



Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums!!

God, Creator and Lord of the universe, chose to put himself - tiny, needy and helpless - into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world, recalls Mary's.

"A society without mothers would be a dehumanised society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world." - Pope Francis.

I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love. Amen.

I Will Not Leave You Orphans

In spite of the advent of fast-food outlets and eating meals on the run, the human instinct to celebrate with a meal has not left us. We celebrate the big occasions by inviting others to dine with us. Sometimes we refer to ourselves as religiously hanging on to certain traditions and this is particularly apt when we are talking about celebratory meals. Virtually all the great religions of the world celebrate their festivals with food and drink. Therefore, it is highly significant that Jesus used the great Jewish festival of the Passover to institute the sacrificial meal of the Eucharist as the means whereby his faithful followers would keep his memory alive. And, of course, for men and women of faith it is not just a matter of nostalgically recalling what Jesus said and did, but believing, knowing, that he is fulfilling his promise not to leave us orphans.

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Sound System

Due to age problems with the sound system we have had to turn all the back speakers off. A generous donor has offered to pay for a new one.



Week 3 Winners!

1st Prize - No 19
2nd Prize - No 26
Congratulations!



Men's Group

Join us for lunch and a yarn.
Wednesday 17
May 12 noon at
Shelly Beach Golf
Club Shelly
Beach. We look
forward to seeing
you. Enquiries
Lui 4388 9510.



Quote for the Week

*The loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the heart of
a mother.*

- St Thérèse of
Lisieux

I Will Not Leave You Orphans *(continued)*

In the event of the Last Supper John's Gospel recalls the lengthy conversation Jesus had with his disciples during the meal. Indeed, it culminates in our being able to eaves drop on Jesus praying to his Father, a prayer which centres on us all being "one." Today we hear Jesus encouraging the disciples to enter into this relationship which he has with Father. The key to our understanding will be the gift of the Spirit, who enables us to see what is going on. When we reflect on what we are being invited to consider, it is truly astonishing. We are being invited to dine with God and thereby share the very life of God. Just as it was through the Spirit that Christ was conceived by Mary and came among us, so now the Spirit will continue to make him present so that he may live in us; through the Eucharist we become the body of Christ.

Down through the centuries much Christian spirituality has concentrated on our personal relationship with God, but today greater emphasis is being given to a more expansive vision, which embraces not just our relationship with God or even with one another, but also with the whole of creation. The New Testament is clear that Christ's salvation is not limited: it is for all men and women of all time and indeed for the whole of creation.

When we receive Holy Communion, we are not just nurturing our own personal relationship with Christ and his Father; through the gift of the Eucharist we are able to recognise that it is an open invitation and so we are united with all our brothers and sisters who gather around the altar and indeed with those who have gone before us in the hope of eternal life. This reminds us of why devotion to Our Lady and the saints is so significant. We can see more clearly what Christ is offering us; how we are indeed all one with him and the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. Spend some time today reflecting on the wonderful gift that is ours and how in the Eucharist we are also caught up in the promise of Jesus, made just before today's Gospel passage and which we heard last Sunday: that he is going to prepare a place for us and that in his Father's house there are many rooms.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media Family

Do Not Be Troubled

Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?

Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

Do You Know Who I Am?

The popular singer Tony Bennett paid a charity visit to a nursing home to cheer up the elderly residents. However, he was dismayed that none of the residents appeared to recognise him. Finally, in frustration, he went up to one old lady and said, "Do you know who I am?" The old lady whispered, "Don't worry dear, matron will tell you."

Irish Joke Book Fr Jim Clarke

A Message from Fr Brian

Dear Parishioners

I have been in the parish now for 18 months. During my first year we focused on a great deal of repairs and maintenance to the Presbytery and other parish buildings which are now all in good order.

At the recent Parish Finance Committee meeting I discussed with those present some of my hopes for next financial year beginning in July. The wish list is for an Electronic Sign, a ~~Church Sound System~~ and to complete the Stained Glass repairs.

Being on the main road we have a great opportunity to communicate our faith messages to all the passing traffic and encourage people to attend our church, with an LED Sign.

The Sound system in the Church has been playing up and the speakers at the back of the Church had to be turned off.

We have been gradually repairing the broken stained glass in our beautiful Church which is an ongoing task.

The three items will cost approximately \$60,000. *I am happy to announce that a generous donor has offered to pay for a new Sound System.* If anyone else would like to make any financial contributions towards supporting the other two projects, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or talk to me.

Fr Brian

One More for Mother's Day

A woman by her very nature is maternal, for every woman, whether married or unmarried, is called upon to be a biological, psychological, or spiritual mother. She knows intuitively that to give, to nurture, to care for others, to suffer with and for them - is infinitely more valuable in God's sight than to conquer nations and fly to the moon. - Alice von Hildebrand

KidsClub

All children are invited to Kids Club, a social group for 5-12 year olds (and their siblings) who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus. Free entry - games, craft, activities and snacks provided! Parents must accompany children under 5 years. Saturday 27 May 3pm-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. No RSVP required - just turn up!

Pastoral Works Appeal 27/28 May

Our Pastoral works are at the forefront of our community, serving those in need, helping to rebuild and renew families and parish communities and introducing our children in state schools to the wonder and beauty of our faith. The Diocese has two Pastoral Works appeals each year - in May and November. These appeals mainly support two key Diocesan ministries which get little or no government funding: The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) - catechists taking the Gospel to approximately 14,000 state school children and Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Program - practitioners visit more than 3,000 individual hospital patients each year. Your support and generosity to the Appeal is vitally important.



National Families Week

This week we celebrate the capacities and resilience of families in creating strong, safe and connected communities.

Parish Morning Tea



The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday 21 May in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!



Secular Franciscans

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in the Reynolds Room after 9:30am Mass next Sunday 21 May. Enq: Gerard 0439 519 018.



Deacon Paul on Holidays

We wish Deacon Paul blessings on his month away on holidays.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the father, except through me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Carmel Cramsie, Paul Kelly, Benny Scarcella, David Evans, June Bailey, Rosie Whitton, Egida Sandrin.

Funerals: The funeral of Paul Kelly will be held next Thursday at 10:30am. Please pray Paul and his family.

Anniversaries: Jean Workman, Raymond Laoulach, Alfonz Matijasevic.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Ana Maraj, Saviar, Carmel, Guza, Mary, George, Philip & Sonia Sciortino, Carmelo, Mary & Joe Cilia, John, Maria, Nenu, John Jnr & Freddy Armeni, Emanuel & Luckada Busutti, Freddy Grima, Peter Buggaja, Les Mangon, Joe Degabrielle, Antunela Azzupardi, Tony, Maria & Carmel Carawana, Jesmond Mifsud, Emanuel Gatt, Maria Farrugia, Meleta, George & Paul Borg, Joe & Charlie Curmi, Percey Coalior, and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Sciortino, Armeni, Matthews family and friends.

Sick: Emma Horton, Trish Knoke, Margaret Foley, Charlie Borg, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Rita Matthews (Liz Drover's mum), Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Special Intentions: Petar Lerotic's 82nd Birthday and good health.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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Opening Hours

We are open before and after the
5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the
9:30am Sunday Mass.

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