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### Be an Instrument of God's Love

Nothing in the universe is wasted. You understand that about physical matter very well. Well, then, if nothing in the universe is wasted, then everything is significant. The blossoming of trees is significant and the leaves that fall are significant. Falling leaves till the soil and nourish next year's fruit. Nothing in nature is a waste of time. It all serves a good purpose. The sapling grows, the fruit ripens, the fruit and leaves fall, all like waves, and with each wave, there is another.

And so do your lives serve. Nothing in your life is ever wasted any more than anything else in nature. Every event in your life is significant to the whole. You may well not see the significance, just as, when leaves fall, you literally see only the leaves falling. You don't see their actual nourishing of the tree and its future fruit.

God uses everything and everyone as His instrument to reveal his love and care. Every action from everyone and everything in the world has a meaning. Sometimes we may underestimate these things. A smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Let God use you as an instrument of His love.

St. Mother Theresa used to say "we are pencils in the hands of God. He does the thinking. He does the writing. The pencil has nothing to do with it. The pencil has only to be allowed to be used. We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love". If written with pencil you can always correct or erase the mistakes. But like the pencil you will undergo some painful sharpening in life that will make you a better pencil.

And so with your lives, even when you are in dismay, your life is not less. If you could trust all that occurs, and all that you do and all that you don't do make abundant contribution to the whole. So let's have this prayer in our heart "Lord make me an instrument of your love and peace".

**Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcs**  
**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  
6:30pm Choir Practice  
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  
Sundays 9am Children's Liturgy

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS



*Joyce Hull crafting the Palm Sunday Crosses*

Easter time is always a busy time at St Patrick's. Lots of preparations have been made by cleaning teams, gardeners, the liturgy group, musicians and choir and many others in the lead up to the celebrations. We remember when Jesus, the son of God, died for all our wrong-doings and then came back to life three days later to defeat death and evil.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey. In the times of Jesus palm leaves and branches were a sign of homage and were thrown before people of great respect. People threw palm leaves on the ground in front of Jesus to pay homage to him as a king.

At St Patrick's parishioners brought palm leaves to frame church doors, to decorate the church and to use during the Palm Sunday Masses. Fr Joseph celebrated each of the four Masses, which started with a blessing in the carpark and a beautiful procession into church.



*Colleen Sheehan reading during Holy Week*

Joyce Hull prepared 300 palm frond crosses for parishioners to take home to remind us of the sacrifice of Christ and his victory over death.

On Holy Thursday we celebrated the Last Supper. That was the final meal the Disciples and Jesus had together before He died on the cross. Fr Joseph washed the feet of 12 parishioners to symbolize Jesus washing the feet of his apostles and as a call for us all to become servants of each other. Holy Thursday Mass was followed by Adoration in the Truelson room. The room had been transformed through the planning and work of Celine and Theresa in converting the rustic catering look into such a dignified place.



*Fr Joseph washing feet of 12 parishioners on Holy Thursday,*



*Adoration in the transformed Truelson room*

# EASTER CELEBRATIONS



This year the Way of the Cross took place in the Church. It is a commemoration of the 14 main moments in Christ's journey through Jerusalem on the day of his crucifixion.

It was a very moving enactment, with Michael Zarate as Jesus, Tamara Maloney as Mary and Jennifer Jeffrey as Veronica. Other actors, seen in the picture were Ben Patai and Ken Maloney as soldiers and Tom Fitzsimons as a member of the crowd.



*Fr Joseph during the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday  
Easter photos by Abby Se*



*Veneration of the Cross*

The Easter celebrations continued with the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Special thanks go to Fr Joseph for his great effort in planning, organising and overseeing all the preparations and for the beautiful celebrations. Thank you also to all the parishioners who put in the hours and effort in preparing the liturgy, the church and grounds and everything else required to make Easter such a magical time.

