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**SURFERS PARADISE
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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

Readings for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

FIRST READING: Job 38: 1, 8-11 |

Ps: Ps 107: 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 "Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting."

SECOND READING: 2 Cor 5: 14-17

Gospel Acclamation: (Luke 7: 16) Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us. God has visited his people.

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4: 41)



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THE PASTOR'S POST: Grateful, Every Day

Since we are very close to opening the fourth Catholic school in our parish and, as I have been involved in the selection of some of the senior leaders of these schools, I have been reminiscing on some of the great teachers of my childhood. Not being a formally trained teacher, but very interested in the skills of their craft, I have come to know that teaching is a very challenging occupation, not only for the demands it makes in terms of professional expertise and enthusiasm, but also because students do not uniformly love school or being taught. Commanding the attention, let alone the loyalty, of students is not simple, and the competition from easy distractions may seem daunting. Be that as it may, everyone, I think, can remember a teacher who stood out in his or her own life, and yet it is often hard to say what it is exactly which caused such a deep impression.

It was my great fortune to have been educated by the Sisters of Mercy in primary school, and the Christian Brothers in secondary school, and it is a plain fact that if I had not received the opportunity of learning from these dedicated men and women, I would not be doing what I am doing today. Of course, many children and

students are educated today in the Catholic education system in Australia without necessarily being taught by a member of a religious order. It is nevertheless important for people of my generation to recall with gratitude the values of those who, in times now gone, devoted their entire life energies to others. Many of my teachers gave up hearth and home and the chance of a family life in exchange for a community life, devoted to the education of others. Their assumptions about human progress, the power of reason, and their sense of harmony between faith and reason, have all been radically challenged. Yet, in spite of all this, many of the predominant values of those bygone teachers endure and can animate the working lives of today's teachers to the great profit of their students.

The most memorable teachers I knew were imaginative, dedicated and just. Justice commands authority, and a just teacher is the one who can calm a class and dampen its internal troubles without taking sides. A just teacher will also strive to ensure a fair balance between works of art and theory, between practical knowledge and invention, between pragmatism and wisdom, and between past culture and present culture, to ensure students of differing capacities and talents are all equipped to access and enjoy available knowledge and the particular solace and satisfactions which knowledge can bring.

As well as being just, the greatest teachers understand the yearnings of the young for knowledge, both of themselves and of the world around them, and their thirst for acceptance among peers and for the privileges of adult autonomy. Such teachers can easily tolerate lapses of judgement, purple prose, enthusiastic – even extravagant – analysis, because this is all 'part and parcel' of young students 'practising' their humanity. It goes without saying that all of this is done with differing levels of accomplishment according to the gifts with which each is endowed, but also according to the skill with which such gifts have been recognised, then drawn out by teachers.

The greatest teachers I have known also retained an unflagging interest in their own disciplines. They welcomed new art and literature, they enjoyed new directions in history and they were keen to master new understandings in maths and science. They also sensed that a universe whose marvels were known was a universe which was loved and enjoyed, reflecting in almost every action that God was the source of their inspiration and their faith was what sustained them through the hurdles of life.

Maybe they weren't 'perfect' people, and may I add, that I was far from being the 'perfect' student, and even though I may have railed against their best endeavors to impart their knowledge, I have found reasons every day to be grateful for their commitment, perseverance and clear enjoyment of life. Their generous gifts to me are still being opened every day and, when possible, passed on to others.

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

Only the Sunday 9am Mass at Sacred Heart needs pre-booking, as there is limited space in this very popular mass.

We will keep a list handy of regular attenders, and visitors need to log in with the "CheckIn QLD" Contact Tracing App on arrival.

[BOOK FOR SELECT MASSES](#)

Or if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

We congratulate the Heinrich, Boswell, Nabuco De Araujo and Morello families whose children Elena Paris, Henry Arthur, Isabella H, Leonardo H and Marcela M will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

MASS TIMES: SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

We have the CHECK-IN QLD CONTRACT TRACING APP

Please load on your phone the Queensland CheckIn App - this will allow you to enter into a church much faster.

However, the 9am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, which is very popular and has limited numbers and still requires pre-booking to ensure your spot.

