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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday. Year B

Readings for The Most Holy Trinity Sunday. Year B.

FIRST READING: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps: Ps 33:4-5, 6+9, 18-19, 20+22 "Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

SECOND READING: Rom 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation: (cf. Rev 1:8) Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To God who is, who was, and who is to come.

GOSPEL: Matt 28:16-20

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

(Matt 28:19)



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### THE PASTOR'S POST: Less Can Be More

Recently I watched the Academy Award winning film *Nomadland*, the story of a middle aged single woman called Fern, who decided to travel around the United States in a rather beaten up panel van, stopping at various parks and sidings, sometimes meeting up with other travellers and taking the occasional part time job, just to earn enough to keep going to the next place. Doesn't really sound like a gripping yarn, does it? I have to admit I wasn't really looking forward to seeing the movie, since it sounded a bit like the story of an aging hippie searching for their lost youth with no clear classification as a drama, thriller, comedy or romantic movie, which is often how I decide on what I deem as worthy of my time. But since I am a bit of a fan of Frances McDormand, the main character, Fern, in the film, and it had been getting such great praise from a range of

critics, I gave it a try. To my great delight it wasn't the story of an aging hippie or someone with a fear of people or responsibilities, but more about a person making lifestyle choices, which might unsettle those of us who have been brought up on a belief that we can have all we want, when we want it, at any cost.

I have to say I found the film very challenging, right from the start. Not just because it lacked a clear story line, or that most of the actors were first-time performers (all were brilliant, by the way), but because it forced me to confront how tied I have become to security of regular employment and comfortable accommodation, of having more stuff than I will ever practically need or use and the fear I have of taking a risk to move out of the comfortable and regular patterns of my life. Rather than wanting to have Fern's life choices and freedom that sometimes brings, I was more focussed on how threatening it is to move outside that which we have always known and risk the possible discovery that there is another way of living, which may be at least as rewarding as the life we now live, or maybe better. This wasn't just about 'grey nomad' living, but someone trying to pare back all the attachments that we have somehow convinced ourselves we can't live without.

While there are hours, maybe days, when we feel that we would like to live an anonymous life, not being tied to other people's expectations, this usually happens when we are stressed or swamped with too many responsibilities. A day off or a good rest usually gets us back on course, but this movie presented a community, in fact a large group, who had made a permanent decision to live the ultra-simple life, armed with only their wits and a desire to forego the trappings and trinkets that can often consume us as we first acquire them and then replace them.

At first I wondered about the loneliness of being by myself on the open road. What if I didn't speak to someone for days or, worse still, had to eat a meal by myself -meals are such a communal activity. Then I realised that these situations can occur in the middle of a crowded city, surrounded by thousands of people. In the movie, people moved in and out of each other's lives, making friends and finding new ones as they moved on to the next adventure. Not all Fern's experiences were joyful and the insecurities of being alone most of the time was clearly confronting, but again, whose life is spared such issues, even within a busy family or workplace. These people were not devoid of responsibilities to and for each other, but they did not place unrealistic expectations of each other. Relationships were important, but having 'things' was not. They clearly looked out for one another, but were not bound to each other. I was expecting myself to feel sorry for these people, but discovered a slight envy for some of what they had, or didn't have.

I certainly didn't follow up the movie with a search for a rundown old Kombi van on eBay, but I did wonder how I might live with less material distractions. How much have I missed of life's earthiness by wanting to ensure that I had every comfort available, often missing out on the scenery at the time as I made sure I got the best photo for the future, as it were.

Check out the movie if you get a chance and allow yourself to let it get under your skin. It may not change your life, but it might just help you assess your priorities and the attitudes and practices in the way that you live.

**Fr Peter Dillon PP.**

**No Baptisms for the next two weeks, due to the celebration of First Holy Communions.**



## **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th May to 3rd June, 2021.**

### **A Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane.**

At the heart of the Gospel is reconciliation – between humanity and God and between human beings.

As St Paul declares: “All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:18).

The Church has a crucial role to play in promoting and supporting reconciliation with the First Peoples in Australia. In this National Reconciliation Week I invite you to consider how your parish can contribute to the process of reconciliation in Australia. ...

National Reconciliation Week is an important opportunity to engage the parishes in the journey of reconciliation at a local level. ...