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Personally I had never been to a celebration of Divine Mercy and didn't know what to expect. The afternoon was what I needed. The peace and quiet, the gentle meditations, the chaplet and responses and the stillness of being in the Divine Lords presence was holy and humbling. Reconciliation was offered to all and Holy Mass concluded a wonderful afternoon. It was a wonderful time spent at the feet of our Lord Jesus.

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

I would like to thank Fr Joseph and our visiting priests (who gave up their time) giving our parish this opportunity.

**Colleen Sheehan**

## ANZAC



**ANZAC DAY** marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli during the World War I. ANZAC is short for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. We have the opportunity each year to celebrate Anzac Day on the anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli on 25th of April as not only do we value New Zealander friends in our parish and our lives, we value our history and our links to the sacrifices made by the thousands of soldiers who died and suffered extreme hardship at Gallipoli and thereby established our international "Australian (and New Zealand) legend". The commemoration helps remind us of their bravery and stoicism in the face of that extreme adversity, as well as the many other conflicts in which our forces have participated over the last century. **LEST WE FORGET.**

**Ann Hehir**

*Max Maloney at Anzac Mass,  
photo Mary McBride*

# Kid's Stuff

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

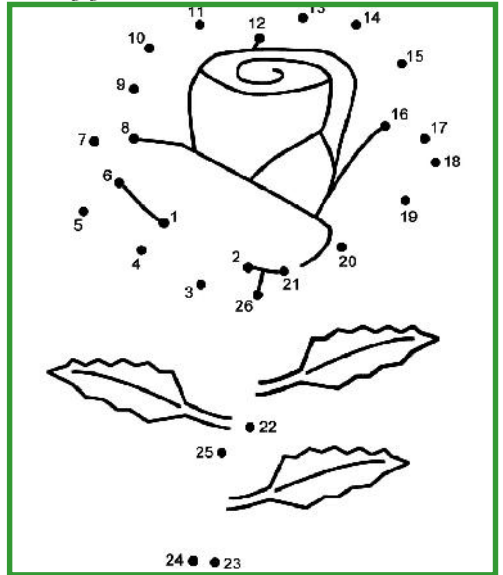
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gets tired.

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**Kid's Stuff submitted by Erica Ng**

# ANZAC



## Cadet Hughs

Cadet Hughs' grandparents are local people and parishioners, Paul and Sue Hughs. Their children all went to St Joseph's and Trinity College. The cadet's father is Matthew Hughs. His son is an army cadet in Beenleigh and was very proud to be attending the Anzac Mass and marching in the Anzac parade. It was a pleasure to witness a young man with so much reverence during the service.

*Cadet Hughs before Mass,  
Photo Mary McBride*

# UP-COMING FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS

**May 24**

## **Our Lady, Help of Christians – Patroness of Australia**

This title of Mary is associated with the defence of Christian Europe, the north of Africa and the Middle East from non-Christian peoples during the Middle Ages. In 1572, the Islamic Ottoman Empire intended to invade Christian Europe. Pope Pius V called Christian armies from all over Europe to defend the continent and asked the believers to pray to Mary for protection. The defeat of the Turks was attributed to the intercession of Mary under this title.

**May 31**

## **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

This feast recalls the visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary as Mother of God as "blessed among women"; Mary's singing of the sublime hymn, *Magnificat* which has become a part of the daily official prayer of the Church.

**June 13**

## **St Anthony of Padua**

St Anthony, called "St Anthony of Padua" because of his long residence in that city, was a native of Lisbon, Portugal where he was born in 1195. He is venerated as one of the greatest Franciscan Saints. St. Anthony was a profound theologian, a brilliant preacher and a formidable foe of heresy, through the supernatural forces which seemed always at his command. He died in 1231.

**June 23**

## **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of His divine love for humanity. The devotion is especially concerned with what the Church deems to be the love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity, and its long suffering. The origin of this devotion in its modern form is derived from a Roman Catholic nun from France, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions to her between 1673 and 1675.