Sacred Heart 350 max capacity

Saturday Night - 5 pm

+ (Maronite Mass 6:30 pm, Saturday Night)

*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 3rd July)

Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm

+ (Polish Mass 12:30 pm Sunday)

+ (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday)

Monday - Friday weekday Mass - 9am

St Vincent's 180 max capacity

Sunday - 8 am & 10 am

+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Extra parking is available only metres from St Vincent's Church, at King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road

Stella Maris 200 max capacity

Saturday Night - 5 pm

Sunday - 7 am

Please note: Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions and the Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5m to receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises.

Mass Booking: bookey.com/catholicmassgoldcoast - Thank you for your cooperation at this time

LOCAL SAINT VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL



The Annual Winter Appeal will be conducted on the Weekend 26th and 27th of June at all churches with a leaving collection. Every day at the St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.

As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal envelopes will be placed at your seat at next week's mass. Please help us to

help others. Thank you. **Craig McMahon** . Conference President - Surfers Paradise

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" – MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

The vision of Stewardship speaks in every aspect of life, inviting everyone to be thankful, generous and accountable for what each has been given.

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO NURSING HOMES - URGENTLY NEEDED

Communion Ministers for the Nursing Homes we do require Ministers at all our Nursing homes.

At present most of them are visited only twice a month. Our elderly people are in great need and are very grateful for this wonderful service.

Nursing Home visitation are:

- Lady Small Haven, Benowa. Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.00am
- Merrimac Park Private Care, Merrimac. Wednesdays 1.30pm to 3.00pm
- Bupa Nursing Home, Merrimac. Thursdays 9.30am to 11.00am
- Mermaid Beach Nursing Home, Mermaid Beach Fridays 10.15am to 12.00noon
- Hillview Nursing Home, Merrimac. Fridays 9.45 to 12.00noon
- Tricare Cyprus Nursing Home, Clear Island Waters. Sundays after 9.00am Mass Sacred Heart to 12.00 noon

Flu Vaccination is Mandatory to visit a nursing Home.

For Further information ring the Parish Office, or Maxine Sela on 0421051193.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH - Don't rule it out

Rules are restrictive, right? Or can they be liberating? The word "rule" comes from the Greek word for "trellis," and a trellis supports living things so they can grow up and out and bloom. The best rules create space for your priorities, turn your values into practices, and give you the freedom to live intentionally with God at the center. Why not create your own "rule of life" that helps you do that? Many Christians do. Monastic orders, starting with the Benedictines, began this tradition and all follow a rule of life to govern every aspect of life, including prayer, work, and community interaction. Rules of life can also address diet, exercise, recreation, relationships, and mental stimulation. The point is healthy balance. Thankfully, there are no rules to creating a rule of life—it's up to you and God to decide.

(Matthew 5:1-12. "Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven.")

SIGN UP FOR "TAKE FIVE" DAILY - <https://www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe>

SHALOM MEDIA INTERVIEW ON BIG FAMILIES

Recently the Catholic internet tv channel which has local representatives here in the parish, did a special interview feature in the Gold Coast featuring a Big Family. Here is the article for your information.

<https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/hempel-family>



CATHOLIC CHURCH OPPOSITION TO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING LAW

“Legislation to allow access to voluntary assisted dying in Queensland was introduced in Parliament on the 25 May,- the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 – this is to be scrutinised by the parliamentary Health and Environment Committee, and is to go through further public consultation. ***The parliamentary Health and Environment Committee has 12 weeks to undertake scrutiny of the Bill and members of the public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide submissions. Submissions can be sent through via the following government page. [Click Here](#) - Also please see the excellent resources and information on this important topic here - [Catholic church resources on Euthanasia](#)***

Also, ***A Call to Action against Voluntary Assisted Dying - [anti-VAD](#)***

INSPIRING QUOTES: Some taken from - <https://thecatholicme.wordpress.com/inspirational-catholic-quotes/>

