



## St. Mary's Catholic Parish Beaudesert

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**Third Sunday of Easter: 13th/14th April, 2024 (Year B)**

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Another Sunday of Easter; another resurrection story...

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the crowning truth of our Christian faith. But the empty tomb in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death. This empty tomb also prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord.

The shock caused by the death of Jesus was such that the disciples were slow to believe in the news of the Resurrection. We saw that last week with Thomas; we see it this week with the other disciples. When the risen Lord stands among them, they are in a state of alarm and fright. So much so, that Jesus greets them with peace. But even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus, they still doubted, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

And knowing this state of alarm and fright, Jesus eats before them to dispel their thoughts of him being a ghost. As Christians, it is crucial for us to affirm the bodily resurrection of Jesus. This is very different from the belief of some other faiths that the human spirit is somehow eternal and continues after the death of the body: that the body dies, and the spirit is released into a new life. Nowhere does Sacred Scripture teach this.

Our Christian belief is that the body will share in the triumph of the resurrection. The resurrection stories which we listen to during this Easter season keep stressing that Jesus rose with his body: the tomb is empty, the apostles touch him, he eats with them and walks with them.

All these stories stress that the risen Jesus is the same as the crucified Jesus.

Yet, he is somehow changed, and that is why his friends do not immediately recognise him. And so, the Resurrection from the dead is not simply a return to earthly life as before. Jesus has risen to a new life; and life beyond death; a life with God. He is the same, yet he is transformed.

One thing the Resurrection stories we listen to also affirms is that the risen Jesus is not a resurrected corpse. He has a body, but a body that was not subject to the human boundaries of time and space. It is a body marked with the signs of the crucifixion: there are holes in his hands and his side. But his risen body is also different to the flesh and bones which were nailed to the cross. It was a body no longer subject to the ordinary laws of nature. He is not as he was; but he is who he was.

And so, for us? The bodily resurrection of Jesus is the most profound basis for the Christian attitude towards the human body. Our human bodies are not vile engines of evil and sin. Rather they are an essential part of what it means to be human. A humanity shared by Jesus. And these bodies of ours are destined to be risen on the last day. And so, we take care of the bodies of the hungry, the sick and elderly because we know that these bodies are destined to share in the resurrection of Jesus. This is the echo of our "Alleluia" to which we are witnesses. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead invites all of us not so much to become something else, but to be more authentically who and what we already are.

Doran, Anthony. "Third Sunday of Easter - 14 April 2024."  
Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-5. <https://researchonline.nd.edu.au/pastoral-liturgy/vol54/iss2/16>



### Readings for Mass this Week

Third Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 3:13-15,17-19  
*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5  
*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:35-48  
*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

### Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31  
*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24  
*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:1-8  
*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

### Meetings

- Wednesday 17th April - Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7.00pm
- Wednesday 24th April - Multi cultural day committee meeting @ 6pm, Parish Centre.
- Monday 20th May - Financial Council Meeting @ 6.00pm
- Sunday 30th June** - Country Church Community Meeting @ 10:30am, Mercy Hall

### Social Events

**Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's**

- Sat 13th April - St Joseph's Men's Group, St Mary's Church @ 7am
- Sunday 26th May - Multicultural Sunday, St Mary's

### Money Counting

- 15th April - Trish
- 29th April - Colleen
- 22nd April - Peter
- 7th May - Peter

### Multi-Cultural Day 2024

**Save the Date: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
Committee Meetings- April 24th & May 16th, 6pm @ Parish Office. All welcome!



### Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters:

Michael Johns, Josie Buffalino, Lynne Hiley, Liz Murray, Michael Bown, Rylee Matheson, Brian Fechner, Jennifer Kerruish, Michael Gough, Joan Badman, Moya Mitchell, Andrew Gough, Carol Stainky, Greg Dennis, Tony Grace, Maria Malcotti, Tony Torre, Ann Nisbet, Gordon McGrath, Katrina Foster, Judith Van Kretschmar, Gizella Andrews, Jean Masen, Jay Cahill, Alexander Paterson, Brendan Ward, Lucas Johns, Peter Sorensen, Jason Bown, Debrah Sanft, Michelle & Neil Halpin, Sandra Doyle, Jim Morley, Colin McMahan, Jenny Kettle, Marie Holding, Susan Meyer, Hope Hartley, Benjamin Hartley, Lance Dodds, Christine Connolly, Gizella Laurence and Lauraine Ward.

### **We remember and pray for those who have recently died**

Betty Plunket - 6th April  
Funeral was held 12th April

### **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Peggy Seidenspinner - 15th April  
Jan Murphy - 20th April

*Eternal rest grant on to them and let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord! May they rest in peace, Amen.*

## A MORNING'S PRAYER

"REMAIN IN ME"

### A Morning's Prayer- Retreat

The theme for this retreat is based on John 12: 1,4;  
*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower... remain in me as I remain in you."*

**When:** Saturday 27th April, 2024

**Time:** 9am - 12pm

**Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

**Register:** [www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2](http://www.tinyurl.com/AMP24-2)

### St Mary's Parish Columbarium's

We are pleased to announce that the Columbarium at St Mary's Church, in memory of the late Barry Dauth is now ready. We also have a columbarium at St John the Baptist, Tamborine Mountain. The price for an individual niche is \$1500, this includes a plaque.

If you would like to reserve a niche, or organise to have a loved one's ashes interred, please contact the Parish Office 5541 1068.



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



### Bible Reflection

**April 14th, 2024– 3rd Sunday of Easter**

““Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centred” life and not a “self-centred” life. <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

### Request for help– Mowing Cemetery

We are currently on the look out for willing volunteers to help mow the Gleneagle cemetery. Presently, 2 volunteers are doing it by themselves but it is beginning to become too big of a job for them to manage. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

### Baby Changing Table



Thank you to one of our parishioners who provided and installed a baby changing unit in our new toilet block at St. Mary’s, Beaudesert.

### Anzac Day Mass



Thursday 25th April, 7am at St. Mary’s, Beaudesert.  
All welcome. Lest we Forget.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

We are currently enrolling catholic children in Year 3 and above for the sacrament of Confirmation. *The celebration of this sacrament will be on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am at St Mary’s Church, Beaudesert.*

A parent **Information Meeting** will take place, on **Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** at St Mary’s Church, Bromelton St, Beaudesert. If you are interested, but can’t attend the above Information Session please contact the Parish Centre on 5541 1068 or [stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au) by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Country Church Community Meeting

On Sunday, 17th March, we had our first Country Church Collaboration. We wish to thank everyone who attended this meeting, the turn out was very encouraging for the future of our Country Churches.

*Going forward, we wish to invite the allocated representatives of each church to please contact the Parish Office to receive the information that was discussed in the meeting and to organise a sub-committee in collaboration with the Pastoral and Finance Councils.*

It was decided that these meetings will be held on the 5th Sunday of any given month. The next meeting will be held on **Sunday 30th June, 2024 at 10:30am** in the Mercy Hall.



MODULE THREE  
**BEING SACRAMENTAL**

### Being Sacramental

The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation invites you to participate in their third module; “Being Sacramental”. This module will explore what it means to live in a sacramental world; the broader notion of sacramentality, the importance of signs and symbols and the character of each of the seven sacraments in the Church. Also how our relationship with God fundamentally influences how we experience the sacraments. The module will run for ten consecutive Mondays beginning on **Monday 15th April** at the Holy Spirit Seminary. If there is enough interest from our Parish, we can register for online classes. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested.

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**  
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

## World Mission May Rosary Prayers

Mon - Fri  
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time  
12pm Perth time  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>  
Meeting ID:  
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876574

### Corpus Christi Procession

Commencing at **2pm on Sunday 2nd June at the Cathedral of St Stephen**, the procession of the Blessed Sacrament will go through the city streets returning to the Cathedral where it will conclude with Benediction.

On the weekend of the procession, a pictorial display of Eucharistic miracles will be on display in the Hanly room of the Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane.

There will also be a night vigil of Exposition and Adoration, commencing after the Cathedral’s 6pm mass on Saturday 1st June, concluding before the 8am Mass on Sunday 2nd June.

If you wish to walk with the procession to represent our Parish, or for any other enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

### Archdiocese of Brisbane Events - Cathedral of St Stephen

This year marks two significant milestones for our Archdiocese. We will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St Stephen on May 17 and the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Archbishop Mark Coleridge on May 18. We will have celebrations across that weekend for both events, as well as performances by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra on the weekend prior.



**FRIDAY MAY 17**

Return of the Message Stick &  
Commemoration of 150th Anniversary  
12:30pm Mass

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving  
6pm

**SATURDAY MAY 18**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
11:30am Mass

Pentecost Vigil Mass  
“Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth”  
6pm Mass

**SUNDAY MAY 19**

Pentecost Sunday  
Celebrating 150 Years  
10:30am Mass

**Are you or someone you know wanting to know more about the Catholic Church or join our faith community?**

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA – A group of believers in the local parish who meet regularly and are ready to talk to you about questions you may have. To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068 or Email: [stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au)

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



**Mass Times: 15th April - 21st April, 2024**

**Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm—3.15pm—St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7.00am	No Mass	Tamborine Mtn 9.00am	Beaudesert 7.00am	School Mass 8.50am	Rathdowney 4.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Beaudesert 9.30am

**Our Mission**

*'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is underpinned by: **Evangelisation** to our parish and wider communities; **Liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **Pastoral support** through initiatives that also invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **Leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.*

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