May the God of peace heal the running sores at the heart of our nation and bring reconciliation to the peoples of Australia.

As always in the Lord, Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

### **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 respects to the Kombumerri clan of the Yugambah 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.

### **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PRAYER**

Creator Spirit,

All creation once declared your glory, Your laws were honoured and trusted,  
Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches the most critical moment in its history.

Listen to our prayer as we turn to you, Hear the cry of our land and its people, Just as you heard the cry of Jesus, your Son, on the Cross.

Help us to replace our national shame With true national pride by restoring the dignity of our First People whose antiquity is unsurpassed.

May our faith and trust in you increase.

Only then will our nation grow strong and be a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land.

Amen.

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH OPPOSITION TO THE

“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.*** <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/HEC/inquiries/current-inquiries/VADB2021>

***The Catholic Church’s position is found here:*** [https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/Bishops-Pastoral-Letter\\_final.pdf](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/Bishops-Pastoral-Letter_final.pdf)

## TONY McLEOD MEMORIAL MASS.

A memorial thanksgiving Mass, for Tony McLeod, will be held at St Vincent’s Church, Surfers Paradise, on Saturday fifth of June at 10.30am. When Tony passed away last year we were unable to gather to remember him. We look forward to offering this Mass in his memory. Please contact Claudia Maddocks to RSVP. Pre-booking is essential for covid-safety. Claudia’s phone number is 0404 035 575.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

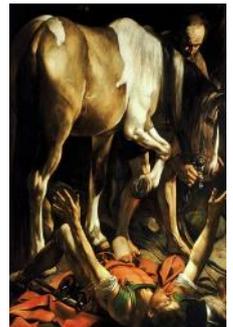
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this 1st Friday 4th June at Sacred Heart Church from 7pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome. Enquiries: Helen 0421935678



IMAGE: Josh Applegate/Unsplash

**OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKENDS,  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF  
OUR PARISH WHO ARE CELEBRATING  
THEIR  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**They and their families have prepared well.  
Welcome to the Table of the Lord.**



**[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASSES](#)**

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

## MAJELLAN MAGAZINE

The Majellan magazine has been a Catholic family favourite for more than 70 years. We would appreciate it if you would insert this short paragraph in your weekly bulletin alerting parishioners.

"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: [www.majellan.media/the-majellan-magazine/](http://www.majellan.media/the-majellan-magazine/)

## ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY

*St Paul's Missionary Journey through His Letters*

*Fortnightly on a Tuesday*

**ALL WELCOME.**

**Tuesday 8th June at 6pm Parish Hospitality Room** 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.

### Discovering Sophia:

### God's Wisdom Within – A Quiet Weekend Retreat for Women

A Quiet Weekend with an opportunity to explore our life story and our experiences of the wisdom growing within us since the moment of our birth... Sophia, the wisdom of God within.

*Come and experience a time of guided prayerful reflection.*

**Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)**

*Dates:* Friday 18 June 6pm to Sunday 20 June 3pm

*Place:* Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

*Cost:* \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets of any kind), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

*To register or enquire contact:* [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION -

**“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ...” - ROMANS 8:16-17**

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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

## ST MICHAEL'S

### 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



## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH: Solitude and solidarity

Many have experienced more solitude than they care for during the pandemic, but it would be a shame to lose the lessons of the experience once it's over. Catholics have a strong tradition of finding the sacred in solitude. The monastic life, for example, is all about withdrawing from society to draw closer to God and ultimately to each other. Turning inward is an opportunity for growth. Ritualizing the routines of life—in the midst of grief and stress and fear—helps to maintain inner stability and clarity. At the same time, far too many haven't had the luxury of solitude to remove themselves from danger—let this fact light a fire in all of us to fight for justice for those who have risked all to serve society this past year.

**(Reference for reflection - John 16:29-33. "I am not alone, because the Father is with me.")**

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

## SURFERS PARADISE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN



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*Congratulations to our 51 Parish children celebrating their First Holy Communion this  
Sunday May 30th at 11:00am.*

*Please keep them and their families in your loving prayers.*

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## 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 spirit of generosity is alive in our Parish. If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at [man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:man surfers@bne.catholic.net.au). Our beautiful timber stands in the church are "pay-waves." ("tap-and-go" machines). A handy new way of donating to the parish - just tap a credit card or bank card on the sensor and it takes \$5. And once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again, to give another \$5, and so on. A safe and handy way to give money. God bless you for your support. To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 5572 5433 (9am–12pm Mon-Fri)



### POPE FRANCIS: Overcoming difficulties in prayer

***Overcoming difficulties in prayer: The Pope at General Audience.***

*By Christopher Wells, Vatican News.*

In his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis says we must always persevere in order to overcome the difficulties we face in prayer.

Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis identified three difficulties we often experience in prayer: distraction; feelings of dryness or barrenness; and "acedia," a certain listlessness in prayer.



#### **Distractions**

Distraction is a common experience, not only in prayer but in all we do. "The human mind finds it difficult to dwell for long on a single thought; we all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompany us even in our sleep." But if we give into this temptation, said the Pope, we are unable to do anything well.

The Pope explained that distractions are not sinful in themselves, but we must nonetheless fight against them. To do so, we must embrace the Gospel virtue of perseverance. We do not know the day or hour in

which Jesus will come, and so we must be watchful, striving to concentrate and be attentive to the task at hand.

### **Aridity**

Aridity or “dryness” in prayer – when prayer seems to do no good, and inspires no joy or enthusiasm – is different from distraction in that it doesn’t always arise from within us.

Sometimes, said Pope Francis, God Himself allows us to experience this spiritual dryness, and at such times we must rely on “pure faith.”

### **Acedia**

Acedia, sometimes called sloth, “is a real temptation against prayer, and more generally against Christian life,” Pope Francis said.

Quoting the catechism, he described it as a form of depression due to “lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, and carelessness of heart.” As one of the seven deadly sins, “it is fuelled by conceit, and can lead to the death of the soul.”

### **Perseverance in prayer**

In the face of this “succession of enthusiasm and discouragement” in prayer, Pope Francis called on Christians to persevere, to always keep walking.

“All the saints have passed through this ‘dark valley’,” he said, and we should not be scandalised when we hear about their struggles with prayer, “the account of evenings of listless prayer, lived without taste.”

At those times, the Pope continued, we must learn to remain constant in prayer. “Believers never stop praying!” he insisted.

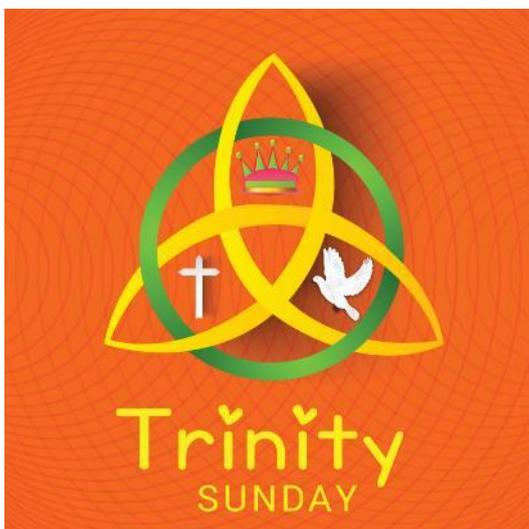
Even if, like Job, we complain and protest against God, “we know that at the end of this time of desolation” God will answer us.

“God will gather up even our harshest and most bitter expressions with the love of a Father, and consider them as an act of faith, as a prayer,” concluded Pope Francis.

(source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/overcoming-difficulties-in-prayer-pope-at-general-audience.html>)

(Image - Shutterstock licensed image ID: 170340728. VATICAN CITY, VATICAN - January 08 : Pope Francis greets the pilgrims during his weekly general audience in St Peter's square at the Vatican on January 08, 2014. By giulio napolitano)

## **THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND**



I think this quote from the great English writer C.S. Lewis says so much about the Trinity:

“Three persons, one God of love -

People seem not to notice that the words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love...Christians believe that the living, dynamic activity of love has been going on in God forever and has created everything else... in Christianity God is not a static thing – but (rather a personal) dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama... Almost, a kind of dance.” [C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)]

I love the Trinity, it is an indispensable part of the Christian faith. It is certainly not (as some people are occasionally heard to say) merely an academic construct, but rather, the Holy Trinity is an absolute necessity

to get a small grasp and glimpse into the breadth, depth and diversity of God's inner nature; which is implicitly community, and innately relational and loving.

