

Parish News

Year 3 Sacrament of Confirmation

Session 3	Mon 07 Aug at 6.00pm & Tue 08 Aug at 3.30pm
Session 4	Mon 14 Aug at 6.00pm & Tue 15 Aug at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Mon 21 Aug at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Mon 28 Aug at 6.00pm
Final Rehearsal	Tue 29 Aug at 6.00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament: Sunday 03 Sept at 9am Mass celebrated by Archbishop.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Tuesday, 8th August 2017 at 10am Cathedral of St Stephen.

All the faithful are invited to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint and guests are encouraged to join us for morning tea in the Cathedral grounds after Mass.

Marriage, Divorce and Re-marriage in the Catholic Church: From time to time, a staff member from the Regional Tribunal visits Holy Family Parish Office at Runaway Bay. If you would like more information about annulments and re-marriage in the Catholic Church, or you wish to make an appointment to speak with Emma, please phone the Tribunal Office in Brisbane on 3324 3033 or email trib-bris@bne.catholic.net.au

Weekly Diary : 07th —12th August 2017

Monday 07 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 08th	: 08.00 am. Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross, virgin, followed Eucharistic Adoration.
	: 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Aged Center, Hope Island
Wednesday 09 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary
Thursday 10 th	: 09.30 am. Feast of St Lawrence, deacon, martyr, followed by CCC prayer.
Friday 11 th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Clare, virgin, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 12 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 12th	: 5.30 pm. : 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 13th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of September will be on the 03rd at 5.30 pm. : 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A.

Mass Duty Roster : 12th/13th August 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Pierrette Serra Jean Di Benedetto	Jean Di Benedetto, Julie Dakin, Helen Topham Clive Broughton, Rachelle Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Helen Chapman Bernadette Swindley	Rose Hessen, Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter Celine Lobb, Margaret McNamara	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Kathy Fuller Ronnie Wilson	John Lynch, Kathy Fuller Pam Nelson, Denise Moar	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (7/8/2017)

1 st Collection	2 nd Collection	Pietv Shop	St Anthony's
\$1309.90	\$1557.55	\$38.00	\$94.85

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month.

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WALKING BY FAITH

We all want to go to heaven. But heaven is not a place or geographical location. Heaven is a state of being – being with God, being with Jesus. This is what the apostles Peter, James and John experienced on Mount Tabor. For a very brief moment, though it seemed like eternity, they experienced heaven. They saw Jesus not anymore as an ordinary man. They saw his glory as God – his face was brighter than the sun and his clothes dazzling white. They also saw Moses and Elijah conversing with him. And the voice of the heavenly Father was heard: *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."* This experience filled them with such an overwhelming and indescribable joy and all that Peter could say was: *"Master, let us erect three booths here."* They had a glimpse and taste of heaven and they wished to remain there forever. Being with Jesus, who revealed himself to them as God, was truly an experience of heaven.

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that this grace was given to strengthen the Apostles for the forthcoming scandal of the Cross by giving them a glimpse of the glorious Resurrection. He wrote: "For a person to go straight along the road, he must have some knowledge of the end – just as an archer will not shoot an arrow straight unless he first sees the target... This is particularly necessary if the road is hard and rough, the going heavy, and the end delightful" (Summa Theol.,III,q.45,a.1). When a traveler gets to know how delightful and desirable the destination is, he is willing to embark on the long and difficult journey.

This is precisely the case with the apostles. Jesus has just made his first prediction of his passion and death: *"The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised"* (Lk 9:22). This is disheartening to his apostles. Many of them must have begun to doubt if Jesus really is the Messiah. Some must have already thought that following Jesus was a big mistake. So Jesus decided to give them a sort of a preview of the glorious end, a glimpse and a taste of heaven so that they would persevere in the journey.

How often do we get afraid and discouraged? When we see the many helpless women and children butchered by terrorists and criminals, we ask, "Why did God not do something to prevent it?" When we experience illness, financial problems, loss of job and loss of a loved one, we ask, "Does God really care?" When we see good people suffering while the evil ones go unpunished and are enjoying life, we begin to think that God is unfair, insensitive and powerless, or that there is no God at all!

St. Paul said, *"We walk by faith, not by sight."* It is the eyes of our faith that need to be opened so that we can discover God's hidden presence in the simple and ordinary things around us. It is our faith that will help us realize that despite all the pains, sorrows, violence, problems and evil in the world, God is very much alive, loving and active, continually "writing straight with crooked lines." We do not see God's presence because our eyes need to be opened. So we pray, "Lord, open our eyes that we may see."

Every time we come to Mass, let us imagine ourselves like the apostles going up the mountain with Jesus. The Mass is always an experience of being with Jesus, being with God. The Mass is rightly referred to as "heaven on earth." We do not see or hear anything extraordinary, not because God is not here, but because God wants to reveal himself in the ordinary ways and things that we are familiar with. He speaks to us and makes himself present through the priest, the lectors, the ministers and the entire worshipping community – all ordinary men and women. In Holy Communion, we receive his Body and Blood in the form of simple bread and wine.

The Transfiguration experience is being with Jesus in prayer. It is prayer that strengthens our faith and opens our eyes to see God and have a glimpse of heaven. Let us have more quality time to pray and to listen to Jesus. Then there is nothing to fear for we know God is with us now and for always.

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 *His clothing was white as snow.*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool. His throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched visions in the night, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9+12 R. *The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.*

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory. **R.**

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-19 *We heard God's voice come from heaven.*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

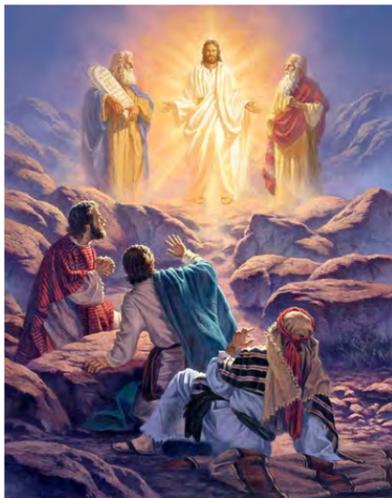
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 17:5c Alleluia, alleluia! This is my beloved Son, in whom is all my delight; hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A Matthew 17:1-9 *Jesus was transfigured and his face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON 1 Jn 3:2 When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pamela Mary Pearson, Erfilia (Elsie) Bugeja

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Lawton, Jack Lawton, Norma Margaret Nichols, Keith McDougall

SICK LIST: Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Marg Watson, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nicole Ashdown, Babara Paton, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

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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New directions in Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Recently the Archdiocese of Brisbane, under the direction of Archbishop Mark Coleridge, implemented a much stronger policy than the previous child safety policy and have adopted more effective practices in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. - a policy document entitled Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults has been established and we are obliged to adhere to it. The new policy prescribes best practice in protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults.

This policy statement is approved by Archbishop Mark Coleridge for mandatory implementation by the Church and its agencies throughout the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It covers the measures needed to safeguard against abuse. The Archdiocese aims to ensure that none of its personnel or volunteers engages in behaviour that could allow harm to occur or actions that could be misinterpreted by children, their families or other adults as constituting, or leading to abuse. They have taken every possible effort to safeguard against abuse and harm.

The new policy makes crystal clear to all who work for the Church that the only way genuinely to help both those who have been abused and the Church is to make sure that we are more vigilant, more transparent and more accountable.

Therefore, if you volunteer in any capacity within our parish you are obliged to undergo a certain training and be the holder of a Blue Card.

There are two training sessions being offered and these will occur on 31 August at 6 pm and 7 September after the 9.30am Mass. Once this training has been undertaken you will be asked to complete a Blue Card application form.

If you are unable to make one of these times you will need to let one of the PPC members know and alternate arrangements will be made.

Unfortunately, unless you attend the training and hold a blue card you will not be able to volunteer in our parish in any capacity.

We trust you understand the need for these measures to be put into place.

Parish Pastoral Council



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane (the Archdiocese) holds that children, young people 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 safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies¹ of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. safe recruitment and selection practices – helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. adhering to the code of ethical behaviour – having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. operating safe activities for children – can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and legislation.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

¹ Agencies refers to Centacare – Child Care Services, Community Services, Family Relationships, Pastoral Ministries and Centacare corporate services; Archdiocesan Services – Resource Development, Finance and Accounting, Human Resources, ICT, Property and Building; Brisbane Catholic Education; Evangelisation Brisbane – ministry support services to parishes and deaneries, the Financial Administrator's Office, Episcopal Office – Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops, Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, Clergy Life and Ministry and archdiocesan committees.