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## Pastoral Care Update

Our Parish Pastoral Care ministry to the Families and Vulnerable Elderly during this COVID-19 Pandemic is ongoing. Thanks to all our generous and dedicated volunteers without their support we will not be able to reach-out to our needy brothers and sisters. Every week we are currently supporting more than 40 Vulnerable Elderly living alone, feeling disconnected and lonely; some homeless and families experiencing difficulties. A single phone calls, a simple act of kindness to support them in their shopping, collect and drop off medication and a hot meals cooked with love and delivered at their door steps once or twice a week means so much to each of them. They said food is always there but during this pandemic we are just so grateful for bringing us not only food supplies but a breathe of new fresh air of love, hope, care and true compassion.

Yesterday while delivering the meals, knocking from door to door one of the Elderly truly touch my heart sharing her beautiful thoughts" she said: "You and me can't be a pencil to write anyone's happiness but we can both try to be a nice eraser to remove their sadness and replace it with big SMILE." As I continue my delivery I was filled with joy deep in my heart and came to realized that the happiest people in life are the givers not the receivers. Then as I was about to drop the last set of meals I saw a homeless man walking on the street at Hardgrave road West End. I stopped and asked him where is he going and said trying to find someone who could give him a few coin to buy a meal so I offered him the last meal I had and he said, Yes of course with a smile on his face. He continued to say, "You know what? when you pray God listens, when you listens, God talks. When you believe, God works. Thank you Madam," he said, "you are God's answer to my prayers. I prayed to God to give me a few dollars to buy something to eat and you gave me a full meal for a day. God bless you Madam"....What a day filled with so many beautiful sharing of faith and blessings.

Thanks to all my Team of volunteers for sharing your cup full of love, for sharing a teaspoon of care and a smile and a Zero ounces of expectation in return. In order to continue this ministry to spread the virus of Love and kindness we will be very grateful if you could assist us or donate some basic necessities such as:

- Food service container:
- Round Take away container with Lid ( 520 ML -630 ML)
- Rectangle Take away container with Lid ( 650 ML)
- UHT Milk, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, sugar, Instant Noodles, Cooking Oil

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for drop off,

Thank You and God Bless you.  
 Kind regards,  
 Sr.Salvacion,sfi



If there is anything we as a parish can do to assist you during COVID-19 please get in touch.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 update**  
 Due to the current situation and the Government regulation regarding Covid-19, the sacramental program for sacrament of Confirmation is cancelled for this year. We will keep you posted with any update for the sacrament of First Holy Communion program scheduled in September.



**EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:**  
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## The Ascension of the Lord 24 May 2020 - Year A

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. After his resurrection, having spent forty days with his disciples, our Lord ascends to his beloved Father. In today's Gospel we have the farewell scenario between the disciples and Jesus and we read the intimate moment of separation between friends. As he prepares to depart from the earth he offers them his parting gifts: the gift of understanding so that they can now fully comprehend the meaning of the Scriptures; the promise that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit; a final loving blessing and promise that he will not abandon them but be with them till the end of times. He gives them the command to preach the Good News to all nations. The Lord instructed them to be his witnesses from Jerusalem to the ends of the world, but they were also told to await the gift of the Holy Spirit. The first reading of today tells us of the fact of the Ascension and the way Jesus bids farewell to the disciples. In the second reading Paul tells us that God has made Jesus the Head over all things for the Church, which is His Body. In other words, Jesus is the invisible Leader and Head of the visible Church that He has established on earth. This Feast of the Ascension commemorates the completion of the earthly work of redemption of Jesus and his elevation into Heaven by His own power. This took place in the presence of His disciples on the fortieth day of his Resurrection. Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions we **will be returning to our Mass schedule from 1st June, at St Mary's church.** However, in line with the Government's social distancing guidelines, between then and Friday 12 June 2020 we are allowed a maximum of 10 people in attendance at each Mass (including myself and any ministers).