- “As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary”
- Saint Thomas Aquinas
- “Whenever an elder dies, it is as though a library were burning down.” - Amadou Hampâté Bâ (1900-1991)
- “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” (Matthew 25:35)
- “If it is so terrifying to die, it is nevertheless possible that to live longer is more dangerous. Blessed is he who keeps the moment of death ever before his eyes and prepares for it every day.” The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas À Kempis
- Ingratitude is the soul’s enemy. It is a burning wind that dries up the source of love, the dew of mercy and the streams of grace. Spend today in a spirit of thanksgiving for God’s many gifts and blessings which, all too often, we take for granted - St. Bernard
- “He must increase, but I must decrease.” - St John the Baptist
- “It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world!” — St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- “A good man is not a perfect man; a good man is an honest man, faithful and unhesitatingly responsive to the voice of God in his life.” - St John Fisher
- “I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first!” - St Thomas More

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY



St Paul's Missionary Journey through His Letters Fortnightly on a Tuesday

- we continue in 1 Thessalonians and are finding Paul's style of writing and his great concern for those he has needed to leave behind to struggle with persecution although relying on the help of the Holy Spirit....

ALL WELCOME.

Our next session will be on **Tuesday 22nd June at 6pm**
in the **Parish Hospitality Room.**

Our next video from the 20 Episode series “In the Footsteps of St Paul” is ‘Revealing The Unknown God’ - we read about it in Acts 13 - ‘*when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God in Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up....the men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible*’

If you would like to participate in this please ring 0409 486 326. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect, discuss, share and enrich our faith and relationship with Christ.

STILL NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US

I have just purchased another wonderful study series along the lines of **The Bible Timeline** by Jeff Cavin, from Ascension Press that we did a couple of years ago - this one is called

EPIC: A Journey Through Church History

The Story of the Catholic Church

Popes, Periods, Timelines, Historical Figures, Events and Influences

Steve Weidenkoph comes with a long list of titles, degrees and experience as a lecturer on Church History at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College in Denver.

Another 20 Week Series, we are hoping to be able to bring to all parishioners within the next couple of months perhaps, so keep an eye on this spot. You will need to once again purchase the study materials, which will include the Church Timeline and Chart, so perhaps if you would let me know if you will be interested I will be able to order the study materials for you.



FATHERS DAY - IN UK, USA, FRANCE... ETC

Although here in Australia, Father's Day is the First Sunday of September, in many other parts of the world this present Sunday is Father's Day. So, for all those whose cultural or national calendar celebrates Father's Day, we join you in saying Happy Father's Day to all Dads. May God bless you and keep you in his care. May the Lord's grace have deeply impressed your children through your love and care. God bless.

(IMAGE - Photo by [Mohamed Awwam](#) on [Unsplash](#))

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish, you can give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The pay-wave or tap-and-go machines on the timber stands in our Churches are also a safe and handy way to donate to the Parish. God bless you for your support.

If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au. To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 5572 5433 (9am–12pm Mon-Fri).

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND - Jesus Calms the storms of life. Jesus is God, whom even the Wind and the Waves obey.

Homily Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

“Jesus was asleep in the boat; how few souls there are that let him have his sleep out! He can't always be doing all the work, responding to all the calls made upon him; so for my own part I am content to leave him undisturbed. I dare say he won't make his presence felt till I start out on the great retreat of



eternity; I don't complain of that, I want it to happen... our Lord doesn't supply me with provisions for my journey – he just gives me food unexpectedly when and as I need it.”

St Thérèse Lisieux (1873-1897)

I have never had much luck with boats.

One time, whilst on Lake Cootharaba, in a tin boat we were coming close to the pier and the captain yelled out, "quickly, jump out and moor the boat!"

I had always been taught that the captain must be obeyed in all things, so I immediately leaped out of the boat. Sadly, the captain had meant, 'when the boat gets close enough to the pier, please jump out and help moor it.' The boat was not anywhere near close enough to the pier when I automatically leapt out and promptly disappeared into the lake, but not before hitting my chin on the pier as I fell into the water. The whole thing could have been terribly disastrous (even fatal), so I was very much relieved to discover that my head must be made of concrete, because I leapt up out of the water, which was thankfully only three feet deep at the pier, and emerged sheepish, but fairly well, even if a little sore and sorry.

