped by Simon
the Cyrenian to carry the
cross



Station Nine:
Jesus meets the women
of Jerusalem



Station Ten:
Jesus is crucified



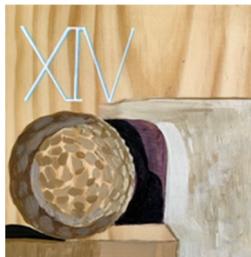
Station Eleven:
Jesus promises his king-
dom to the good thief



Station Twelve:
Jesus speaks to his moth-
er and the beloved disciple



Station Thirteen:
Jesus died on his cross



Station Fourteen:
Jesus is placed in the tomb

A big thank-you to Mrs Tamara Armstrong who illustrated and painted each image.

Adam McCoy, APRE,
Mother Teresa School





St Joseph Tobruk School

Project Compassion

On Tuesday 21 February, our school captains attended the Launch of Project Compassion at St Stephen's Cathedral along with 70 other Catholic schools in Brisbane.

We travelled with our Parish schools of Mother Teresa and Trinity College. Students participated in the Liturgy of the Word with Archbishop Mark Coleridge and some pancake races on the greens of the Cathedral.

We thank Mrs Skerman for accompanying the children on the day.



As a community we have been busy raising funds, our awareness and understanding of how we can reach out and help those in need.

To date, St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial school community has raised over \$1,000 for Caritas.

We have focused on the story of Priscilla and her community who have started chicken farms to help provide food and money in an area that has been heavily impacted by the effects of climate change.

For every \$7 collected, a chook has been purchased. We have a school wide challenge to see which class can purchase the most chickens by the end of the term. It is a close race and our wall is filling very fast!

Kathryn O'Toole, APRE, St Joseph Tobruk Memorial School


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Religious Instructors in State schools



The demand for religious instructors in State Schools is outstripping supply so if you feel that you would like to help in this regard, please consider the workshop detailed below .

Terry O'Shea

Catholic Religious Instruction WORKSHOP



Do you teach religious instruction in a state school?
Or want to know more about how to become involved?

Learn how to use the *Getting to Know Jesus* resource

Join with other religious instruction teachers as we unpack the **Getting to Know Jesus** resource, produced by the Archdiocese of Brisbane and reviewed for use in Queensland State Schools.

9-11am THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2023
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SCAN TO REGISTER BEFORE 10 APRIL





QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Queensland Community Alliance brings together 35 member organisations representing 1.7 million Queenslanders. They organise members and communities to act for the common good. Included are churches, mosques, other faith groups, trade unions, community organisations and ethnic associations.

A group of us recently had the opportunity to attend a function at St Marks Anglican Church in Daisy Hill. The meeting was as always well organised and well run. Many topics were touched upon, but the main focus was on Cost of living, Energy Prices and Transition to Clean Energy. We heard from three young speakers telling us of their problems with housing, cost of living and generally making ends meet.

The meeting gained commitments from Minister Mick De Brenni for his government to:

- continue the \$175 electricity rebate to households while high costs remain,
- work to support solar on private rentals and social housing,
- work with the Alliance help Queenslanders afford upfront cost of solar, storage, energy efficient appliances and to replace gas
- work with the responsible minister to implement minimum energy efficiency standards on existing rental properties.

It was an inspiring meeting and provided hope of improvements for young families and others who are struggling.

Marian Ward and Monica Boucek

An Easter Blessing

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Inspiration from the Saints



St. Ignatius of Antioch

"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian."

Holding the title of "Christian" is one thing. But when life demands action, truly being a Christian becomes an entirely different experience. As one of the first martyrs of the Church, St. Ignatius of Antioch displayed what it means to be a Christian during the most difficult times. St. Ignatius stayed faithful to God even when doing so would cost him his life.

Remember this quote and the example of St. Ignatius of Antioch when the world tests your faith. Stay faithful to God and God will be faithful to you, too.

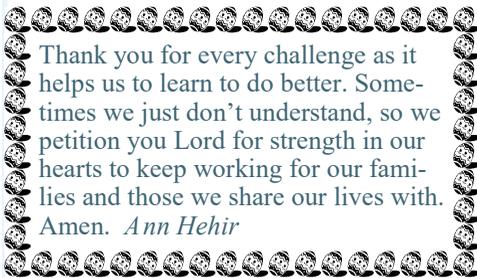
St. Dominic Savio

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."

This quote truly comes into perspective with the knowledge that St. Dominic Savio died when he was only 15 years old. Although he was young, he displayed a pure heart for God during his brief lifetime. He serves as an inspiration to Catholics everywhere that even the smallest positive action can bring glory to God.

Whatever you do, whatever your skills, and whatever your age — you can live your life for the glory of God. Let this inspire you to take action today. Even the smallest act for God can make huge changes in someone's life.

