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SET PRIORITIES IN LIFE

Something that is lacking in the lives of so many people today is the inability, or the unwillingness, to set the right priorities for their lives. Most of us act as "Reactionaries" meaning that we simply react to everything that happens; then we do our best to work our way out of the circumstances where we find ourselves. You just don't see very many "Proactive" people. Proactive people are those who prepare their hearts and minds ahead of time for the trials that they know are surely coming; and by doing so they learn to set proper priorities in their lives.

There is a beautiful Parable of the Life Saving Station in an Island where ship wreck happens very often. Then a few people came together and thought of helping those people who are affected in the ship wreck. A small hut was made for this purpose and they kept constant watch over the sea and they could save many lives in that small hut. Later many people started to give financial support since their lives were saved. Then some of the inmates of the life saving station began to feel the need of a better home with the modern facilities. Then they made huge buildings with modern facilities. Now in the midst of the new comforts they found it difficult to go to the sea and save others. Once there was a great ship wreck, many people were brought. They were very dirty and half dead. The majority wanted to keep the cleanliness of the club. They wanted to make a bath room for these dirty people and they were not taken inside the life saving station. When the house lost its primary goal, some people started to protest, but they were expelled. They had to open another hut for saving the lives. But the history was repeated. There are so many life saving stations at this island. Ship wrecks are frequent in those waters. But most of the people drown....

Sometimes our story also may be the same. The purpose with which the journey was started might have been lost in the long run. The priorities might have changed. We are preoccupied with **Self-maintenance, Self-preservation and Self-perpetuation**. There is a need of renewal in our own way of thinking and acting.

*Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs
 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

IN OUR PARISH

Holy Communion: A Special Time



Receiving communion during Mass was always a bit of a mystery to my son. He wanted to know why this is such an important part of Mass and why the bread and wine are so special. This became clearer as our family participated in the preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion and talked about what the bread and wine represents. Our favourite part of the preparation was doing the activities and reading the stories in the booklet provided. This helped us to talk about aspects of our faith and celebrate being part of our own family and the broader Christian community.

My son was very excited to receive communion for the first time and feels that he is now a 'grown up' member of the church. He also has a deeper understanding of the word communion....being one with God, our family and Christians everywhere.

Deanne Ghidella

There were two groups of around 36 children receiving their first communion on the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am Masses on the last weekend of June.

The children of the Parish have begun preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

They will be confirmed by Archbishop Coleridge on Friday 18th August 7pm.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer



Alive in the Spirit Holiday Activity Day

Primary school children from our parish had an exciting day of fun activities—craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games all based on some of the stories from the Easter season, Ascension and Pentecost. The Activity Day took place at the Trinity College extended chapel during the recent school holidays.

The program was very well run by Carole Danby from the Archdiocese. She was very engaging with the kids. Cathy, our Youth leader particularly mentioned the take-home pack, where the children decorated their envelope and filed their craft items and other things. Elsa enjoyed being with kids of different ages, learning how they understand and do things and what other kids think of Jesus. They all enjoyed the Drama bags when you get into the bag and act out the Bible stories inside the bag! The venue was big enough to allow for a relay race. A great day was had by all and a warm thank you to Carole and all the people who helped to make it such fun!



IN OUR PARISH

Our Soup Kitchen

A huge thankyou to all.
 To the ladies who shared their favourite soup recipes and the time they spent cooking.
 To the helpers who gave of their time serving.
 To the lady who sewed and donated the table cloths.
 To the people who set up the tables at each Mass.
 To our Parish family who purchased the soup and helped to make our first soup kitchen such a success.
 We raised over 800 dollars which will go a long way to pay for the much needed blinds in the Truelson room.
 How wonderful it was to meet new people and to catch up with folks that we have known for years.
 We must do it again sometime.
 Thankyou to all.



Colleen Sheehan

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PARISH APP

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Our App has all the up-to-date information about what is happening in the Parish such as announcements, newsletter, Parish calendar, the Bugle and more.

There are Daily Mass Readings, useful links, relevant material about the Sacraments, as well as the latest news from the Parish, the Archdiocese and even the Vatican. So please come on board!

For more information about this exciting event, contact Mary McGrath on 0402 859 396 or the parish office on email beenleigh@bnc.catholic.net.au.