Later, I was lying in the back of the boat, half dazed and injured, as they took me back to the other side of the lake, and I thought about how Jesus had lain in the back of a boat as it crossed another river. I was in such a dazed state, I began musing on ponderous topics..... such as this.... **"I reckon Jesus would have been calm even if the storm had not quietened, and even if the boat had sunk."** This is because Jesus was totally and utterly at one with his Heavenly Father, and had surrendered his will and his trust totally in his Father's will. So, **come what may in his life and ministry**, he was content to be calm and rest in God's will."

For my part, I vowed to be very hesitant to leap into or out of a boat anytime soon!



Not many of us would be fast asleep in a small boat as it is being tossed around like a cork on a stormy sea! Jesus must have been extremely exhausted, needing rest, and also fearless. We may think the disciples should have had strong faith after the miracles they had witnessed. When we are going through difficult times, we too can quickly forget that Jesus is always there with us.

Jesus calms even what seems like the most unconquerable disturbances, just like the storm at sea.

How many times have we experienced storms in our lives and thought that the Lord was asleep, that God was not concerned, that God was simply ignoring us? The Gospel today lets us know that God is always aware of what is happening in our lives, even when He seems asleep, unconcerned and uncaring. The Gospel invites us to a deep level of trust in our God. God loves us and cares for us always and will not let us perish. We don't always understand the ways of God—and that should never surprise us. God sees all and knows all and our vision and knowledge is so restricted!

The first reading today, from the Book of Job, is part of our learning about the divine also. Job finally realizes that God is God—and Job understands so little of all reality. We also must learn that lesson. We can easily think that we know what is best in any situation. So we don't pray and we don't even ask God to give us wisdom and understanding. We also need to repent, as Job does at the end of the Book of Job. We stand in the presence of the Almighty and think that we have more wisdom and knowledge than does the Almighty! Again, we can reflect on our personal image of God and of the power of God."

What "storms" assail my faith? How do I look to Jesus to quiet my fears? The disciples wonder, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" ; How can I go beyond the "signs" of faith and grasp who Jesus is in my daily life?

Life is a challenge. Couples sometimes struggle with their relationships. Parents have to deal with their children growing up in a world that is sometimes hostile to the values we hold sacred. Kids sometimes live with parents who don't necessarily understand the distant horizons that call to a new generation. Every life has its storms that come up and threaten to sink our boats. Doesn't God care that we feel tossed about and

lost? Can we believe that Jesus is with us, in our boat, snoozing on a cushion? We are confident and trusting that he will awaken to our calls and calm the storms that frighten us so?

“Why therefore be disturbed? Your heart is agitated by the tribulations of the world, as the boat in which Jesus Christ was asleep.... This boat in which Jesus Christ is sleeping is your heart in which faith is slumbering. What news do you hear, O Christian, what news do you hear?” —AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354-430)

“When he established the Heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him.” —PROVERBS 8:27-30

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To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, please visit this link: Liturgy for you at Home (by SPCP) - <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>
Fr. Paul Kelly.

{References: * Fr Paul W. Kelly; Abbot's Homily, Monastery of Christ in the Desert; Questions from Prepare the Word.}
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SACRAMENTAL SNAPSHOT



First Communion 2021

CONFIRMATION

There will be a second opportunity to celebrate Confirmation in October this year, please go to the parish website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au and complete an online enrolment application to ensure that your child is included in the October group. Use the drop down menu under Sacraments. If your child has been baptised and you wish them to continue their journey of initiation by the celebration and receiving of further sacraments, click on Confirmation (under Sacraments), read the explanation of the sacrament and then scroll down to and click on CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (in the blue box). Complete the form and click on submit. 6 Once you have submitted the form, you should receive an automated response to indicate that your application has been received by the parish team. The timing of a more personalised response to your application will vary depending on the sacrament for which you wish to prepare. The timing of responses to Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation requests vary

according to the time of year. As the children prepare for these sacraments in groups, our Sacramental Coordinator will use the information provided on the completed online forms to email parents approximately two months prior to the celebration of the sacrament. If you feel that you enrolled some time ago and you have not received sufficient information through our parish or school newsletters, please email Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

RECONCILIATION

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Reconciliation follows the Sacraments of Initiation, that is, it follows Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The Sacramental Team's plan for Reconciliation is to prepare a program similar in style to the Confirmation and First Communion Preparation Programs. This will be a lengthy task so we are unable to provide an exact date for you to expect an email inviting your child to participate.

