

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

17TH MARCH, 2024

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

"Building a community of Jesus' disciples." We welcome you - We are one family



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"Unless the grain of wheat dies..."

How can suffering and death bring life and freedom? Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is **destroyed by burying it in the ground**, can it rise to new life and bear fruit.

What is the analogy which Jesus alludes to in the image of the grain of wheat that must first die in order to rise to new life and **bear good fruit**? Is this simply a veiled reference to his own impending **death on the cross** and to his resurrection? Or does Jesus have another kind of "death and rebirth" in mind for his disciples as well?

Jesus, no doubt, had both meanings in mind. His obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and new life in the Holy Spirit. His **cross** frees us from the **tyranny of sin and death** and shows us the way of **perfect love** and readiness to lay down our lives in **sacrificial service** for the good of others. If we want to receive the abundant new life and the **fruit of the Spirit** which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In **baptism** our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is **buried with Christ** so we may rise to new life with Christ through the **cleansing waters** of baptism. Paul the Apostle describes this death and rebirth in Christ as a **"new creation"** which Christ accomplishes in us through the power of his saving death and resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This process of death to the "old fallen self" is both a one-time event which occurs in our baptism, and it is also a daily, on-going cycle of growth in which the Holy Spirit buries us more deeply into Jesus' death to sin so we might rise anew in **the power of God's love**, righteousness (moral goodness), and holiness.

There is a great paradox here. **Death leads to life**. When we "die" to ourselves - to our rebellious sinful nature and wilful rejection of **God's commandments** - we receive **God's forgiveness** and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which **frees us to love** and serve others, and **follow God faithfully**. It is God's free gift of grace - his blessing and favour towards us, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to live and serve joyfully as sons and daughters of God.

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EASTER ROSTERS

The rosters for the Easter Triduum are now prepared. They are stationed at the entry of the Church. Vacancies are still highlighted for those wishing to contribute. Thank you and blessings to all who have offered their services. We look forward to a Spirit filled Easter Season.

Maureen



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St. Joseph's Parish Mass Times

*Monday 8:00am, Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am*

Reconciliation

Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm

*St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time
Third Sunday of the month 10:00am*

*St Augustine's Church Palmwoods Mass Time
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm*



*St John Bosco Church
21 Anne Street
Kenilworth*

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Saturday 16 March

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass led by St John's College

Sunday 17 March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St Patrick's Day

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's

9:00am Music Practice—Ryan Room Palm
Easter Triduum services.

Ending 24/3/24 @ 9:00am

10:00am Mass @ St John Bosco Church
Kenilworth

5:30pm Mass @ St Augustine's Church
Palmwoods

Monday 18 March

8:00am Mass

Tuesday 19 March

10:00am Lenten Program

R/Room—Leader Loree Rudd

Wednesday 20 March

9:30am Reconciliation

10:00am Mass

10:30am Cenacle of the Marion
Movement of Priests

Friday 22 March

8:00am Mass

4:00pm First Reconciliation Celebrated

5:00pm Stations of the Cross

5:30pm R/Room RCIA

Saturday 23 March

9:00am Baptism Parent session

10:30am Baptism Marcus & Theodore Bull
(Jonathon & Nicola) Dcn Adrian

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Sunday 24 March

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

8:00am Mass

9:00am Final Music Practice—Ryan Room
Holy week, Easter Sunday services.

Please pray for the Sick and needy and all the sick and needy and their families, particularly Irene Charlotte Ford (Mother of Elsie & Paula Ford-Simpson), and all those affected by any illness, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick.



Mass on Demand is available 24/7 on <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>. Please advise the Parish office when you or your loved ones are well enough to be removed from the prayers.

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital including Joe Wilson, Jim Shirley Haslem, Turfrey, John Brady, Cherrie Gerathy, Josephina O'phelia, Lloyd Baker, Michaelina Brady, Margaret Madden, Des Mitchell, Wally Jankiowskyj, Tita Marshall, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Diane Price, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Grant Allen (Kenilworth), Olivia McNamee (12 yr old), Maree Kruger, Val Chatterton, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity.

Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them including Maria Rowe, all those in the Parish Prayer petition book.

The Prayer petition book is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

Please pray for the holy souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends.



Anniversaries:

Remember in your prayers Cathie Menck 13/3/57 Anniversary of birth, Leona Keegan 1/3, Nell Hopkinson 25/2, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

Deceased:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently departed especially Delores Grech, Phillip McGilvray, Terry Grosser. Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Sundays:

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

Tuesdays:

9:15am Tai Chi 2024
Ryan Room
Parish office

Fridays:

5:30pm RICA - Ryan
Room

ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH



Thursdays:

9:30am Christian Meditation

Sundays:

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the
word with Communion

Third Sundays:

10:00am Mass

Fifth Sundays:

9:00am Ecumenical Service



Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March



Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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St Joseph's Parish Nambour

Catholic Foundation Study Program Update

- Bible Study Group (31 members so far)
- Book Club Group (13 members so far)
- Transformed Catholic - on line learning (6 members so far)
- ARETE Program (5 applicants so far)

Study groups are about to commence, details will be available next week but we have 55 members across the programs being offered.