BLESSED PETER TO ROT, PNG



Catholics from all over Brisbane, including parishioners from St Patrick's, with a connection to Papua New Guinea descended on Marian Valley on July 8. The occasion was Blessed Peter To Rot's Feast Day Mass and blessing of the site of the new shrine to commemorate Papua New Guinea's first indigenous person raised to beatification in the Church.

The shrine will host Masses for small gatherings of pilgrims and prayer groups and be a space for retreats and other prayerful gatherings for both the PNG Community and other Catholics who want to honour Blessed Peter.

The principal celebrant was Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana and he was supported by the PNG Catholic Youth group. Celine from our Parish reported that the Mass was most beautiful. The young people were very impressive and the outdoor church was filled to overflowing.

Peter To Rot was a Tolai Malanesian born in Rakunai on the island of New Britain. He trained as a catechist and was called to live a missionary life that included full-time teaching in a parish school, visitations to the sick and dying, catechetical instruction of the faithful at Mass and to non-Catholics after school-hours, leading prayer services if Mass was not possible, and in the absence of a priest, witnessing marriages, baptisms of babies and dying non-Catholics, and the distribution of Holy Communion.

On January 23, 1942 the Japanese invaded New Britain, initially ordering the removal of all missionaries, but allowing pastoral activity to continue on the island. This left Peter as the only spiritual guide for Catholics in Rakunai. By the end of March, 1943, the Japanese prohibited Christian activity, forcing Peter to perform his missionary duties in a ravine in Taogo.

Soon religious ceremonies were restricted to small gatherings in the early hours, and the Japanese tore down the local parish Church requesting it be replaced with a smaller camouflaged building. A total prohibition on religious activities was placed in March 1944, an order which Peter found unacceptable to the point where he built an underground shelter on his property to administer the sacraments regularly.

To improve their relations with the local chiefs, the Japanese then legalised the old Tolai practice of polygamy, and punished anyone who refused to obey this new law. Peter came out strongly against polygamy and said the law "cannot stop us loving God and obeying His laws". This outburst and his commitment to offering Sunday services against the law led to his death by lethal injection in prison on a Friday in July 1945, witnessed by a prisoner.

Blessed Peter To Rot was beatified on January 17, 1995 by Pope John Paul II, who also announced his feast day for July 7.

Submitted by Celine Kaese and Monica Boucek

Source: <http://catholicleader.com.au/news/first-chapel-in-australia-dedicated-to-png-martyr-blessed-peter-to-rot-to-be-built-in-brisbane>

Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, **Jesus.**

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross

8 August - ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Mary Helen MacKillop (1842-1909), known in life as Mother Mary of the Cross, was born on 15 January 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne, the eldest of eight children of Alexander McKillop and his wife Flora. Her parents had migrated from the Lochaber area in Inverness-shire and married soon after they reached Melbourne.

Mary was educated at private schools but chiefly by her father who had studied for the priesthood at Rome. To help her family Mary became in turn a shopgirl, a governess, and at Portland a teacher in the Catholic Denominational School and proprietress of a small boarding school for girls. As she grew to womanhood Mary was influenced by an early friend of the family, Father Patrick Geoghegan, and began to yearn for a strictly penitential form of religious life.

Concluding she would have to go to Europe to execute her plan, she placed herself under the direction of Father Julian Tenison-Woods who, as parish priest of Penola in South Australia sometimes visiting Melbourne and Portland wanted to found a religious society, 'The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart'; they were to live in poverty and dedicate themselves to educating poor children. With Mary its first member and Superior the society was founded at Penola on 19 March 1866 with the approval of Bishop Laurence Sheil. By then she was spelling her surname MacKillop. The Sisterhood spread to Adelaide and other parts of South Australia, and increased rapidly in membership but ran into difficulties. Tenison-Woods had become director of Catholic schools and conflicted with some of the clergy over educational matters. The result was that Mary was excommunicated by Bishop Sheil on 22 September 1871 for alleged insubordination; most of the schools were closed and the Sisterhood almost disbanded. The excommunication was removed on 21 February 1872 by order of the bishop nine days before he died.