I do hope that you will hear from our Sacramental Team before the end of the year. In the meantime, please check the parish newsletter regularly (www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au then go to newsletter archives) for any updates. Thank you to all families who have patiently and regularly checked in with our team to find out about the timing of Reconciliation in Surfers Paradise Parish.

Whenever the Sacramental Team completes the work for the Reconciliation Preparation material, our Children's Sacramental Coordinator will email an invitation to participate, to the families of all children who received their First Communion in 2020 or 2021. If you have any further questions, please email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson andersoncm@bne.catholic.net.au

WORSHIP AND FAITH SECTION - If God is love, why is there evil and suffering?



The first book of the Bible opens with a song of jubilation, a hymn to the creation that is born from God's hand and Word: "And God saw that it was good."

This astonishing and luminous affirmation punctuates the first seven days of the story of Genesis. At the same time, it leaves us with questions. If creation is good, then why is there evil in our world? Why does God allow suffering, disease, pandemics like COVID-19 and the death of the innocent?

Christians do not live in resignation and despair, but in struggle and hope. While they struggle to make sense of the existence of evil in the world, they do not cease to combat it. Because it is more important to try to expel evil than to explain it.

Whatever has to be said about the origin and nature of evil, however serious its meaning for us, one thing is certain: in Jesus Christ, God destroyed evil and its empire. So Christians must continue the struggle of the Gospel by following Jesus, who healed the sick and forgave sins.

The life of Jesus motivates Christians, nourishes their hope and gives meaning to their lives, even as they must continually confront the absurdity of evil.

(Excerpt from a larger article by Jean-Paul Sagadou, who is an Assumptionist priest from Burkina Faso in western Sub-Saharan Africa). (Source: <https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/if-god-is-love-why-is-there-evil-and-suffering/12066>).

(image: Shutterstock Licensed image ID:1852136215. Prophet Job is the central figure of the Book of Job in the Bible. By German Vizulis).

POPE FRANCIS: Together in love, we Christians can change the world

Pope Francis has sent a video message to members of the John 17 Movement, an ecumenical initiative that helps build communion of friendship and love among Christian Churches towards unity.

By Robin Gomes



Everything is born of a fraternal encounter. Love changes the world, but it changes us first. Pope Francis shared these thoughts in a video message to the John 17 Movement, an ecumenical group whose members began a two-day retreat on Wednesday at St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers, New York.

The John 17 Movement was started by Pentecostal pastor Joe Tosini in 2013. Despite being a non-Catholic, he felt a strong urge within him to pray for the newly-elected Pope Francis. Tosini has met the Pope several times.

The Movement takes its name from St. John's Gospel, chapter 17, where Jesus prays, "That they may be one". The Movement is holding its retreat on the theme, "Relational Reconciliation, a New Way to Christian Reconciliation".

Children of the one Father.

In his message, delivered in Spanish, Pope Francis explained that the John 17 Movement is about people who, while having a cappuccino, dinner or an ice cream around the table, discover they are brothers. They realize this not because of their colour, their nationality, their place of origin or the various forms of living their faith, but because they are brothers, "children of the one same Father". And even if there were no tables, cappuccinos, ice creams or coffee because of poverty or war, the Pope said, we would still be brothers, something we must remember to say to one another. "Without thinking of our place of origin, our nationality or the colour of our skin, we are children of the one same Father", he stressed.

Encounter with Christ.

The Holy Father pointed out that love does not require profound theological knowledge, which is nonetheless necessary. "Love is an encounter of life, first with the person of Jesus; and from this encounter of love are born friendship, brotherhood and the certainty of being children of the same Father". "Everything", he said, "starts from a fraternal encounter". With life shared and dedicated to a higher purpose, "love can change the world, but first, it changes us." "Together in love, we Christians can change the world, we can change ourselves, because God is Love!"

Love is lived, not taught.

Noting that his encounters with the John 17 Movement and their witness have given him hope and joy, he encouraged them to continue walking together and sharing life and brotherly love.

Very often love is confused with platonic, idealistic philosophy; but love, he stressed, is concrete, as it gives its life for others, just as Jesus did. "Whether you love or not", he said, "the love that became flesh, the love that gave life for us is the way". Love is not taught but lived, and the John 17 Movement teaches love by living it, the Pope added.

(source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-06/pope-francis-john17-movement-video-message.html>)

(Image - from Vatican News article above)

NOTICES AND MESSAGES

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY

10am to 1.30pm Thursday 15TH July in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters. Usual Fun and Cards of your choice. \$5 entrance, Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes. *Contact Maxine Sela 55 399 539 for more information. All Welcome!*

SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

End Of Financial Year Sale

All stock reduced by 10%. Orange spots offer the greatest savings, no extra discount applies to goods marked with orange spots. Available until June 30th. Visit the Parish Shops today.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

BURSARY PROGRAM 2022

Bursary applications are **NOW OPEN** for students enrolling into the College for **Year 7 in 2022**.

- Bursaries are awarded to high achieving students who excel in their academic pursuits within the areas of **THE ARTS**, **SPORTS** and **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**.
- There are ten (10) bursaries available at a value of \$1,000 per year over three years of attendance at the College. The bursary amount is deducted from school fees.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 25 June 2021

APPLY NOW by visiting our website
stmichaels.qld.edu.au



THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Sacred Heart - Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Playing Bridge keeps your brain active and increases your social network! So why not give us a try?

Learn to play Bridge at "Our Friendly Club" - Free Lesson. "Introduction to Bridge"

Easy to learn format, no previous card playing experience necessary. All are welcome.

For more information and to enrol, Please phone: Cheryl 5538 8821 or Mob 0417 772 701

PARISH ART AND CRAFT GROUP

Our Art and Craft Group is up and running, and is alive and well! We meet in the Parish Hospitality Centre, next to Sacred Heart Church in Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, each Wednesday from 9am to 12noon. Our activities include Art (water-colour, oils, acrylics, pen and ink drawings etc), as well as various kinds of Craft work (knitting, embroidery, crocheting, card making, sewing) and making of Rosary Beads that are later sent on to the Missions. We are open to all other activities that individuals have an interest in. We come together to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed environment. New members, both men and women, are most welcome to join. For further information please contact John on 0412 759 205 or the Parish Office on 5572 5433 Monday to Friday 9am to 12noon.

MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION



You are invited to participate in a 46-day Retreat for Spiritual Renewal – Commencing 1 July - 15 August 2021, finishing on the Feast of the Assumption.

It will be a 46-day Sacred journey with 5 minutes or so of daily spiritual reading contemplating the virtues of Mary & the gifts of the Holy Spirit, praying the Rosary and one day of fasting, in the privacy of your home.

Receive extraordinary graces by joining in communal prayer for one another, and for the intention of TRUTH, PEACE & UNITY. *You are also invited to watch the free inspiring video talks that accompany the retreat— a link*

is emailed to you weekly. On the last day, the retreat will culminate with a personal and total Consecration to Our Blessed Mother. Registrations now open: www.ThroughOurLady.org/retreat For more information, contact: Josephine 0424 560 297 or by email Coby@ThroughOurLady.org or Michelle@ThroughOurLady.org

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE REUNION (1966-1970)

All students who attended Lourdes Hill College in 1966 – Year 8, 1967 – Year 9, 1968 – Year 10, 1969 – Year 11 and 1970 – Year 12 are invited to attend the Reunion of the 1966-1970 Cohort on Saturday 16 October at Lourdes Hill College. For enquiries, please contact Maree Foley (Stanton) maree_foley@hotmail.com or events@lhc.qld.edu.au or phone Mary at LHC on 3399 0411.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP - NERANG

As a follow up to our Pentecost Retreat,
We welcome you to an evening of Praise and Worship, and of getting to know the Holy Spirit in a deeper way.

Saturday 26 June at St Brigid's Catholic Church, 39-49 McLaren Road, Nerang
Jesus says, "God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

Host Minister: Rev Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

6.00pm - Vigil Mass

7.00pm - 7.15pm Exposition, Praise and Worship

7.15pm - Talk on the Holy Spirit

8.50pm - Supper

Please email the parish office: nerang@bne.catholic.net.au

Or call 07 5596 2632 if you have any enquiries

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you." Romans 8:11



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- Focus on Marriage: resources and ministries in Brisbane for married couples
- Marlon Riley on Reconciliation
- PLUS special Tertiary Education feature
- Married couple of 31 years who faced extraordinary medical challenges talks faith and family
- Springfield sees eight parishioners step forward in public ministry including women acolytes and new deacon and - Meet the newest fully professed Sisters of St Paul de Chartres

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"The Winter issue of The Majellan is out now. It includes articles on Saint Joseph, fun things for families to do in Winter and how best to deal with interfering family members. For details go to:

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YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Come join us for our friendly class in the Parish Hospitality Centre next to the Parish Office. Classes run every Tuesday at 10:45am. Learn to relax, yet gain greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness and concentration, all while increasing your breath support and general wellbeing. Ruth is an IYTA accredited instructor with wide experience and runs a caring, carefully monitored one-hour session costing \$10 (new attendees need to arrive by 10.30am to prepare adequately for class). For more information call Ruth on 0421338110.

A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL WITHIN OUR PARISH - Star of the Sea - Merrimac



Starts 2022
Initially Prep to Year 3, and then extending
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PLEASE PRAY - IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sharyn Lucas, Kye Oh, Irene Carney, Michael James, Bill Gilmore, Olga Hamshari, Roy Ferraro, David Spackman, Maryann Cassar, Margaret Haerse, Rosalind Lee, Milka Barac, Mary Ashton, Kurt Hillesheim, Bill Goodrem, Rodney & Norma McLennan, Lois & Doug Wood, Duncan Dawson, Sam Maxwell, William Franklin, Gerry Stoffels (Capetown, SA), Maria Mihalic, Annie Scicluna, Anne Logan, Dymphna Hogg, Elaine Cotter, Margaret & Louise Thompson, Patricia Moor, Helen Bohringer, Peter O'Brien, Angela Duvnjak, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Rosslyn Wallis, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr. **And all suffering from Covid-19.**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Marmina, Felicitas Robbins, John Lenehan, Don Cope, Mary Johnston, Rodolfo Miguel Mengido, Kathleen Hare, Marie Van Twest, Barry Moore, Patricia Dorothy Geor, Ron Perry, Maurice Hayes, Basilio Micale, June Valeen Deane, Patricia George, Margaret Boyle, Margaret Dawes, Sr Helen Mary Perrett RSM.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Sr Christine Chia, Mary Josephine Dillon, James Anthony Borg, Roy Joseph, Helmut Kaltenthaler, Paul Patrick Reeves, Leroy Bevan Muir, Anthony James (Tony) McCudden, Dorothy May Joan Gray, Cornel Zarie, Benjamin Joseph Moore, Kel Hamilton, John Wood, Ljuban Pilic, Roza Masa, Ines Vittoria Faureto, Linda Marilyn Arlington, Brian Aubrey Swaddling, Ted Woodhead, Norma Ruth Hanley, Barry Thomas Haug, Albert Garske, Norma Hanley.

LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources.

Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP): <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Weekly Homily (produced by SPP): <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog): <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B.

FIRST READING: Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24 |

Ps: Ps 30: 2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

SECOND READING: 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Gospel Acclamation: (cf. 2 Tim 1: 10) Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death. And brought us life through his gospel.

GOSPEL: Mark 5: 21-43

Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Peoples of this country, and especially acknowledge the traditional owners on whose lands we live and work throughout the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. And here in this parish of Surfers Paradise, we particularly acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kombumerri clan of the Yugambeh people of the Gold Coast. We also acknowledge Elders, past and present and pay tribute to those who have contributed to the social, economic, cultural, political and spiritual life of our community. This acknowledgement affirms our commitment to social justice and the importance of healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Commitment To Child And Vulnerable Adult Safety

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm." As a Parish Community, we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.