We recognise that many of you have been deeply concerned by not being able to attend Mass and would like to return as soon as possible. To ensure a fair approach to determining who can attend Mass from 1 June, we will be asking you to register. Legislation requires we have a Marshall and I have appointed Dianne Ezzy to this role.

All parishioners who would like to attend a Mass between 1 June and Friday 12 June are asked to email or call Dianne. Every Thursday we will be advising each individual which Mass they are registered for that week. Given the restrictions on numbers, some Masses may have filled up by the time you get a call and so you will have to select a Mass from the remaining available spots. Once your name

has been allocated to a mass, it will not be re-added until all registered parishioners have had the opportunity to attend a Mass. Dianne's contact details are below.

We appreciate your support and understanding in implementing a fair and equitable approach.

As we conclude National Volunteer Week, to everyone who volunteers in our parish, whether in one of our 4 churches or our various ministries, I thank you for all you do. Hopefully when restrictions lift we will be able to celebrate together. **Thank You and God bless,**  
 Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap  
 Parish Priest

### St Mary's Church

#### PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

**Monday to Friday: 12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.**

St Mary's is now open weekdays for quiet prayer for a maximum of 10 people at one time. Social distancing rules and hygiene protocols remain paramount and guidelines set by the Archdiocese will be in place.

#### NEXT STEP—MASS FROM 1ST JUNE

1st June St Mary's will be open for mass as follows:  
 Maximum 10 people until 12 June

- 7am Monday—Friday daily mass
- 8am Saturday mass
- 9am Sunday mass (9am only)

All masses are a maximum of 10 people—registered

#### You must register through Dianne Ezzy

- call 0411 869 017
- leave a clear message with name and telephone number, or
- email [ezzydi@bigpond.com](mailto:ezzydi@bigpond.com)

If you are unable to contact Dianne, please contact the parish office.

We ask if you are unwell, please do not attend mass.

Social distancing guidelines, legislative requirements, cleaning and hygiene protocols are in place.

Once booked in you will receive a confirmation call or email to advise of the mass you are registered for. When attending mass you must sign the register, please bring your own pen to do this.

Police are already enforcing the guidelines for gatherings at churches this week. Please do not turn up to mass unless you have received confirmation that you are registered. You will risk being fined even if you are in the car park.

**LIVE STREAMING MASS**  
**Sunday 9am**  
**Daily Mass - Monday to Saturday 7.30 am**

We invite you to join us to celebrate your faith with your parish community from home. Fr Joshy will be live streaming masses during this time. Set up a prayer space in your home and watch mass and pray together as a family. To view visit - Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/> or Website <https://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au/> Online Mass <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu-xfG5a5Y5la19Qanz2wsA>

**READINGS AT MASS**

**Entrance Antiphon Acts 1: 11**  
 Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
 This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
 will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**First reading Acts 1:1-11**  
 In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9**  
*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

- All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!  
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. R/
- the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
 Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. R/
- God is king of all the earth,  
 sing praise with all your skill.  
 God is king over the nations;  
 God reigns on his holy throne. R/

**Second reading Ephesians 1:17-23**  
 May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he

has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Go and teach all people my gospel.  
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**  
 Go and make disciples of all nations  
 The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**Communion Antiphon Mt 28: 20**  
 Behold, I am with you always,  
 even to the end of the age, alleluia.

**Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading:** Acts 2: 1-11;  
**2nd reading:** 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13; **Gospel:** Jn 20: 19-23

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**This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)**

**Monday 25th: Our Lady, Help of Christians (Solemnity)**  
 R/ Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

**Tuesday 26th: St Philip Neri (Memorial)**  
 R/ I will bless the Lord at all times.

**Wednesday 27th:**  
 R/ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

**Thursday 28th:**  
 R/ Keep me safe, O Lord; you are my hope.

**Friday 29th:**  
 R/ The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

**Saturday 30th:**  
 R/ The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

**Be Aware - Scam email purporting to be from Fr Joshy**

Scam artists are pretending to be priests, contacting people by email. If you receive an email from Fr Joshy - please look at the email address. **If it is any different to his official parish priest email It is not from him - delete the email.**

**His Official parish email is -**  
[pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Novena To The Holy Spirit For The Seven Gifts**

This Friday, 22 May we commence praying the Novena To The Holy Spirit For The Seven Gifts. Although there are several different versions of "Pentecost Novenas" the original Novena prayer was a Pentecost Novena.

