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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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Sunday, June 6, 2021

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

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

*“Take it; this is my body... . This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”* (Mark 14: 22, 24)



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MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, 2016/6/5. Mosaic of the institution of the Eucharist at the last supper by Jesus Christ as the fifth Luminous mystery.-

By Adam Jan Figel ).

## THE PASTOR'S POST:

### Will Parishes Survive?

I wish I could answer that question with a resounding –‘Yes, of course parishes will survive’. We’ve been through tougher times and always bounced back. We are resilient people and won’t let something like low numbers of clergy or poor Mass attendance put an end to parish life. But while I can say that I believe what I have just written, I am certain that parish life as we have known it for many years will not look the same in the near future. As a faith community we are subject to the same sociological changes as the rest of the world. People’s needs, expectations,

values and beliefs change, and as a result the institutions and structures that support these values and beliefs must also change. While the truths that underpin these beliefs never alter, it would be irresponsible to continue to operate as if nothing has changed, or to believe that people will come to their senses eventually and things will get back to the way they were, or more truthfully, the way we wish they were.

Putting the impact of the pandemic to one side for the moment, the indicators of a need for a change in our Church structure have been clear for some time. The importing of priests from Nigeria and India was seen as a temporary help, just until we got our own vocation campaigns for locally grown vocations working again. While these generous men have been able to starve off the days when we may have had to close down or at least cut down on certain parish activities, it created the false impression that we would always be able to find priests when we needed them, even if we had to import them. Vocations among Australian born men and women continue to plummet, while the responsibilities and areas to be covered continues to grow for the aging clergy still working.

With the substantial growth in Catholic schools and student numbers, we incorrectly assumed these school populations, children and parents, would actually participate in the life of their faith beyond the school grounds i.e. Sunday Mass. Church-based youth groups have had to compete with secular youth activities like sport, music, fashion and a huge range of artistic pursuits as well as the almost compulsory-part time job at Maccas. Church leaders neglected to understand that faith participation became just another involvement for young people and their families, not necessarily a priority, as it used to be.

One of the hidden impacts of why the present operation of our parishes will need to change is that tainted thing called money. The Catholic Church is poor. Now to the average Catholic that statement is outrageous. Surely the Catholic Church has to be one of the richest corporations in the world. It is a worldwide global enterprise. It's rolling in money. Think of those glorious cathedrals and churches. All that artwork. All the bejewelled chalices and gold spun vestments. Well just a slight bit of common sense will contradict these statements. None of that wealth is liquid. Who will buy a broken down historic cathedral or an art piece by Raphael? Would it raise school fees or close down poor parishes, and in some cases, whole dioceses, if it had sufficient funds?

Contrary to popular opinion our church is not a worldwide financial empire. Every diocese is an independent legal corporation unto itself and raises its own money. The Vatican does not send out any money to a struggling diocese, and while some dioceses are better placed than others, most dioceses run at a deficit. Add to this the enormous legal fees and lawsuits that have resulted from paedophilia suits and the substantial costs associated with safeguarding the vulnerable and workplace health and safety requirements, and a more realistic picture is emerging.

One substantial change that has resulted from our aging congregations is the vast army of volunteers, which parish life has relied on for centuries. Older parishioners, while incredibly generous with their time, are finding health issues as well as family commitments of baby-sitting and assisting their working children, has made them time-poor when it comes to being available to church. Finding qualified people to provide advice and services on a voluntary basis and at little or no cost, is a phenomenon of a bygone era.

A recent conversation from a parishioner, neatly summed up how many people are feeling about their parish and the Church in general. "We know that things will have to change, but we hope, I hope, I don't lose my Mass." The celebration of the Eucharist will be the last sacred gathering to go, if at all, but the "when, where and who" of how people will gather will change, and the change is not far away. Parish life will look very different in the future, but the Church will not die. That will only happen when God stops breathing life into our world and the Holy Spirit sees the last human die.

**Fr Peter Dillon PP.**

**No Baptisms this weekend, due to the celebration of First Holy Communions.**

## **SURFERS PARADISE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**



*Congratulations to our 54 Parish children celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday June 6th at 11:00am.*

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

## **CATHOLIC LEADER - MONTHLY NEWSPAPER**

The Catholic Leader June issue is available now for \$4. Featured in this month's issue:

- Married couple of 31 years who faced extraordinary medical challenges talks faith and family
- Springfield sees eight parishioners step forward in public ministry including women acolytes and new deacon
- Meet the newest fully professed Sisters of St Paul de Chartres
- Focus on Marriage: resources and ministries in Brisbane for married couples
- Marlon Riley on Reconciliation
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## MARIAN VALLEY

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday 13th June. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am sharp at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus is \$22 return, and please BYO lunch. You can secure your seat with Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome!