<https://catholicworldmission.org/inspirational-catholic-quotes/>



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. Amen. *Ann Hehir*

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St Vincent De Paul Society - St Patrick's Conference

CONFERRED MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In early February, at all Masses in our church, our parishioners were invited to consider becoming members of our conference here in Beenleigh. I am pleased to announce that as a result, we have been able to welcome three new members into our fold. These three ladies will make a great difference to our ability to cope with the ever increasing demand for our services.

In the hope that a few more parishioners (hopefully a few men) will offer their services, I am repeating the following details previously published in The Bugle:

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

St Patrick's Conference here in Beenleigh is a small community which constitutes the front line of the Society. We cover a huge area and need new members in order to adequately respond to the ever growing demand for our services.

Our Conference needs people to carry out face-to-face interviews, home visitations and visits to those who are socially isolated.

TIME COMMITMENT - 2 or 3 hours per week. Induction and training provided.

BENEFITS TO YOU:

- *A chance to make a difference in people's lives.
- *Meaningful social action.
- *Opportunities and development.
- *Connections with like-minded people.

READY TO INSPIRE CHANGE?

For more information please contact:

Our conference President
FAY O'TOOLE. 0407 465 478 or
Vice President JOHN MAKSIMAS
0410 602 549

NEW CONFERENCE

A new St Vincent de Paul conference has been formed to cater for the high demand for assistance in the Ormeau/Pimpama area. To be known as St Benedict's Conference Pimpama, it will be part of the Gold Coast region while we are situated in the Albert/Logan region.

The new conference is scheduled to commence operations at the end of March or early April and will allow us to use our meagre resources in the still very large area including Beenleigh, Mt Warren Park, Windaroo, Bannockburn, Yatala, Stapylton, Edens Landing, Bethania, Holmview and parts of Waterford.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 16/1-28/2

Total number of contacts: 188

Value of assistance provided: \$16904.51

John Maksimas, Vice President

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I give thanks for the work of the *Indigenous Peoples' Forum*, held by the *International Fund for Agricultural Development* (IFAD). The theme “Indigenous Peoples’ Climate Leadership: Community-based solutions to enhance resilience and biodiversity” - offers an opportunity to recognize the fundamental role Indigenous Peoples hold in the protection of the environment, and to highlight their wisdom in finding global solutions to the immense challenges that climate change poses to humanity every day.

We are witnessing an unprecedented social and environmental crisis. If we truly want to take care of our common home and improve the planet, it is essential to make profound changes in our lifestyles and models of production and consumption. We should listen to Indigenous Peoples to learn from their way of life, so as to understand properly that we cannot continue to greedily devour natural resources, because “the Earth was entrusted to us in order that it be mother for us” - Mother Earth - “capable of giving to each one what is necessary to live”....

We urgently need joint action, the fruit of sincere and constant collaboration, because the environmental challenge we are experiencing, and its human roots have an impact on every one of us. Not only a physical impact, but also psychological and cultural.

I ask governments to recognize the Indigenous Peoples of the whole world, with their cultures, languages, traditions, and spirituality, and to respect their dignity and their rights, in the knowledge that the richness of our great human family consists precisely in its diversity.

Ignoring Indigenous communities in protecting the earth is a grave error and a great injustice. Valuing their cultural heritage and their ancestral techniques will help to embark on pathways for better environmental management. In this regard, IFAD’s work in assisting Indigenous communities in a process of autonomous development, primarily through the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF), is commendable.

I would like to focus on two key words in this regard: good living or living well, and harmony. Living well is not “pleasant idleness”, no, no. It is living in harmony with nature, knowing how to create not just equilibrium, but harmony, which is superior to balance. Balance can be functional. Harmony is never functional; it is sovereign.

Knowing how to move in harmony: this is what gives the wisdom we call living well. The harmony between a person and his or her community, a person and the environment, and a person and all creation. The wounds against this harmony are those that we are clearly seeing which destroy populations.

So, we must always strive for harmony. When people do not respect the well-being of the land, environment, climate, vegetation, fauna, or general well-being, they lapse into inhumane attitudes, because they lose contact with - Mother Earth. Not in a superstitious sense, but rather in the sense that [Mother Earth] is what gives us culture and this harmony.

Aboriginal cultures are not there to be transformed into a modern culture, no. They are there to be respected. Consider two things: firstly, letting them follow their path of development and, secondly, listening to the messages of wisdom they give us. Because it is not an encyclopaedic wisdom. It is the wisdom of seeing, listening to and touching daily life.

Continue to fight to proclaim this harmony, because this functionalist policy of extractivism, is destroying it. And may we all be able to learn from this living well in the harmonious sense of Indigenous Peoples. I accompany you with my closeness and prayer. May God bless you, your families, communities, and may he enlighten you in the work you are carrying out, for the benefit of all creation. And I ask you not to forget to pray for me. And if one of you does not pray, send me “good vibes”; they are needed here. Thank you.