In 1873 at Rome Mary obtained papal approval of the Sisterhood but the Rule of Life laid down by Tenison-Woods and sanctioned by the bishop on 17 December 1868 was discarded and another drawn up. She travelled widely in Europe visiting schools and observing methods of teaching, and returned to Adelaide on 4 January 1875. In March she was elected Superior-General of the Sisterhood. In journeys throughout Australasia she established schools, convents and charitable institutions but came into conflict with those bishops who preferred diocesan control of the Sisterhood rather than central control from Adelaide. In 1883 Bishop Christopher Reynolds, misunderstanding the extent of his jurisdiction over the Sisterhood, told her to leave his diocese. She then transferred the headquarters of the Sisterhood to Sydney. On 11 May 1901 she suffered a stroke at Rotorua, New Zealand. Although retaining her mental faculties, she was an invalid until she died in Sydney on 8 August 1909.

Mary's finest feature was her large blue eyes. Affectionate but determined, her virtues were multitudinous with charity towards her neighbour outshining all. Always regarded as holy, she was put forward in 1972 as a candidate for the honour of beatification and canonisation and on 1 February 1973 the Cause was formally introduced. Mary was beatified on 19 January 1995 at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney, in a Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II. She was canonised as Saint Mary of the Cross at a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square in the Vatican on 17 October 2010. *Anne Erbacher*



Feast of the Assumption

15 August - The Assumption

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the Christian belief that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

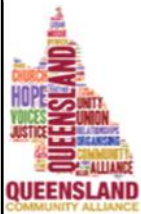
The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.



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Anne Erbacher

Invitation to Founding Assembly



We are preparing our delegation from St Patrick's to the Founding Assembly of the Qld Community Alliance. We need 15 people to come. It is on Wednesday 30th August, 6.pm at Brisbane City Hall.

Will you join us?

Archbishop Coleridge will be leading the delegation and will bless the Assembly.

We will be acting on issues of Care (aged and disability care) and Employment & Training. We have heard many stories from parishioners of how these affect people in our Parish.

Jesus Christ calls us to love God and love neighbour. The Alliance is one way that our Parish is trying to love our neighbour. Together we are taking our faith into public and acting on the social issues that affect our community.

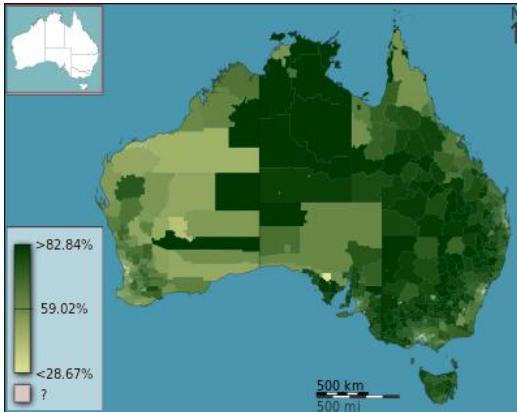
If you're interested:

1. Come to the Table Talk we are having after 9am Mass on 6th August to prepare.
2. Talk to Marian Ward who is organising our group.

MULTICULTURALISM IN AUSTRALIA

According to Wikipedia Multiculturalism in Australia is today reflected by the multicultural composition of its people, its immigration policies, its prohibition on discrimination, equality before the law of all persons, as well as various cultural policies which promote diversity, such as the formation of the Special Broadcasting Service.

Prior to settlement by Europeans, the Australian continent was not a single nation, but hosted many different Aboriginal cultures and between 200 and 400 active languages at any one time.



People whose parents were both born in Australia percentage of the population in Australia divided geographically by statistical local area, as of the 2011 census

within mainstream Australia to express their cultural identity. It is now often used to refer to the notion that people in Australia have multiple cultural or ethnic backgrounds.

In reality though, different cultural groups of people in Australia are and have been very powerful in growing communities we can all enjoy via shared values, customs and maybe activities as simple as eating food with our neighbours. Migration is a big part of our growth and strength as a nation. Much has been written about the often unacknowledged experiential benefits. And that luckily isn't going to change as it will give our children opportunities in future which they might not have without that growth and diversity.

