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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **4th / 5th MAY 2019 - Year C**

A BRAVE BELIEF

Have you ever been brave enough to ask yourself if you really do believe in Christ's resurrection? Be assured it does require courage to ask the question. Whatever answer you arrive at demands a demonstrative response in the way that we relate to one another, the way we pray and in general in the way we live.

If we decide that the evidence and argument draws us to accept that there may be another explanation for what the women in the garden saw, perhaps we might think that they were overcome with emotion after Christ's death, or they didn't look clearly into the tomb or that someone had moved the body before they arrived, then it might be very reasonable for us to say that something unusual happened but it wasn't rising from the dead.

If on the other hand we accept Mary of Magdala's account of the angel informing them that he who was once dead is now alive, that they actually saw the linen clothes lying on the ground, that the tomb was empty and that Jesus had actually done what he said would happen, then we can truly call ourselves people of the resurrection.

However we should be quite clear that neither proposition is arrived at easily, since there have been strong arguments to support both approaches over the centuries. Our acceptance of Christ's resurrection is the pivotal Christian belief. We cannot call ourselves Christian and not accept that Christ rose three days after his death by crucifixion. Yet accepting this tenet is only half the story, because to believe in Christ's resurrection is to believe in our own rising and all that it entails.

In reality, most of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle of the two propositions. We live our lives with open options, just in case we hear a more convincing argument.

We don't commit ourselves entirely to what resurrection asks of us just in case we need an escape from its life-changing expectation. That physical death has no power over us, that in death, *life is changed not ended*. Many appear quite happy to accept that Christ rose and leave it there. It doesn't change their lives or their understanding of the world.

Easter then, is something of a "crunch" time. It is not a time of half hearted involvement, of standing back till we are swayed one way or another. It is a time of courageous commitment, of not looking back, but bravely living a life without end.

Fr. Peter Dillon

MOTHER'S DAY RUN - SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2019:

All parishioners are advised that the annual **Mother's Day Run** will take place on **Sunday 12th May** along Hedges Avenue in Broadbeach. We will still have access to Stella Maris on Saturday evening for our Reconciliation and Vigil Mass but there **WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES at Stella Maris Church.**

You will be able to attend Sunday Masses at **Sacred Heart Church**, Clear Island Waters at **9am and 6pm** or at **St Vincent's Church**, Surfers Paradise at **8am or 10am.**

“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.

READINGS THIS WEEK: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41;
Apocalypse 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17;
John 10: 27-30.

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF SAFETY AND PEACE IN SRI LANKA

We pray to you Jesus in heartfelt prayer.

We pray for those who were killed in the recent bombings in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa.

We pray for their families, friends and communities, who are grieving in Sri Lanka and in other nations.

We pray for all who have been traumatized by this evil. Help us to work together to overcome hatred with love.

We accompany them in prayer, Jesus, as they await safety and peace.

We pray for the safety of the people of Sri Lanka: for their safety in attending public functions, for their safety in praying publicly in churches and other places of worship, for the safety of their children, and for the safety of guests to their nation.

We pray to you Jesus,

for those working together for peace.

We pray for the gifts of religious and civil peace in Sri Lanka, and the human right to gather together peacefully.

We pray to you Jesus, to show us the way forward in love.

We pray as sisters and brothers, as family.

We pray for your blessing, Jesus, on the people of Sri Lanka.
Amen.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Rachel and Kemal Coutinho of Broadbeach Waters, for the week commencing **6th May**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

BAPTISM PARENTS: You are advised that an information session for those wishing to present their children for Baptism will be held this coming **Wednesday 8th May** at **6:30pm** in the **Sacred Heart Church**. Attendance at one meeting is a pre-requisite for Baptism.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Deacon's Brendan Gormley and Joshua Whitehead, are to be Ordained in **St Stephen's Cathedral** on **Friday 31st May** at **7pm**. All are welcome to attend. **Please keep Brendan and Josh in your prayers.**

SACRAMENTAL NEWS: [2019-2020 Sacramental Program:](#)

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane Confirmation is celebrated before Holy Communion.