My favourite image of the Trinity, is the very famous icon by Andre Rublev, from the 15th Century. You have most likely seen it.... It is a picture of three Angelic figures sitting at a table sharing a meal under the Oak of Mamre. It literally depicts the visit of the three angelic persons representing God, who visited Abraham and stayed to share a meal provided by Abraham and Sarah' reverent hospitality.

Firstly, all persons of the Trinity in this picture are portrayed as humans, not just two people and a dove. Although the dove is an ancient symbol for the Holy Spirit and quite valid, it can sometimes not capture the fact that we believe in three persons equal in sharing the one divine nature.

I also love this icon of the Trinity because it captures the perfect inter-relation that exists within God who is three persons. It is as if each is deferring to one another and giving each other precedence and respect, and in return, they give it right back. It is perfect harmony, perfect giving and perfect receiving, as if one is pointing to the food at the table and saying to the other, please, be my guest, you first, and the other is saying, thank you, I appreciate it, now, please take some yourself, thank you, you are kind.... and on it goes..... The community and nature of God is perfect hospitality, the perfect relationship and absolute respect and reverence. It is this wonderful life that Jesus invites us into..... We are invited to share in this perfect harmony of the Trinity, and if we accept.... it will transform us and the world around us. We are invited into the very inner life of God.

As the first reading tells us, we are, moved by the Spirit we have been given, to be sons and daughters of God, and heirs of God... but as a way of keeping us humble.. we are heirs to Christ's sufferings, - for God suffers in this self-sacrificing, and generous love.. that gives without counting the cost. And in the gospel, one of my all-time favourite Gospel passages ever... Jesus promises us that he will be with us always, even till the end of time..... But again.. we are reminded that by becoming God's people, by becoming sons and daughters of God, and heirs to the Kingdom... comes with it this task.. to live with an outreaching love towards others and to the world, as God, the Trinity lives... we are told we must go out ... out into all the world....

The cost of entry into this eternal relationship with God is to always remain outward looking, turned out towards others.. willing to suffer for participating in the outreaching, generous and unselfish love of God.... At the table of the Holy Trinity, there is no room here for any self-interest, stinginess and or inward-looking mentalities. God is always on the lookout for more people to be part of the family... always reaching out.... Open and generous.....

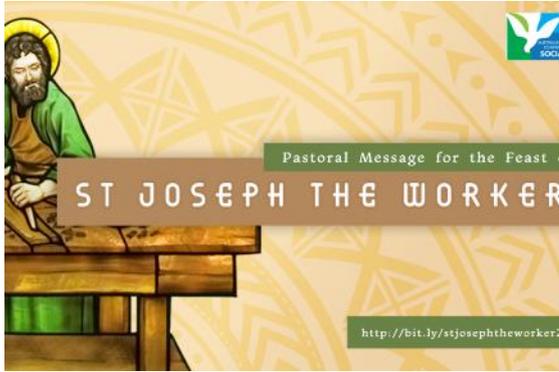
The more we as individuals and we as Christian communities reflect the inner life of the Trinity, the more we are participating in that Trinitarian life.

It is no wonder that Our Lord, Jesus, is made really present to us, in the Eucharist, encountered in the form of a sacred meal and it is very poignant that Jesus was put to death because of, among other reasons, the people he ate with. God is love, and God is relational. It is great to share a meal and encounter a glimpse of what God (a Trinity of Persons), shares all the time.

**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>**

## FAITH AND WORSHIP SPOT : YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH - St Joseph the Migrant Worker - <https://youtu.be/flB67iScMp8>

**Message from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM (Conv), Chair, Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice.**



“Have you ever imagined St Joseph as a migrant worker? Would he have taken with him as many tools of trade as he could carry when he fled with Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt? What would it have been like for him trying to find work in a foreign land to support his family? Would anyone help them, or would these ‘outsiders’ be exploited or left to fend for themselves? During the COVID-19 pandemic temporary seasonal workers have had a very difficult time. Many came to Australia for jobs that disappeared because of the pandemic. None the less, these

workers found themselves ineligible for the Jobseeker allowance. Many could not go home. They became stranded in Australia because of closed borders. Without work or access to government support, they were forced to rely on charities.

Those who did find work were often exposed to risk of infection with the virus – for example in the coronavirus outbreak that centred on the meatworks in Colac in mid-2020, or in food delivery or cleaning. Sadly, the exploitation of migrant workers is not something that only happens in other countries.

