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Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Parish Activities in 2020

ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES ARE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BAPTISMS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
 Saturday | 9.30 a.m. | monthly
 1st Saturday St Francis'
 2nd Saturday St Mary's
 3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9.30 a.m. Bookings essential.

ADORATION
 Sunday: 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. St Mary's Church

DIVINE MERCY
 Sunday: 4:15pm St Mary's Church

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION
 Monday to Friday: 12:00 noon—2:00 p.m. at St Mary's Church

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST
 1st Saturday of the month at 6:00 p.m. St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End website: awaken.org.au

ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly
 Every Monday
 Monday: 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS
 1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7:00 a.m.
 1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7:00 a.m.


PARISH MORNING TEAS
 Every Sunday St Mary's (and Feast Days)
 1st Sunday of the month
 OLPS Fairfield after 7:00 a.m. Mass
 St Francis Church after 9:00 a.m. mass

FAMILY MASS
 4th Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5:00 p.m. (school term only)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 St Ita's Church 5:00 p.m. (except for family mass)
 St Mary's Church 9.00am

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 Dates to be advised | St Francis Hall

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And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Kitty O'Meara



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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
 29 March 2020 - Year A**

Pope at Audience: we are called to live the fullness of life
 Pope Francis marks the 25th anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Encyclical, *Evangelium vitae*, confirming that the fight to preserve human life and dignity is more important than ever.
 By Francesca Merlo

March 25 marks both the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium vitae*. Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical, also known as the 'Gospel of Life', is dedicated to the value and inviolability of human life.

The Gospel of Life
 During his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis stressed the connection between the Annunciation and the "Gospel of Life". Today, we must explain this "in the context of a pandemic that threatens human life", making the Encyclical's opening words "feel even more challenging", he said. The opening words read as follows:
The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture.

As in every other Gospel proclamation, this must be 'witnessed', first of all, said the Pope. The Pope expressed his gratitude to all those who are "putting into practice the Gospel of Life" as they bear witness doing their best to help the sick, the elderly, the lonely and the destitute, he said.

Promoting and defending life
 This is the life we are called to promote and defend, explained

the Pope. It is not an "abstract concept", but is "manifest through the person, in the flesh".
...A newly conceived child, a poor outcast, a lonely and discouraged sick person, someone who has lost their job or can't find one, a rejected or marginalised migrant...
 God calls "each person to live the fullness of life" said the Pope. Unfortunately attacks on the human person persist even in this age, "the age of universal human rights", he added. We face new threats, and laws do not always protect the weakest and most vulnerable.

The relevance of Evangelium vitae
 For this reason, "the message of *Evangelium vitae* is more relevant than before", It goes far beyond the emergencies we are currently facing, he said. *It is a matter of acting on a cultural and educational level in order to transmit an attitude of solidarity, caring and welcome to future generations, knowing that the culture of life is not the exclusive patrimony of Christians. It belongs to all those who, working to build fraternal relationships, recognise the value of each individual person, even when he or she is fragile and suffering.*

Every human life is unique
 Pope Francis confirmed that "every human life...is of unique value", and we must always proclaim this with "the courage of words and the courage of action".
 The Pope concluded repeating Saint John Paul II's appeal of 25 years ago: "Respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life". (Enc. *Evangelium vitae*, 5).

MASS TIMES
St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm
St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Sunday: 9am
St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm; Sunday: 8.00am
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday: 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

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CONFESION
St Mary's Church:
 Fri: 7.30am—8am Sat: 8.30-9.00am; Sun: 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: Sat: 4-4.50pm

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READINGS AT MASS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. R/
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. R/
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for day break. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) R/
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. R/

Second reading Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation John 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord,

come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Next Sunday's readings: Entrance: Mt 21: 1-11; **1st reading:** Is 50: 4-7 **2nd reading:** Phil 2: 6-11; **Gospel** Mt 26: 14-27:66

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Sunday 29 March is National Day of Prayer

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations,
with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



MY Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though Thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Monday 30th:

R/ *Though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil, for you are with me.*

Tuesday 31st:

R/ *O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.*

Wednesday 1st:

R/ *Glory and praise to you for ever!*

Thursday 2nd:

R/ *The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

Friday 3rd:

R/ *In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.*

Saturday 4th:

R/ *The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.*

Church buildings closed

Current advice from public health authorities is that minimising contact between people is critical to curb the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Following on from the Federal Government's decision to limit non-essential gatherings, all Catholic Churches within the Archdiocese of Brisbane are closed effective Monday 23 March, until further notice.

We have also made the decision to remotely run the parish office. We are still able to access, phone messages, emails and documents, so please let us know if you need anything. We are here to support you. If you or someone you know needs pastoral care or help to stay connected with the parish community, especially if you are elderly or in isolation we have ways we can help.

We have had a lot of great feedback with links that can help you connect and discover a new way of 'doing' church whilst the buildings are closed. We invite you to join us to celebrate your faith with your community from home.

Fr Joshy Parappully

Join with us this Sunday as Fr Joshy livestreams mass from the Friary Chapel 9am on the St Mary's Facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthernbrbane/>
If you have trouble finding the correct site, type into the search bar: St Marys Catholic Parish South Brisbane and select the one with the profile picture of Mary and Jesus as shown here.



Children's Mass

A lively and fun version from Singapore
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dMZqkMAQpc&list=RDCMUC4HqQT1uH3dzz_ZSR_mvUEw&start_radio=1&t=30

Archdiocese:

8am Mon-Friday and **10am Sunday**
watch Mass - St Stephen's Cathedral will be live-streamed whilst our Churches are closed. Several links
www.archbne.org/bzw
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>
If you find it hard to connect try UTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaWPFJTLNis>

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Parish Activities—Cancelled until further notice

**Stations of the Cross | Lenten Reflection
St Francis Table | St Mary's Passion Play**

Church income has been severely effected by the closures. As a non profit organisation the funds donated through the collections keep the parish running. Our Insurance and Maintenance unfortunately don't stop. Please consider continuing your giving to the collections during this time You can do so online with an internet transfer, or contact our parish secretary to set up a Direct Debit or credit card payment.

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Evangelisation Brisbane— Parish Leadership Day has been cancelled.

An unintentional consequence of the COVID-19 situation for many of our parishioners is isolation, loneliness, disconnection and the breakdown of the most powerful symbol of the Church – the gathering of people around the Eucharist. At this time, it is crucial that parishioners can continue to encounter Jesus, feel connected, loved, cared for and listened to. This will be one of the key focuses of Evangelisation Brisbane over the coming months and we will look to develop resources to support this. We will be updating during each week as online resources are developed to support you during the COVID-19 situation.

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