Speaking for our parish we look forward to our traditional multicultural celebrations. The efforts of different people to provide a great co-operative experience is much appreciated and we look forward to it every year at this time. **Ann Hehir**



OUR SCHOOLS



Parish and schools leadership meeting. Fr. Joseph, Mr. Antony Barron (Acting Principal St. Joseph's School), Mr. Christopher Raju (Principal Trinity College), Mr. Peter Kerrins (Principal Mother Teresa School)

An advertisement for Trinity College Beenleigh. It features a red banner in the top left corner that says "Enrol Now for 2018/19". The central text reads "Trinity College BEENLEIGH" with the school's crest above it. Below the name, it says "A co-educational Catholic Secondary College. Offering a quality and affordable education across multiple pathways. A Place of Opportunity". At the bottom, it provides the address "Scott Street, Beenleigh", phone number "Tel: 3442 5222", and website "www.trinitycollege.qld.edu.au". The background shows a young man in a school uniform sitting with a laptop, and other students in the distance.

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Our conferences and special works come under the framework of Gospel values and Church social teaching. These values acknowledge :

The presence of Christ in all individuals.

Human rights of all individuals.

Commitment to social justice.

Volunteers needed: If you think you might be interested in joining our conference here in Beenleigh and you require further information, please call :

Fay O'Toole 0407 465 478 OR

John Maksimas 0410 602 549

Winter Appeal:

Yet once again I am amazed at the generosity of you, our parishioners. Despite the seemingly constant demands from various appeals (both Parish and Archdiocesan) and many fund raising raffles and stalls, we managed to collect in excess of \$2600. On behalf of those individuals and families who are in need of our assistance thank you for all donations large or small.

Dinner and Raffle:

The St Vincent de Paul dinner/fundraiser will be held on:

FRIDAY 28th July in the St Joseph's School Hall

You can expect great food, entertainment from the youth in our Parish and a number of raffles with wonderful prizes.

Parishioners and friends are welcome.

Vinnies Shop:

Final approval has been obtained for the long-awaited opening of a Vinnies Op-shop here in Beenleigh. Fit-out should commence shortly and the shop should be operational within six weeks.

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Fr Joseph Kanatt - Our Catholic Spiritual Guide

Fr Joseph is a quiet achiever and special man leading us in our Catholic faith. He was born in the town of Vaikom in the state of Kerala, India. His parents were Jacob and Mariamma Kanatt and he was the third of six children.

Fr Joseph lived a very vibrant, loving and traditional Catholic childhood life. He was baptised in St Anthony's Church in Pothy and went to St Michael's Primary School. During high school years at Thatayolaparambu, Fr Joseph walked 5 km to and from school with his friends and siblings, to save the 10 paise bus fare for chocolate or other treats.

Fr Joseph was an altar server and his family held Rosary service every evening in their home. He had people around him who cared for him and influenced and impressed him deeply, such as his parents, his Catechism teacher and a Grand Uncle who was a priest. At 14 years of age, Fr Joseph read part of the Passion of Christ during Good Friday celebrations and this made a deep impression on him.

With the support of his family, Fr Joseph overcame obstacles to eventually study at the MCBS seminary in Kottayam. His parents were very happy for him, but also sad to see him move away from home as a young man of 16. During the first year, his Novitiate, he could have no visitors, and during the following years he would see his family only during school holidays. On Sundays Father and his fellow students would cook to give the staff a break and to learn life skills.



After 11 and a half years study, Fr Joseph was ordained on 28/12/1990. He spent the next six years working in parishes in Kerala and 13 years at the Mission at Karanataka. Fr Joseph completed a masters degree in social work in 1999 and eventually became the Provincial Councillor in charge of social work.

In 2011 Fr Joseph was asked to come to Australia. It was a difficult decision for him as his father was quite sick by then, but his parents understood the call and were happy for their son. Fr Joseph became assistant priest in Beenleigh and Chaplain at Logan Hospital, and in January 2014 he became our Parish Priest.

Fr Joseph is very hardworking. He says Mass every day in our church in addition to the special Masses and services that take place in our parish. Fr Joseph also visits nine nursing homes and three retirement villages and hospitals, attending to the people needing his care, especially the sick and the dying.

Fr Joseph maintains that the priesthood is a ministry and a service to people. It is a call, rather than a profession. He wants to assist the parish to grow in faith and he likes to be with people and to help them to develop.

Fr Joseph feels great support from the parish, and enjoys working with the different groups, the Parish Council and Finance Committee. Together many challenges have been overcome, outstandingly so with the Office and Presbytery building project.

Fr Joseph has been ordained a priest for 27 years now. He comments that he has had "a happy life" and he is very happy being with us in Beenleigh. Many thanks to Fr Joseph for his contribution and leadership. *Colleen Sheehan & Monica Boucek*