



St. Mary's Catholic Parish Beaudesert

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Sixth Sunday of Easter: 4th/5th May, 2024 (Year B)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A friend of mine, an older lady whom I have known since I was ordained, often asks me what I am preaching about on a given weekend. And if I happen to say that I am preaching about love, she'll come back at me with 'You priests...you're always talking about love...'

Even if you have not listened particularly carefully to the readings which have just been proclaimed, you should still be able to pick up that love features very heavily in these readings. Nine times is it mentioned in the Gospel, and nine times in the second reading.

Central to this treatise on love are the words of Jesus in the Gospel: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' Like some of the scriptural readings we have heard during this season of Easter, it sounds like an unreal and impossible request. First it was the early Christian living in harmony and sharing all that they had in common. Now, we must love others as Jesus has loved us. But we ask the question, 'How do I do this?...I don't even like some people, how on earth am I meant to love them?' Jesus never asks us to do something without showing us the way to do it. How does he show us the way?

The second reading today reminds us that God is love. So, to go about loving as Jesus did, we must remember, first and foremost, that God is the source of love. Next, we are called to keep the commandments. Now, is this keeping a set of laws, or living by the rule of the Gospel? No, the commandment of the Gospel is the commandment to love. And if it is still unclear, Jesus gives one more example: 'You can have no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends.' More of this unreal Easter stuff? Sounds like it, doesn't it? Until we remember that Jesus did exactly that – gave up his life for those he loved – his friends. And that is precisely what we are now because Jesus did lay down his life for us. His friends. Friendship implies equality. Through his death and resurrection, we are brought into a new relationship with Jesus. As friends. We are no longer servants.

This relationship of friends, however, carries with it an obligation. Because we are now friends of the Master – because we know his business – we have a mission. And our mission – should we choose to accept it – is to go and bear fruit – to pass the Good News of Salvation on to others. For to claim the name Christian, is to be a missionary. To proclaim this good news of salvation to others. I

don't know whether any of you have seen the slogan WWJD. I think it comes from some of the Protestant Pentecostal-type Churches in America, and can be found on jewellery, on bookmarks, coffee mugs, probably even on boxer shorts. WWJD stands for 'What Would Jesus Do.' I suppose the idea behind this slogan is a good one: by having the letters WWJD in front of our eyes all the time, it is a reminder of being a Christian. But I think people who have WWJD jewellery, coffee mugs etc have missed the point. In some senses, it is no good asking what would Jesus do. Because Jesus is not here. We are. In this season of Easter, we are reminded of our Baptism. We are baptised into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We are called to be the Christ in the world today. So, it is no good asking 'What Would Jesus Do?' We know what he did. The question is what will we do? And Jesus has given us the answer: 'love one another as I have loved you.'

As followers of the Risen Christ, let us pray that we may ever be opened to the power of God's love by loving others as God has loved us.

May Rosary Prayer Sessions

Embrace the power of prayer with the World Mission Rosary Prayers throughout May, a time to honour Mother Mary. Join the Catholic Mission online as they unite in faith and mission, offering our prayers with the global Catholic Community.

When: Monday to Friday during May

Time: 2pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8789 2280

Password: 876574

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 this weekend.

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

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

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

Mercy Youth goes to...
WILD MOUNTAINS

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

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 17th, and the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Archbishop Mark Coleridge on May 18th. We will have celebrations across that weekend for both



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

NDIS Q&A Session—Jubilee Park 16/05/2024

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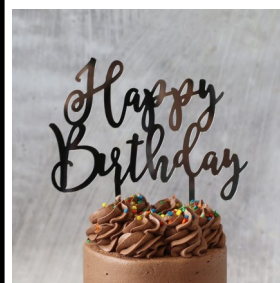
Request for help—Church photography

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

Thank you!

Happy Birthday!



Please join together in wishing Fr Kevin happy birthday on Sunday 5th May.

May God continue to bless his journey each and every day.

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: 6th May - 12th 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	Kerry 4:30am	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Canungra 9am
						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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