**June 24**

## **Nativity of St John the Baptist**

The Church, throughout her entire Liturgy, commemorates three births - that of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St John the Baptist. He is given this honour because he was sanctified in his mother's womb by the presence of Jesus and leapt with joy at the coming of the Saviour. The commemoration of the Nativity of the Precursor of Christ is one of the most ancient festivals of the Church. Its date, six months before Christmas is universally accepted by all Churches.

**July 3**

## **St Thomas, Apostle**

St Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. He is informally called Doubting Thomas because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told, followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body. Tradition claims he travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as Tamilakam in the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in present-day India. According to tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, (modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in the state of Kerala, India) in AD 52 and baptized several people. He is regarded as the Patron Saint of India.

**July 25**

## **St James, Apostle**

James, son of Zebedee was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called James the Greater. He is the patron saint of Spaniards.

**July 31**

## **St Ignatius of Loyola**

St Ignatius 1491 – 1596 was born in Loyola and became a famous courtier and knight in the court of Ferdinand V. Wounded in the siege of Pamplona, he retired in Manresa to lead a life of prayer and contemplation. He founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) to fight the forces of Satan.



# MARIAN VALLEY

This is a place you must needs visit, as it is full of the wonders of the shrines, and tells of the lives of the saint, from as many wonderful countries in and throughout the world. You will feel as though you are in those countries, as they are unique in themselves.

They are such an inspiration, and bring out the best in you, so pay a visit one day, as it only takes three quarters of an hour from Beenleigh. I have always said if heaven is like this, I will be happy indeed, its such a beautiful place and overnight stays are just \$30 per night, as everything is provided, such as a kettle, toaster, microwave and all cutlery and plates etc, to me these are only minor details.

As you can spend the day in prayer, all to yourself and the Lord, what a blessing you will receive, and the Peace, and the enchantment of the place. The Priest are available if and when you want to see them.

They are the "Pauline Fathers" (an order that comes from Poland) and have been in Marian Valley for over twenty years.

So come and enjoy the Peace, Love and tranquillity all to yourself, and alone with God.

God Bless you,  
Betty Graver

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## Volunteering Opportunities

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

**Call Centre:** Help one morning per week at our call centre where people come to us to receive assistance. We are open Mon to Fri between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Call John Maksimas (55466630 or 0410602549) or Fay O'Toole (0407465478).

**Bread Run:** Pickup from Bakers Delight at the Loganholme Hyperdome on a Tuesday evening at 6.00pm. The bread is brought back to the Vinnies house, packaged and placed in freezers. The whole process takes less than 1 1/2 hours every five or six weeks.

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### ROSIES FRIENDS ON THE STREET

Rosies was established in 1975 and is a Catholic Charity of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Rosies offers acceptance and friendship to people who are marginalised within our community, through street visits where we socialise with our friends without prejudice; provide a cuppa and bite to eat; provide other basic support needs; and connect with services or support agencies.

For more information: <http://rosies.org.au>

# OUR SCHOOLS

## ANZAC DAY



Families and Staff from Mother Teresa School, St Joseph's School and Trinity College communities joined together on ANZAC Day to pray for peace.



The morning began at 9am with mass at St Patrick's Church before students assembled to march in the ANZAC Day Parade.



The school groups marched behind the combined Parish Schools Banner. Student representatives from each school laid a wreath during the 11am service in Beenleigh.

*Kathleen Crawford  
Assistant Principal  
Religious Education*



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*



# OUR SCHOOLS

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*School captains assembling outside the church and preparing to lay a wreath.*



*ANZAC ceremony at St Joseph's*

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# ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

## ST PATRICK'S CONFERENCE – BEENLEIGH

I offer the following by way of further information concerning our society:

### MISSION STATEMENT

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 by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

### VINCENTIAN CORE VALUES STATEMENT

The Society seeks to deepen the faith of all its members through its good works, integrating the social and ethical teachings of the Catholic church.

These values acknowledge:

- # the presence of Christ in all individuals.
- # human rights of all individuals.
- # a commitment to social justice.

The Society welcomes as members Christians of other confessions, or people of other faiths, who sincerely respect and accept the Society's identity and principles.

The ministry, through person-to-person contact, embraces every form of aid, including social justice, to alleviate suffering and promoting the dignity and integrity of mankind.

The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions.

### CYCLONE DEBBIE

The recent devastating weather event did not miss Beenleigh and surrounds, especially Eagleby. Despite extensive flooding, including Trinity College, Beenleigh Railway station, the Market Place and many surrounding streets- with Kokoda St cut for nearly a week, there was very little call for our assistance. We did receive a call from PCYC which was home to approx 30 people who had been forced to vacate their homes due to rising flood levels. We managed to supply soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and hand sanitisers for all of these people. In addition we had a huge stock of hot-cross-buns which we donated to Centrocare and Night Light for distribution to the hungry in the Beenleigh area.

Despite announcements at all Parish masses, no further requests for help were received.

### WINTER APPEAL—KEEP US IN MIND

This Australia wide Society Appeal will be conducted in our Parish on SAT 3 and SUN 4 JUNE. Once again we ask for your support.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER

To be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. More information to follow.

BUT Please keep this date in mind. A great evening is assured!

*John Maksimas, president*



*Coles Beenleigh carpark  
after cyclone Debbie*



*Mt Warren Golf Club*



*Mt Warren Blvd*

## The Queensland Community Alliance

A group of parishioners from St Patricks attended the Logan Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Church on Wednesday 17th of May.

QCA is a vehicle for faith groups, charities and many other community groups to work together for the common good and has already achieved success in public transport funding and hospital parking.

The assembly was successful in getting commitments from state and local governments in regards to Demand Responsive Transport, an Integrated Local Transport Plan, Getting Parents the right information and support at the right time and Community maternity hubs. A very worth while evening!



*Part of the St Patrick's contingent. Marian Ward, middle, our spokesperson was interviewed by the QCA media team.*



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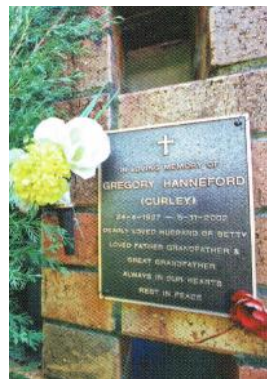
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## More than Words... The Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Patrick

by Clodelia Zarate 17 May 2017

St Patrick's Beenleigh conducts Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 9.00am Sunday Mass. The Liturgy is facilitated by volunteer members of the parish community for children in the congregation using a more structured approach approved by the Parish Priest.

It was a joy to be part of something that would enhance our children's experience of church, whilst assisting them to grow in faith and develop as full and active members of our Parish Community.



*Sr Angela with the children during liturgy class*

Just in case you are wondering what happens with during CLOW, the children commence the Mass with their families to celebrate the introductory rites then leaders gather them to process to the school hall to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.

A beautifully bound book handled with respect, a special place for enthroning the word, gathering the children around to hear the scriptures proclaimed well, these all speak to

the children of the sacredness of God's word and influence how they accept and live by it.

The Lectionary for Masses with Children (LMC) adheres as closely as possible to the readings in the Lectionary for Mass, while adapting them to the needs and capabilities of children. It is a simplified version of Scripture. When a reading was considered too difficult for children, it has been simplified or omitted completely. Moreover, the responsorial psalms have been adapted to make them easier for the children to sing. Afterwards, the children process back to re-join the community for the preparation of the Gifts.

CLOW is never simply a verbal experience, it is a liturgical celebration and all the principles of good liturgy still apply. The children do what the rest of the community is doing at this point of the Mass. The use of symbols, gestures, movement and singing heightens the children's experience of God. They listen to the scriptures proclaimed and applied to contemporary life and respond in various ways. It is an experience of prayer, of dialogue with God.



*Mother's Day performance by Children's Liturgy group*

We urge parents to encourage their children to participate and join our growing group of future faithful parishioners.