"Novenas are an ancient tradition that goes back to the days of the Apostles.

Jesus told His disciples to pray together after His ascension into heaven, so they went to an upper room along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Acts 1:14) and joined constantly in prayer for nine days.

These nine days of constant prayer by the Apostles, at the direction of Jesus, led up to Pentecost. This is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:1-4). This pattern of 9 days of prayer is the basis of the novenas we pray today!

Thus, the novena is an imitation of the Lord's command to the Apostles when they prayed for 9 days in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

And that's why we pray all of our novenas for nine days, followed by one final prayer on the 10th day (which is usually the feast day)." Ref: Praymorenovenas.com

Please join us from this Friday, 22 May, until Saturday, 30 May (Pentecost eve) to pray the Novena. A PDF of this novena will be attached with the newsletter.



**The Rosary Pray in May**

Pope Francis wants to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.

The Month of May is a time Catholics all over the world join together in prayer through the rosary. Pope Francis calls us to contemplate the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother and unite as a spiritual family to overcome this time of trial.

For Pope Francis' full letter visit: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>  
 We encourage you to join in this beautiful practice.

**For Children**

**Children's Mass** A lively and fun version from Singapore just search for current week, new links are live from Sundays <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgtJd1riQP0> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgtJd1riQP0>

**Brisbane Liturgy** <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>



**Cath Kids** <https://cathfamily.org/> is a weekly interactive experience with a short animated video on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity, and prayer. Subscribe now! Free until 30 June 2020

**Archdiocese:**  
 8am and 12.30pm Mon-Friday mass & 8am or 10am Sundays  
 St Stephen's Cathedral will be live-streamed whilst our Churches are closed.  
 Also during May Marian Devotions Saturdays at 11.30am. For a full list of streaming see website. This Saturday Bishop Brian Celebrates his 50th anniversary of his ordination with mass at 11.30 livestreamed.  
 Several links  
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 If you find it hard to connect try UTube  
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**Who for:** HS & YA **Where:** Join at: [facebook.com/igyouth](https://facebook.com/igyouth) [youtube.com/igyouthtv](https://youtube.com/igyouthtv)



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**2 Minute Videos** We've produced 6 x 2min videos on the following: prayer at home with the family, spiritual communion, St Therese Lisieux's advice on COVID-19, Scripture applied to COVID-19, encountering God at home, and how Catholics can respond to suffering and crisis. Here's the first - Eric Robinson, father of 3, shares his insights on prayer with the family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5MC2JHPKGY&feature=youtu.be>

**Sunday Gospel Encounters** Deacon Peter unpacks the Sunday Gospels in these weekly videos and encourages the faithful to engage with their local parish or community for live streamed masses. You can find them on our <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> and posted on Sunday mornings to our [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/evangelisationbrisbane)

**Pentecost Pilgrimage** This international online conference features an incredible line up of speakers (including two of our very own - Deacon Peter Pellican and Shane Dwyer) to take you on a journey towards the celebration of the birth of our Church. Talk videos will be released on Sundays and Wednesdays. Register online at: [www.pentecostpilgrimage.com](http://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com)

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click on the link below to access Mass for You at Home in languages other than English. Choices include Indonesian, Italian, Korean, Latin American, Maronite, Melkite, Polish, Samoan, South Sudanese, Syro-Malabar, Timor Leste, Ukrainian, Vietnamese and more <http://multiculturalcare.org.au/diversity/faith-online/>

**Daily Gospel Reflection**

A series of theological reflections on the gospel of the day, intended to help us consider what our faith is calling us to as we travel through Eastertide and beyond during this challenging time. View on our website: <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/>