

## Parish News

### Sacrament of Eucharist : Year 4 & 5, (that is **ONLY** those who have received First Confession)

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| Lessons 1 & 2 | Monday 30 April from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.<br>Tuesday 01 May from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm. |
| Lessons 3 & 4 | Monday 14 May from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.<br>Tuesday 15 May from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm.   |
| Rehearsal 1   | Monday 21 May from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.   |
| Rehearsal 2   | Monday 28 May from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.   |

### Celebration of First Communion Sunday 03 June at 9.00 am Mass



For the first time, the Brisbane Archdiocese will host the national Proclaim Conference. **PROCLAIM 2018** will focus on inspiring, equipping and encouraging parishes and Catholic communities to engage in Evangelisation and Renewal. The theme of this year's Conference is "Make your home in me" (Jn 15:4)

**PROCLAIM 2018** will run across three days from 12-14 July, 2018 at The Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre (St Laurence's College, South Brisbane).

"Proclaim 2018 will inspire Catholics to explore new ways of contemplating the face of Christ in community and so empower them to set out on the new paths of mission which the Holy Spirit is tracing for us at this crucial time" said Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

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### Weekly Diary : 16<sup>th</sup> —21<sup>st</sup> April 2018

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.<br>: 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Bayview Tricare. |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary  |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.   |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | : 5.30 pm. : 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B  |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B   |

The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of May will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. : 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter B.

### Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 4 (23/04/2018)

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection | Pietv Shop | St Anthony's |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| \$1124.80                  | \$888.15                   | \$42.50    | \$46.30      |

If we are generous in our giving, and if all of us are prepared to share the load, then together we can help our Parish to move forward. (Fr. John Khoai)



Holy Family Catholic Parish  
Runaway Bay



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018—Issue No. 271

#### "YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS."

We are Jesus' witnesses of His resurrection until today. In today's gospel Jesus instructs His disciples to be His witnesses to all nations. He says to them. He says to you all, and in a very special way he says to our neophytes here present: "You are witnesses of these things." This is what we find in Saint Peter in today's first reading. He witnessed.

- \* Witnessing is more than telling people about the life of Jesus who lived two thousand years ago. Anyone can do that.
- \* Witnessing to Jesus is more than testifying that He is risen. The soldiers guarding the tomb did that.
- \* Witnessing to Jesus is testifying by our lives that the power of the Risen Jesus has touched us and transformed us in the most remarkable way imaginable.
- \* Witnessing to Jesus is letting Jesus speak through us to other people.

To witness is a challenge in which Christ commands, "Go and show the people that you have met me and experienced me." A witness is the one who says, "I know it and I will show it to you. The power of the Risen Lord has touched me and transformed me." The most powerful force in the world is someone touched and transformed by the power of the Risen Christ. What are the signs that we witness?

It is in the faithful performance of the duties in our respective vocations that we can become effective witnesses. The hurts in our hearts, aching bodies, soiled hands, trembling knees and sore feet, all because of our love and fidelity to the people around us, are evidence of love.

But the most powerful witness to Jesus often takes place without the people involved being aware of it.

During the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln had a strapping athletic young man as his secretary. This particular young man was not happy about it. He wanted to get out where the action was on the battlefield. He wanted to go and do great things for his country. He was quite willing to die, if necessary. So he kept complaining to Lincoln about the women's work he was doing, when he could be in uniform confronting the enemy. Lincoln stared at him, and said in his philosophical way, "Young man as I see it, you are quite willing to die for your country but you are not willing to live for it."

Martyrs, a Greek word for witnesses, give their lives by dying or by living.

Let us close with these words coming from a letter of Bishop Duval of France. They touch on the very thing we have been talking about: "No matter how beautifully expressed, abstract ideas rarely moved people. But let a person come forward, a living person, capable of speaking to the heart. Let truth flow from the person's life and let the person's power be matched by an equal gift of love: then people will listen and the dawn of better days will brighten our skies."

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING Acts 3:13-15. 17-19** *You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.*

At the temple gate, Peter addressed the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. "But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4:1.3.6.8 R.** *Lord, let your face shine on us.*

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. **R.**

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. **R.**

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" **R.**

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. **R.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5** *Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world.*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments.

Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: See Lk 24:32** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48** *Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.*

The two disciples told the eleven and their companions what had happened on the road to Emmaus, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."



And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you— that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Lk 24:46-47)** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fionn Hurley, Zenaida C. Mia, Nora M. Cadawas, Rufina Lim

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Glenn Ivan Winstanley, Molly Lawton, Phyllis Calamel, Raymond Maloy

**SICK LIST:** Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Cologurie, Ann Morrison, Mary Cruickshanks, Gwen Zeitzen, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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