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR WANTED - MARIAN VALLEY

A reliable and organised person is wanted to take over the coordination and administration of pilgrimages from Churches on the Gold Coast to the Marian Valley at Canungra. The pilgrimages take place at least monthly and, on some occasions, twice monthly. The Coordinator will be required to inform the congregations of relevant Gold Coast Parishes of the details of the pilgrimage and then secure transport services and organise collection points. Training will be provided. Please note that this is a volunteer position. For further information or to apply please contact Paula on 0402 930 918 or 07 5582 7950.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH OPPOSITION TO VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING LAW

“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.** *(Please note - for those reading the Friday mailout edition; this is a final notice for the Mass which is tomorrow, Saturday 5th June).*

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

## INSPIRING CATHOLIC QUOTES:

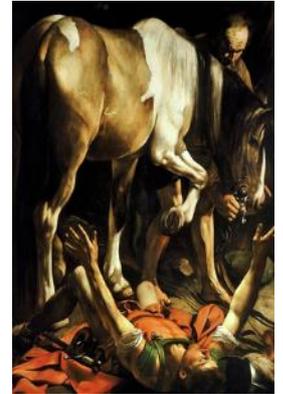
*“The church is that one institution which outlasts its persecutors.” (unknown).*

*“The world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Pope Francis, 2015).*

*“Ingratitude is the soul’s enemy. It is a burning wind that dries up the source of love, the dew of mercy and the streams of grace.” Spend today in a spirit of thanksgiving for God’s many gifts and blessings which, all too often, we take for granted. (St. Bernard).*

## [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



## ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY

*St Paul’s Missionary Journey through His Letters Fortnightly on a Tuesday*

**ALL WELCOME.**

Our next session will be on **Tuesday 8th June at 6pm**  
in the **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.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Feast of Corpus Christi

**“Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it.” - Mark 14:23**

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

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## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH: Don’t think less of others

Poor James the Lesser. The other apostle named James—the Greater—got the better nickname. We don’t even know anything about James the Lesser, other than his name and that Jesus picked him to be one of the 12—but that alone speaks volumes about this James. We’ve all experienced what it feels like to have labels attached to us that make us feel less in the eyes of others, if we even feel seen or known at all. But God looks past those labels to the truth of our identity. That’s where you’ll find your value and dignity, even if others don’t seem to. Remember that, like James, you are God’s chosen.

(John 14:6-14. “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”).

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

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*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

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## POPE FRANCIS: Institutes a new ministry for Catholic Lay People.



Pope Francis creates a new “ministry” for Catholic lay people. By formally instituting the “lay ministry of Catechist”, the pope tries to redefine the place of the laity in a Church he sees as being too clerical.

“ I establish the lay ministry of Catechist.” With these few words, Pope Francis hopes to fundamentally change the Catholic Church from within. The words appear at the very end of a six-page “motu proprio” he published on Tuesday. *Antiquum ministerium* (ancient ministry), as the text is titled, effectively opens another new ministry to the laity.

The move comes after Francis' decision last January to officially extend the functions of acolyte and lector to women.

With this new document he wishes to recognize the place of the hundreds of thousands of “competent” lay catechists who already “carry out a mission invaluable for the transmission and growth of the faith”. The institutionalization of this role, which Paul VI had already envisioned in 1972, has not been widely followed in the Church up to till now. Often associated with the Churches of the South, this ministry never really developed in Europe and North America. Half a century later, the current pope now wants to expressly and more firmly “invite” the bishops to make this instituted ministry “effective”.

He asks them to call “men and women of deep faith and human maturity” to this stable ministry. He says pastors should look for people who are “active participants in the life of the Christian community and are capable of welcoming others, being generous and living a life of fraternal communion”. These future catechists should then be given a “suitable biblical, theological, pastoral and pedagogical formation”, the pope says. Fundamental cultural change, some see this as fundamental cultural change in a Church that, since the Middle Ages, has been marked by the presence of many priests. “We are heirs to a time when priests were plentiful and the laity were always put aside.

It's a complete and very profound change of mentality,” claims Jesuit priest and theologian Cesare Giraudo.

A retired professor of Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, the 80-year-old Italian is convinced that Francis is inviting Catholics to invent new roles for the laity in order to “shake up a Church that is too clericalized” . “In the last few centuries, many different missions have found their way into the hands of priests, thanks to their numbers,” acknowledges Archbishop Vincent Dollmann of Cambrai in northern France, a former official at the Congregation for Catholic Education (2009-2012).

Archbishop Hervé Giraud, a former seminary rector and expert in priestly formation, agrees. “Bishops and priests have too many powers that are far from their primary function,” says the 64-year-old head of the Archdiocese of Sens in central France. Archbishop Dollmann, 56, also spent many years working in seminaries in France and Rome. He believes this exclusively lay ministry should make it possible, as a mirror image, for the ordained priesthood to “rediscover its specificity” .

“The pope is making us aware that not everything revolves around the ordained ministry,” another French bishop told La Croix. By promoting these lay ministries, the pope is also helping to redefine the role of the priest. “An opportunity to be seized” The question now is how to ensure that Pope Francis' initiative does not remain a dead letter on the ground, considering it had little success in the 1970s after Paul VI's original promptings. “The lack of priests is now felt much more strongly in the West. And to be alive, the community needs ministers,” says Cesare Giraudo. “As for mission countries, the Church has experimented with ways of doing things that can be reproduced, especially in the formation of catechists,” the Italian Jesuit suggests.

Arnaud Join-Lambert, professor of theology at the University of Louvain, says that these lay ministries promoted by the pope also constitute “an opportunity to be seized, provided that two pitfalls are overcome”

First of all, he notes that there is “inertia” inherent in any organization, and even more so in the Catholic Church. Archbishop Giraud agrees, but he also believes he should not act alone. “Personally, this question of ministries seems urgent to me, but I prefer to act in collegiality with the other bishops,” he says.

The second risk, according to Join-Lambert, is to reduce these new ministries to a simple reinterpretation of existing roles. Opening a perspective On the ground, some bishops seem determined to take up the pope's invitation immediately. For instance, Archbishop Giraud already has someone in mind to whom he'll propose the new ministry of catechis. “This can only apply to a very small number of people,” he cautions, adding that it should not be seen as a “reward” , but as a “service to all” . All the bishops interviewed by La Croix believe Francis has opened up a perspective that goes far beyond the ministry of catechist. “The fears surrounding the word ministry have been lifted, which will make it possible to give titles that indicate recognition of a gift from God, rather than an internal organization,” insists Archbishop Giraud.

“This opens up a lot of possibilities for me,” agrees Archbishop Dollmann. He sees this as an opportunity to emphasize that “not everything is centered on the Eucharist” . “People must be able to feed on Jesus in the word of God,” he points out. Dollman also wonders if there might not be a way to officially commission those Catholic faithful who regularly organize funerals. “All this needs to be accomplished while making sure that these functions are not institutionalized too much,” he adds. This is a way of being vigilant over the issue of clericalizing the laity, which the pope explicitly warns against in the “motu proprio” . It encourages committed lay people. It also recognizes and promotes them, but without perpetuating a clerical pattern that Francis, since the very beginning of his pontificate, has said the Church must overcome.

The “motu proprio” tries to strike a healthy balance, insisting that the ministry of catechist must be “carried out in a fully 'secular' manner, avoiding any form of clericalization” . “An authentic lay vocation” Precisely to avoid these mistakes, these new ministries should be considered as “an authentic lay vocation, which can flourish throughout a lifetime” , noted Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, at the launch of the new “motu proprio” .

Basically, these instituted ministries are much more than a simple recognition of services that are already rendered by lay people in their parishes or dioceses. “This institution is done by means of a rich liturgy, which emphasizes that it is a vocational mission, which comes from God,” says Join-Lambert. The Louvain theologian believes the pope's new initiative “could change many things in the understanding of the Church, made up of all the baptized for the mission of announcing the Gospel and the faith” . In any case, Francis intends to go all the way and not let this decision remain hanging. At the end of the “motu proprio” he urges all bishops to take up this text and establish, country by country, the appropriate formation programs. And he instructs the Congregation for Divine Worship to publish a “Rite of Institution” for this new lay ministry. The 84-year-old pope says the congregations should do this “soon”

Read more at: <https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/pope-francis-creates-new-ministry-for-catholic-lay-people/14288>

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## THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



Our Lord wanted his life, death and resurrection to be a source of life and salvation for all people of every time and generation. The Christian faith believes in God who becomes flesh... the incarnation... so it is perfectly fitting that Jesus gives us a way we can touch and taste the reality of his loving involvement in the many joys and sorrows, graces and challenges of our daily life.

The sacrament of the body and blood of Our Lord was first instituted at the Lord's Last Supper, before he suffered his passion. He celebrated the annual tradition of the Passover meal, in which generations of God's people repeated the meal commemorating the freeing of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. According to that God-given tradition, everyone who participated in that sacred meal was included and united in God's saving action, irrespective of the time or place in which that person was joining-in.