Full text: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2023/february/documents/20230210-forum-popoliindigeni.html>

Submitted by Denise O’Shea



Inclusion and Community Life Network



The Evangelisation Brisbane (EB) Inclusion initiative is committed to identifying and removing barriers of exclusion within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, unconscious or conscious, institutional or individual – through fostering strategies of engagement, empowerment, equality, and equity. The objective is to build a more inclusive church in the parishes.

The vision for the Inclusion initiative is that every person from every 'tribe and nation' and from every perspective, situation and orientation is welcomed, included and represented in the Catholic Church.

This means developing intentional pathways of inclusion that invite people from all walks of life to journey toward the Eucharistic centre, and for those that don't wish to walk this journey, we are intentional about listening and understanding their story so they know that they are loved and valued. EB invites us all to join in creating an inviting, inclusive church by engaging with the projects and initiatives on offer.

The projects and initiatives include Reconciliation Action Plan, Laudato Si' Action Plan, Refugee Sponsorship initiative, Multicultural Pastoral Care, Justice and Peace and Christian Unity and Inter-Religious relations, to support the faith community.

Inclusion should be the first 'rock' on which to build our house
Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

The next event on the calendar is **WALKING TOGETHER: NEW Justice, Reconciliation and Care Workshop** on Saturday 22 April 8:30 to 2:30pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre at the Cathedral.

Source: *Evangelisation Brisbane website. For more information please access:*
<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/inclusion/>

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WALKING TOGETHER

Justice, Reconciliation, and Care for Creation Workshop



Want to make a difference in your community but don't know how to get started? Or perhaps you're making great change but don't know how to get people in your parish to care?

The Inclusion & Community Life Network are offering a workshop for those passionate about justice, reconciliation or care for creation, to learn how to start or grow action in their parish.

Workshops will be led by Aunty Evelyn Parkin, Thelma Parker, and Dr Sandie Cornish. There will be time for personal reflection, Yarning Circle-style group discussion, and access to tool kits for the areas of justice, reconciliation, and care for creation. **Morning tea and lunch are included.**

Date: Saturday 22nd April 2023

Time: 8:30am to 2:30pm (Morning Tea and Lunch included)

Cost: \$35

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)

RSVP: Monday 14th April

Underground parking available under the Cathedral, entry via 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane.

Organiser: *Evangelisation Brisbane.*

To register: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/walkingtogether?mc_cid=1cef5d6010&mc_eid=35864ba9ac



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Funerals with Faith

Meet parishioners John and Janette (Jan) Gore



When John and Janette Gore found themselves without immediate family in the western Victorian region near Ballarat, they decided to follow their four adult children to Southeast Queensland. So, 1995 Saint Patrick's Beenleigh church welcomed the Gores.

The parish secretary of the time asked John how he would like to become involved. Normally a shy person, John was taken aback but accepted the challenge by taking communion to the elderly at Connolly Court Retirement "resort" for five rewarding years.

Both Jan and John were raised in good Christian families – Jan, a Baptist and John, an Anglican. Jan attended Sunday school, receiving a good biblical grounding. In Jan's adult years she joined a Pentecostal Church. At roughly 30 years of age John found himself searching for something missing in his life.

The Catholic Church of Mortlake, western Victoria provided answers. This change was against his family's wishes, but John knew it was right for him. After a time in Beenleigh, Jan too, became a Catholic with the help of our former parish priest, Fr Grundy, who good humouredly commented that "you could teach him a thing or two". Fr Grundy being a spiritual influencer in their lives, but both say that Jesus is their spiritual hero. Both are now proud to be Catholic.

Both John and Jan joined the parish discussion groups for Lent and Advent with Jan being a valued member of the choir and John a member of the garden maintenance group. John's employment at the Brisbane botanical gardens provided him with knowledge of sub-tropical gardens.

Responding to the question "What would they like Jesus to change in today's world", both quickly responded "world peace". Their favourite bible passage is Ephesians Psalms 91 - Assurance of God's Protection.



After long illnesses Jan and John have downsized and relocated to a beautiful retirement "Resort". The steep terrain and garden maintenance was the problem. The reluctant decision was driven by concerned family but has proven to be a God-send. Despite a procession of visiting medical practitioners Jan and John are busy evangelising.

Before Jan discusses her health, she enquires about the health and family issues of the now "friends" offering to pray for them. Some have had no knowledge of "God-ish" things and are overcome with gratitude at the realisation they are not alone in their pain.

This year they celebrated 61 years of marriage which has had its challenges especially the loss of two babies. The four remaining "children" are attentive to their needs plus receiving visits from the 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. They also enjoy the visits from Fr Subin. When health allows, again, they enjoy the companionship and fellowship St Patrick's parishioners.

Denise O'Shea