Before the pandemic, over a million overseas workers on temporary visas came to Australia each year. Even in the best of times, temporary seasonal workers are more vulnerable to exploitative working conditions than workers who have Australian citizenship. FairWork Australia says that “employees under the [Pacific Labour] Scheme have the same workplace rights as other employees in Australia”. But temporary seasonal workers might not know that. They are less likely to know what their rights are, and to be able to effectively assert them. It is not uncommon to hear stories of unreasonable accommodation charges and other levies being imposed. There have even been reports of passports being held by employers.

Migrant workers often lack friends and allies who can help them.

Can we see in the faces of temporary seasonal workers the face of St Joseph, seeking work in a foreign land, trying to support his family? Can we see migrant workers as our sisters and brothers in need of our care? Can we welcome them into our homes, communities and churches and defend their dignity and rights?

Let us entrust temporary seasonal workers in Australia to the protection of St Joseph the Worker.

*Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM (Conv). Chair, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. Bishop of Parramatta.* <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/04/16/feast-of-st-joseph-the-worker-pastoral-message-2021>

## MASS TIMES: SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

**Sacred Heart**  
350 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**

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

\*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 5th June)

**Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm**

+ (Polish Mass 12:30 pm Sunday)

+ (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday)

**St Vincent's**  
180 max capacity

**Sunday - 8 am & 10 am**

+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Additional to the above times, **we will continue to celebrate weekday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am.**

**The 9am Saturday Mass will be on the First Saturday of the month (5th June) at Sacred Heart.**

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5m, 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. We ask that people consult the parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au), to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses. Mass Booking: [bookeyo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast](http://bookeyo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast) **Thank you for your cooperation at this time.**

## NOTICES AND MESSAGES

### SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

Small glass holy water bottles with a metal motif - St Anthony or Our Lady of Lourdes, have been pre-filled with holy water and are available @ the reduced price \$3.00 until 6th June.

Assorted wrist bracelets now in stock @ \$3.00

Reasonably priced gifts still available for First Holy Communion members of your family or friends, visit the Religious Goods Shop at your church today.

### 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.

## 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.

## SHALOM WORLD TV : AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCE

Please visit and see the treasury of shows and articles at <https://www.shalomworld.org/>

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## 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/>

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## PLEASE PRAY - IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Michael James, John Lenehan, Olga Hamshari, Roy Ferraro, David Spackman, Maryann Cassar, Margaret Haerse, Rosalind Lee, Milka Barac, Mary Ashton, Kurt Hillesheim, Neil Rogers, Jacqueline Costigan (Bethania), Bill Goodrem, Rodney & Norma McLennan, Lois & Doug Wood, Duncan Dawson, Sam Maxwell, William Franklin, Gerry Stoffels (Capetown, SA), Maria Mihalic, Bill Gilmore, 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:** Patricia George, Ron Perry, Maurice Hayes, Basilio Micale, June Valeen Deane, Margaret Boyle, Paul John Brennan, Sr Helen Mary Perrett RSM, Margaret Dawes, June Hunter, Kevin Duncan, Rita Press, Gloria Verena McMaster, Julian Baldsing, Arthur (Atty) Drieberg, Phyllis Drieberg, Ralph Harris, Agueda Alejandrino, Clarice Edith East, Salma El Jouni, Michael Foy, Brendan Howes, Dorelle Elizabeth Muller, Jim Truscott, Annette Burley, Terry McManus, David Freiberg.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Mary Ward, Catherine Anne Watson (Nee Gaffney), Jacques Philoppe Desbleds, Beryl Hodge, Mary Therese Dean, Isabelle Rose Brock, Theo Robert Farr, Gerald Freestone Junck, Marie Hayden, Anthony Charles Franklin (Tony) Howell, Rossaria Dom Barbaro, Judith Gilliland, Keith Patrick Hoolihan, Neville John Malcolm Nielsen, Jacqueline Faye (Jackie) Hogan, John Alexander Kazimierowicz, Raymond Victor Assaisso.

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## Next Sunday's Readings

### Readings for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. (Corpus Christi). Year B.

**FIRST READING:** Exod 24:3-8

**Ps:** Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 "I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord"

**SECOND READING:** Heb 9:11-15

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (John 6:51): Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living Bread from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*"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.*

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