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## Still humming along from home



Shirley is 92 and knows the secret to a good beef bourguignon. Her support worker, Joy, provides back-up - getting out the slow cooker, picking herbs from the garden and chopping the veggies.

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Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY  
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

World Mission  
May Rosary Prayers

Embrace the power of prayer with the World Mission Rosary Prayers throughout May, a time to honor Mother Mary. Join us online as we unite in faith and mission, offering our prayers with the global Catholic community. Prayer Schedule: When: Monday to Friday during May. Time: 2 pm Brisbane / Melbourne time | 12 pm Perth time. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>  
Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280—Password: 876574

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

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Reach out. Give life.

Keeping up to date with Safeguarding Training is essential for clergy, parish employees and parish volunteers. It is a requirement under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards for this training to be completed every two years. We are pleased to announce two upcoming webinars as part of our safeguarding training. There are two available sessions; a daytime and an evening. Below, you will find the details for both webinars.

Please note that participant numbers are limited to 100.

Contact: Fr Peter Dillon, Vicar for Administration

When: Wednesday 1st May, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm Brisbane



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### MASS TIMES

Tue: 5:30pm—Holy Mass  
6:00pm Eucharist Adoration

Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 9 am  
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9am & 5pm

### CONFESSIONS

Tues: 5:00pm to 5:30pm  
(by appointment)

### BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

### PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

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# FATIMA NEWS

5th and 6th Sundays of Easter Year B, 28 April 2024



John 15:1-8

### Greetings to all,

I am the vine; you are the branches. Along with St Paul's image of the church as the body of Christ, the image of the Church as the Vine spoken by Jesus in the gospel reading this Sunday is also a very important image of the church has been used to show the unity of the Church.

The metaphor of the vine serves to explain Jesus' relationship with his own group members. The analogy has four features: the vine is Jesus, the branches are the disciples, the pruner is the Father, and the fruit is the outcome of the relationship.

So we can see that the power of the vine and branches image comes from the way it emphasizes the complete dependence of the life of each member on the head, Christ, for its vitality and fruitfulness, and how each member flourishes under the care coming from yet another distinct source, the Father.

If you notice there is one verb repeated many times in the reading today. One of the favourite words of John is the Greek verb meno, which is usually translated as "abide," "remain," or "continue." It is used 40 times in the Gospel of John, compared to only 12 times in the Synoptics (Mark, Matthew, and Luke). When John uses this word in reference to a person, it suggests deep attachment, loyalty, and constant union—in contrast with the word "contact" because **be contact with** that may be intense but which is easy to fade and has no lasting effect.

To abide in Jesus is to be attached to him in such a way that life would be impossible without him, just as a branch has no life and soon withers unless it is attached to the vine.

But the most interesting point for me is that while the metaphor points to a close interpersonal bond with Jesus like a branch to it vine, it does not mean only of our private relationship with God.

But rather abiding with Jesus means living his love which is radically unselfish and reaches out to others. Abiding with Jesus is a relationship of union as a branch is united to the vine. We live our lives as one. Love for Jesus, one another, and ourselves become one love, become one vine. Even though many branches but one vine.

And bearing much fruit is the destiny of every branch and every believer. Today readings really invite us to remain in God so that we may offer an abundance of the fruit of God's love to all who we encounter.

God bless, *Fr Dang*

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## ONLINE WEBINAR

# SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 2024  
TIME: 6.30PM

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Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Volunteers are welcome to complete the Safeguarding Training module in their own time via the Archdiocesan Safeguarding page -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Once completed, please fill out the online Confirmation of Completion Form, which is available on the same page. Alternatively, volunteers can download a copy of the form and return the completed form to their local parish.

worldwide marriage encounter

## REMINDER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HIGH TEA TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN AUSTRALIA

1pm, Sat, 25th May, 2024

The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes

To RSVP contact - Leisha & Joseph  
Phone: 0481 307 821 |  
Email: [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au)

## The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension is not a farewell or a time of sadness at Jesus' departure from this world. Like every Christian festival, the Ascension celebrates the on-going presence of the risen Christ in our midst. The Preface and the Solemn Blessing for the Ascension both make this clear.

"Christ the mediator between God and the human race, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow." (Preface)

"May you, who believe Christ is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time." (Solemn Blessing)

The first reading for the feast is from Luke's prologue to the book of Acts. Jesus travelled to Jerusalem to his passion and death; now the disciples will take the Good News of his resurrection out to the world, beginning in Jerusalem and reaching to the ends of the earth.

The account of the ascension that we hear this year from Mark occupies not even a full sentence in the gospel reading. The rest of the passage is about Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

In Australia the Ascension marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for this year is "You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself". (Luke 10:27) Love of Christ and neighbour is the driving force that moves us beyond our division toward acts of reconciliation.

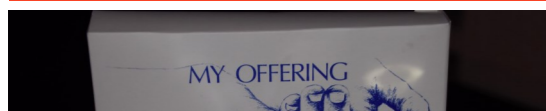
## The Feast of Pentecost

According to Luke's account in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, a joyous Jewish harvest festival held on the fiftieth day after Passover.


The early Church gave the title 'Pentecost' from the Greek word *Pentekostos* meaning 'fifty' to the whole period of fifty days between the resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Another name for the feast used by some Christian traditions is 'Whitsunday'. The Whitsunday Islands were so named by Captain James Cook because they were sighted on the day of Pentecost.

The feast of Pentecost commemorates two things: the gift of the Spirit that enables us to praise and proclaim the good news of Christ, and the birth of the Church as an active community. The words 'fire' and 'wind' are used frequently in the Bible to describe the Holy Spirit. The Spirit 'seizes', is 'poured out' and 'lifts up'. These dynamic references reflect the sense of excitement and zeal for mission of the early disciples.

Pentecost Sunday is one of the two celebrations during the year that has an obligatory sequence (Easter Sunday is the other). The sequence (from the Latin *sequor*, 'to follow') is a long hymn text which occurs after the second reading and before the Gospel acclamation. Its purpose is to provide a sharper focus for important celebrations by uniting those present in reflection on the feast or mystery being celebrated. - Elizabeth Harrington



**Planned Giving Envelopes:** The Parish Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024-2025 are ready for next year. There are available boxes for parishioners to take should you be interested. Please ring the office or let the Church volunteers know.



Being a member of St Vincent de Paul is more than just helping the poor and disadvantage in Acacia Ridge it is a spiritual journey aimed at deepening one's faith. Frederick Ozanam the founder of St Vincent de Paul stressed that the "chief work of the Society is the saving of souls", to support, to encourage with compassion and to be empathetic advocates for each other and for those voices crying in the wilderness. If you would like to join please contact Noel Sweeney, Mobile 0423550052



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Our prayers are with those who are suffering illness at this time.



The significance of music in the context of the Mass.

The celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day holds a central place in the entire Christian life. It represents the pinnacle of Christ's action and the participation of His people, through which He sanctifies the world. In this sacred act, the entire human race, united with Christ, offers worship to the Father. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the faithful listen to the Word of God and respond by presenting themselves alongside Christ to the Father. The culmination of this celebration occurs when they partake in Holy Communion. Following the Mass, the people disperse into the world as witnesses of Christ, carrying His presence into their daily lives and sharing it with others. By participating in the Eucharist, the faithful commit themselves to this service.

**Music** plays a vital role in the liturgy, enhancing the communal dimension of worship. When many individual voices blend together in song, a strong bond of unity forms, fostering a sense of belonging. Singing unites minds and hearts, reflecting the mystery of the Church. The power of music transcends mere text, evoking a deeper sense of God's mystery. As a form of sung prayer, liturgical music should ideally draw from Scripture and liturgical sources. Hymns and songs grounded in God's Word invite the community to a more profound commitment to the Christian life and allow them to sing the Lord's praise.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal emphasizes the importance of singing during Mass. While Gregorian chant holds a special place, other sacred music, including polyphony, is also welcomed. The goal is to foster the participation of all the faithful. Additionally, familiarity with at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin is desirable, especially for the Profession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer. <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/media/1614/music-in-the-order-of-mass-revised>




## Catechism Class

Dear parents,  
An ongoing catechism class every Sunday during school Term for 30 minutes after the 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Acacia Ridge. For more information, please contact Sr. Hanna MC. Ph: (07) 3252 4441 if interested.

## 5th Sunday of Easter

"Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." Amen.

A Prayer to Love One Another



Dear God,  
As we reflect on Your word, we seek guidance to love others as Jesus loves. Help us see Jesus in everyone we encounter, and grant us the strength to love without limits. May forgiveness flow freely from our hearts, just as You have forgiven us. May our actions reflect Your love, and may we be instruments of peace and compassion in this world.



**Our thanks and appreciation** to Fr Jacob Kuman, Fr Ray Sanchez, Fr Saldie Resolado, Fr. Thomas Zaranski, Fr. John Lai, Fr. John Gillen and Deacon James for assisting our parish with Eucharist celebrations while Fr. Dang is away.



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