You can still sign up via the registration forms at the church or call the parish office. The presentation from Masses last week is available on USB flash drive for those who may have missed it. Flash drives with the presentation are available from the parish office.

Funding gratefully provided through the 'Catholic Foundation' Grants Program.



Archbishop Mark has a message for you

This year St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday, so it's transferred to the Monday. Around the world St Patrick's Day stirs raucous celebration of kitsch Irishism with green beer, leprechaun costumes and rousing renditions of songs like "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" which was penned in the US not Ireland. All of this is a very long way from the real St Patrick and what the day actually celebrates. St Patrick was the greatest Christian missionary since St Paul, because he took the Gospel beyond the world of the Roman Empire. The Romans never set foot in Ireland, which was regarded as the back of beyond, almost like Mars these days. It was dark and dangerous, completely alien. It was certainly a very violent place. Into all that St Patrick took the light and peace of the Gospel, and in doing so he changed the world, given the global impact of Irish Christianity which has always had a strongly missionary thrust about it. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we owe a great debt of gratitude to our Irish forebears, not least the four Irish-born bishops; and we acknowledge that as we celebrate St Patrick's Day in this 150th year of the Cathedral.



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JOEY'S

Social Sing-a-long Debut Event



Saturday the 9th was the first Joey's Sing-a-long and what a fun & lively afternoon it was!



A happy & enjoyable afternoon is assured.

Joe Rolston got us all involved & singing happily along to "Little White Bull." With Gabrielle on keyboard more songs followed with everyone feeling their spirits uplifted. For those of you who didn't make it be sure to mark the next sing-a-long in your diary when it is announced.



St Joseph's Primary School Tour

embracing our faith
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SATURDAY 20th APRIL
9:00-10:00am



Register your interest

Meet our leadership team
Tour our facilities
See what our school has to offer your family



The Shack Community Centre

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Hello to our Amazing Community!
We are so grateful for your generosity and donations

Here are this weeks pantry needs:

- Sugar
- Milo
- Instant Coffee (we have plenty of tea right now)
- Chunky Soup
- Canned Spaghetti (small and large)
- Coconut Cream
- Meals in a can (Big eats, Tom Piper, Harvest)
- Long Life Milk POPPERS
- Canned Corn
- Le Snack

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CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE:

Please support St Joseph's Church Nambour fundraising initiative for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Save your bottles and cans and go to the Burnside depot at 7/1 Windsor Road. Hand over your items and *Key in the code C11246505. The funds automatically go to St Joseph's account.*

COUNTERS:

This week: M. & B. Barker, L. Richardson, M. Cross, J. Goggin, J. Bourassa
Next week: Group 4: M. Jackson, B. & M. Barker, T. Leahy, K. Grundy, V. Richmond

Planned Giving

Last Week
 Envelopes: \$1,335.30
 Loose: \$525.55

ST JOSEPH'S USUAL MONTHLY DIARY

1st Monday:

- ◆ 5:30pm Monday Liturgy Meeting (Monday 4/3/24)

1st Wednesday:

- ◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass
- ◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome
- ◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly (next 10/4/24)

1st Friday:

- ◆ 8:30am—6:00pm 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding At 6:30pm

1st Saturday:

- ◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation
- ◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSCOast—all welcome

3rd Sunday:

- ◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth
- ◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

5th Sunday:

- ◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

Last Monday-bi-monthly

- ◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands
Next meeting tbc

Last Friday:

- ◆ 6:00pm St Joseph's Men's Group



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TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY 10 (SOCIAL)
FEBRUARY 24 (FORMATION)
MARCH 9 (SOCIAL)
MARCH 23 (FORMATION)

SATURDAY NIGHTS

DINNER, FELLOWSHIP,
GAMES & FORMATION

7PM-8:30PM

(FOLLOWING 6PM MASS)

SOCIAL NIGHTS

YEAR 6-12

FORMATION NIGHTS

YEAR 9-12

CONTACT TIGI AT TIGIJOHNSON22@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

14 March 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to invite you and your community to join in the Corpus Christi procession which will take place in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Sunday, 2 June 2024, commencing at 2:00pm.

The procession with the Blessed Sacrament will go from the Cathedral, through the city streets, and then conclude with Benediction upon returning to the Cathedral.

Groups are invited to process under banners of their patronal or parish saints, as is often the custom in such processions.

This year on the weekend of the procession, a pictorial display of Eucharistic miracles from around the world will be on display in the Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre. You and your parishioners are warmly invited to view this display whilst at the Cathedral. This year there will also be a night vigil of Exposition and Adoration, commencing after the Cathedral's 6:00pm Mass on Saturday evening 1 June, and concluding before the Sunday 8:00am Mass on the day of the procession. This will take place in St Stephen's Chapel.

For Clergy and Religious intending to walk with the procession and for any other enquiries, you might respond to this invitation via email to the Multicultural Pastoral Care Project Officer, Liliana Ortiz at ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au.

The celebration will be another wonderful opportunity to bring our Catholic community together to honour Jesus Christ at the heart of the city.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane