



St. Mary's Catholic Parish Beaudesert

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Fifth Sunday of Easter: 27th/28th April, 2024 (Year B)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We know that the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead was, at times, confusing for the Apostles. It was a singularly strange occurrence and had strange effects on people.

I suspect then that the Apostles would have been more than a bit confused and suspicious about the man Saul of Tarsus. For previously, the Apostles knew Saul as one who had persecuted them. He had literally signed the death warrant of many members of the early Church. And now, as we read in today's first reading, he comes along wanting to join the disciples. No wonder they were afraid of him. No wonder they could not believe he was really a disciple. Perhaps they thought he was some sort of spy. Trying to infiltrate the early Church community, in order to destroy it from within. I am sure they would have thought: 'We would be mad to let Saul join us.' Already, Saul was a source of tension and division in the community: the Hellenists wanted to kill him. But Barnabas – whose name means Son of Encouragement – introduces Saul to the Apostles and explains the story of his conversion.

But was it madness to let Saul join the early Church? To the world, probably YES. But to those who believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead the answer is NO!

The resurrection of Jesus is the power to destroy death forever. It is this same power which turns Saul's life around. And not just around, but inside out and upside down as well. Saul encounters the risen Christ on the road to Damascus and his life is changed forever. He goes from being the chief persecutor of the infant Church to one of its most zealous preachers. One of the most ardent preachers of the power of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

This is the power of that resurrection from the dead. We see something of that power in today's Gospel. Jesus proclaims himself to be the true vine. It's a rich image, isn't it?

I am a gardener...and while I don't have vines, I have a climbing rose. Metres away from the main trunk, branches teem with life and growth and blooms. And this is, pretty much, what Jesus says to us: 'Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.' In Jesus, the true vine, there is room for everyone. Whether we are close to the main trunk or feel that we are a long way away. Apart from Jesus, the true vine, we are lost.

Cut off from me you can do nothing. But whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

2 Pastoral Liturgy, Vol. 54, Iss. 2 [2024]

I am the vine - you are the branches

Readings for Mass this Week

Fifth 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.

Readings for Next Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
God is love.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Feast Days

28th April—St Catherine of Siena,
2nd May—St Athanasius, 3rd May—St Philip & James

Meetings

Thursday, 16th May—Care and Concern
@10:00am, Parish Centre
Sunday, 30th June—Country Church Community meeting
@ 10:30am, Mercy Hall

Social events

Thursday, 16th May—Multi-cultural Day committee meeting
@6:00pm, Parish Office
Sunday, 26th May—Multi-cultural Day 2024
Saturday, 1st June—Annual Feast Day celebrations
@Sacred Heart, Christmas Creek

12:30pm-4:30pm
Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's

Request for help – Mowing Cemetery

We are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the Gleneagle cemetery. At present, **two** volunteers are doing it by themselves, and require assistance. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.
Thank you!

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, 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 McMahon, 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

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Noel Clarke
Josie Dunne - 23rd April
Frank Young - 25th April

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

Sacred Heart, Christmas Creek, annual feast day celebrations

Saturday, June 1st

Kettle on the boil from 12:30pm. Come and join us for a bite to eat, and a chat before the 4:30pm mass!

St John the Baptist, Tamborine Mt

Commissioning of lay readers and Extraordinary Communion Ministers—Sunday, 12th May

Baptism and Confirmation—Sunday, 19th May

Date change

Morning tea after mass has been changed to Sunday, May 19th (previously May 15th)

TRUTH TELLING
Where to from Now?

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop



SCAN TO REGISTER

SAT 4 MAY
8:30am-3pm
CALVARY CHURCH ATRIUM
Chr Santa Monica and Redondo Drive, Miami



Multi-cultural Day 2024

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

Money Counting

29th April - Colleen 7th May - Peter
13th May - Colleen 20th May - Trish

Bible Reflection 5th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:12-13

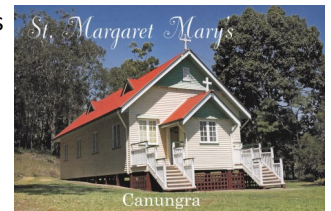
Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Archdiocese of Brisbane, Clergy and Parish Bulletin, volume 22 #7

Request for help—Church photography

Do you have a photo/s of any significant event that has taken place in one of our nine churches, that could be used on our website? These can include wedding photos, baptisms, confirmation, etc.

If you would like to share any images you've taken please email them to the parish office on stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au



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 19th, 9:30am, at St Mary's, Beaudesert.**

Please keep in your prayers the children enrolling for the sacrament of Confirmation and attending the preparation masses over the next two weekends!

Confirmation lessons (in a classroom at St Mary's Primary School);

Lesson 1, Tuesday, April 23rd, 4:00pm

Lesson 2, Thursday, May 2nd, 4:00pm

Lesson 3, Thursday, May 9th, 4:00pm

Lesson 4 Tuesday, May 14th, 4:00pm

All children preparing to receive Confirmation must attend these lessons. Any questions please contact the Parish Office on 5541 1068.



Mercy Youth events and term dates

@mercy.youth

TERM 2 DATES

- Sunday 21st of April - Mercy Youth Games
- Sunday 28th of April - Called to Care
- Saturday 11th of May - Eco Retreat
- Sunday 26th of May - Impact your community
- Sunday 9th of June - Impact your world

Archdiocese of Brisbane Events - Cathedral of St Stephen

This year marks two significant milestones for our Archdiocese. We will celebrate the 150th 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



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



Eco Retreat Day

Saturday 11th of May 9-5pm
Wild Mountains Environmental Education Centre,
Running Creek

Come, relax and connect with Nature

Spot Koalas - Plant Trees - Learn together

\$40 per teenager
BYO Picnic Lunch
Parents welcome
to come FREE

Council Stormwater Drain Project

Due to council's ongoing revitalisation program, stormwater drains throughout Beaudesert are being updated to protect the town from flooding. Some of this work can be seen in the paddock at St Mary's, where works are underway to direct stormwater more efficiently.

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 is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 29th April - 5th May 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	Christmas Creek 4.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Beaudesert 9.30am & 5.30pm (Family mass)

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: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that 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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