Fast forward a thousand or so years and Our Lord, who has come to perfect and fulfil the Law of God, also celebrates this ancient Passover feast. But, near the end of the meal, he does something new... something that makes this Passover meal his own and which creates the means by which we can all be included in his love and salvation. He took bread, blessed it and said... see this bread... this is truly my body broken for you ... take and eat... do this in memory of me. Then he took a chalice of wine and blessed it and gave it to his disciples and said... take this and drink of it... this is the chalice of my blood... poured out for you and for many... to forgive sins... do this as a memorial of me.

This action means that we, some two thousand years after his supper, are all included in the benefits that Christ won for us by his love.

We live in a deeply sacramental world ... so many things in this world bring us the reality of what they signify... a warm handshake of friendship is a sacrament in a sense of friendship which actually gives us the expression and feeling of the friendship it represents....

Jesus, in his wonderful ministry, ate and drank with so many people. He shared meals with sinners, He included people of every different group. He healed, he welcomed, he taught and he cared for all.

It is fitting that Jesus left us the gift of this holy meal, as more than a reminder of him and his ministry... but this meal presents to us, by his own promise and command, his very self, given for us. As we take the host we are receiving Jesus into our hearts and lives, as we drink his chalice, we are washed clean and joined to God and one another. Now, we all can be part of what Our Lord offered first to his apostles.

The gift of the Eucharist is essential in the life of all Christians. We are receiving Christ himself in his word, in the weekly scripture readings, and we receive Christ truly in his body and blood in communion. .... We are opening up weekly the meaning and implication of the scriptures and ensuring that it is not just our convenient and comfy version of Jesus' word, but His challenging message that spurs us on to action week after week....

I always like to say to First Holy Communion classes as they receive Jesus in communion for the first time... that “there is only one thing better than one's first holy communion ... and that is your second holy communion..... and there is only one thing better than second holy communion and that is your third.... and so on...and so on.....weekly..... It sets up a pattern of communion with Christ in our daily life...

Our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ connects us forever to God... and to our loved ones..... every time we celebrate Eucharist and every time we receive the body and blood of Christ, we are united, in communion and connected by an unbreakable bond to God, first and foremost... (through Jesus), but also we are connected to our loved ones.. and friends.. and fellow Christians..... and we are even connected to our departed loved ones who are all part of the communion of believers.... Alive in Christ... forever... Today we celebrate Jesus, who makes his home in us, through the sacrament of his body and blood... This is a gift that is truly priceless.

**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> Fr. Paul Kelly.**

{References: Fr Paul W. Kelly, Barclay, W. (1975). The Gospel of Mark. 2nd ed. Edinburgh: St. Andrew Press, and For a Background on Sacramental Theology context, please see: Vorgrimler, H. (1992). Sacramental theology. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press}

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## MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL): 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 1.5 m to 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: [bookoo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast](http://bookoo.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, visit the Religious Goods Shop today.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites you to celebrate with us, the 45th Anniversary of Marriage Encounter in Queensland, to be held on Sunday 20th June 2021 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 9 Bowman St, Hendra. This event will commence with Mass at 2pm followed by a social gathering, with a sausage sizzle, cake, soft drinks, tea and coffee. Please register the names of those attending with David and Maria Murphy, who will advise COVID requirements. [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)

### 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.**

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## 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.

## 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/)

## 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, 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:** Marie Van Twest, Patricia Dorothy Geor, Ron Perry, Maurice Hayes, Basilio Micale, June Valeen Deane, Patricia George, Margaret Boyle, Paul John Brennan, Sr Helen Mary Perrett RSM, Margaret Dawes, June Hunter, Kevin Duncan, Rita Press, Gloria Verena McMaster.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Pam Chapman, Phillip Taplin, Mathew Maric, Josip Grzic, Bernadette Gouel, Simplicio Cabral, Judith Gilliland, Keith Patrick Hoolihan, Neville John Malcolm Nielsen, Jacqueline Faye (Jackie) Hogan, John Alexander Kazimierowicz, Raymond Victor Assaïso, Janmaree Walsh, Antoinette Denise Brennen, Costanzo Letizia, Irene Hoolihan, Casey Jones Townsend, Judith Lorraine Taylor, Fr Charlie Casey, Aileen Pettersson, Maria Silvestri-Fiore, Andrew Hale, Stephen Gallagher.

## Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

FIRST READING: Ezek 17: 22-24

Ps 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16. "Lord it is good to give thanks to you."

SECOND READING: 2 Cor 5: 6-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ((no bibl. ref.)). Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the Word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 26-34

*"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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*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.*