Eligibility: Candidates must be 8 years of age or older; in Year Three or higher and have already received the Sacrament of Baptism. Please enrol via the Parish Website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

Confirmation (2019)

Compulsory Introductory Parent Information Session for 2019 - 2020 Sacramental Program:

Either: Monday July 22nd 2019, 7pm - **Sacred Heart Church**

Or: Tuesday July 23rd 2019, 6pm - **Sacred Heart Church**

Rite of Enrolment – Presentation of Mass Book

Either Saturday August 3rd 2019 – **Sacred Heart**, 6pm

Or Sunday August 4th 2019 - **Sacred Heart**, 9am

Confirmation Workshops (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Session 1: Monday July 29th, 7pm **or** Tuesday July 30th, 6pm

Session 2: Mon August 5th, 7pm **or** Tuesday August 6th, 6pm

Session 3: Mon August 12th, 7pm **or** Tues August 13th, 6pm

Presentation of the Creed (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Saturday 10th August 2019 at 5pm

Or Sunday 11th August 2019 at 9am

Celebration of Confirmation (venue: Sacred Heart Church)

Either Friday 23rd August 2019 at 5pm

Or Friday 23rd August 2019 at 7pm

ANOINTING MASS TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2019:



The next **Anointing Mass** will be held this coming **Tuesday 7th May** in **Sacred Heart Church** commencing at **10.00am**, and will be followed by Morning Tea at the Parish Hospitality Centre.

SPCL members are asked to please bring a plate.

The **SPCL** Monthly Meeting will follow the Morning Tea.



Open Morning
Sunday 19 May 10am – 12noon
Co-educational Catholic College
for Years 7 -12

Guided tours, displays
and enrolment information.

Please phone 5530 2722 if you have a question



ART AND CRAFT NEWS: THE ART AND CRAFT GROUP are hosting an Exhibition at Robina Gallery which will be opened by Fr Peter Dillon on **Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am**. Everyone welcome and a free morning tea will be provided whilst you view the wonderful array of items on display for you to purchase.

THE 2019 GREGORY TERRACE PAST MOTHERS MASS AND MORNING TEA: Will take place on Sunday 19th May from 10am at the Chapel of the Holy Family, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane followed by Morning Tea in the Founders' Room. Cost is \$60 + booking fee. RSVP via College Events by 14 May. For further details please contact Samantha Mills on 0409 290 906 or samtonymills@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS: These days of public holidays for national celebrations like Anzac Day and Labour Day can turn our thoughts to the question, **"What is an 'Australian' person and way of life?"**

A display in the Library features the lives of Australians. Of course our Saint, **Mary MacKillop**. Recommended is "The Little Brown Book" which combines attractive short pieces of her writing and story with a reflective question. Like Mary this book is firmly rooted in everyday practicalities and Australian society.

Biography is a popular section of our Library and the display has books about modern Australians to inspire us.

With an election on our minds we could take St. Mary's words of 1909 to heart. **"Let God guide you in all your life"**. Part of the display contains books about our **Catholic Social Teaching**. These issues could give your voting choice a direction and fruitfulness.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend to be held **2 to 4 August 2019**. Relationship enrichment for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, Phone **3342 1456**, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Watch our video - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nCf1X91YzMjJuVM-ouVILrvltjRnVt7x>

SPANISH SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS at ST VINCENT'S CHURCH, SURFERS PARADISE: Young Adults aged 20 to 40 years are invited to attend this weekly meeting to take place from 6pm on each Wednesday evening in St Vincent's Church. We commence with hospitality and everyone is invited to bring a plate to share. After that we will move on to discussions on current topics, and some Bible Study. Held under the auspice of Fr Ignacio Gutierrez. For more information please contact **Juan Arrieta on 0406 705 349**. Everyone is welcome! Limited parking available in the Church carpark.

MAY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH. During this month we will be working together across the Archdiocese to demonstrate our commitment to help end domestic and family violence and raise awareness of the work we do to support victims through Centacare.

This weekend Prayer Cards will be available in the Church to encourage you to pray for victims; and Wallet Cards are also available with information about domestic and family violence, with signs of someone who may be experiencing it and what you can do to help.

YOU ARE INVITED to conclude the Easter Season, with **An Evening of Religious and Sacred Music** at Mary Mother of Mercy Church, Sunlight Drive Burleigh Waters, on Friday 24th May from 7pm-9pm. **Connecting hands with East Timor, to fund teacher and student scholarships.** Tickets available on line, at the Burleigh Parish Churches or at the door. Ticket prices:- Adults \$20 Concession \$15 .Family (2 or more) \$50 Concession \$40. For more information Contact Sue & Bren Milsom **0407 533 048**

CHERISH LIFE – GOLD COAST BRANCH - MEETING:

All Life minded people are welcome: **6.30pm Monday 13 May** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverly Gooding, Olive Matthews, Joseph Robinson, Denis Draper, Annunziata Morabito, Maura O'Rourke (Ireland), Fred Egan (Sydney) Gregory Perkins, Margaret Maquire, Claire Keefe (Exton), Bernadette Bennett, Patricia "Patsy" Dooley, Benjamin Bondoc, Kaye Diane Blake.

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Toomey, Kath Ryan, Gordon Lepp, Frank Glynn, Maude Bhugon, Veronica Bond, Pat Rainbird,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Tricia Baumann, Antonius Bennik, Warren Gardner, Terry King, Joanne Parkes, Kim Parkes, Cecilia Calligan, Angelita Freda, Norm Harding, Patricia Bridgewienand, Raymond Bridge, Gerard Theron, Alan Krushka, Paul Kiely, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Robert and Anne Maree Reed, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Rosa Michael, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Bernie Seeto, Kurt Hillesheim, Brian McGettigan, Joanne Mooney, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, John Stowers, Frank Lyons (Syd), Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Mark Miller, John & Molly Robinson, Yvonne Lofthouse, Eileen McCarthy, Mary Kerr.

Please review this list and advise the Office of any names that should be removed. If you wish to remain on the list please advise the Parish Office.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6TH MAY	7TH MAY	8TH MAY	9TH MAY	10TH MAY	11TH MAY
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	10.00am SACRED HEART ANOINTING MASS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART <small>PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.</small>
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday Evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday Evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday Evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am				

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

- Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church**
Inquiries please phone - 3252 2200 for inquiries.
- Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church**
Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736
Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882
- Filipino: Next Mass, 2nd June 2019, 12noon at Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport.** Will continue at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233
- Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church**
Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com
- Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994**

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 14th May @ 12 noon.

BRIDGE: Monday 12 noon & Wednesday 1pm PHC

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 16th May 2019. Cancelled for April.

SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 7th May 2019

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session.

YOGA: Each Tues 10:45am \$10/Per Session.

divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays 6am PHC Mob 0435 721 258

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397 \$12 session.

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

MARRIAGES: (Min 6mths notice required) Phone 5572 5433

BENEDICTION: 1st Friday 7:30am St Vincent's Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CARE & CONCERN: Transport to Medical Apts: 0474 211 908

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: **Next on 5th May** then the next date will be **26th May 2019.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am (PO Prayer Room) & 6pm (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

COUPLES FOR CHRIST FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY AND LIFE:
Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 19th May.**

EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church: **Monday & Friday 6am; Thursday 9:00am** Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm; **1st Friday 7pm 7th June to 7am Sat 8th June.**

ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass
Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

VENIRE YOUTH MASS: Next Sunday 26 May at 6pm SH

Fatima Day 13th May and Mary Help of Christians 18th May
Marian Valley: Please contact Paula on 0402 930 918
or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

- Registering in parish Sacrament enquiry Youth Prayer request
 Roster availability Other: _____ To commence parish planned giving program

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.