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Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd & 3rd May 2026

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DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

The first reading reveals the disciples appointing 'men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom,' to care for the distribution of food to the vulnerable – the widows. Today the Church is no different – we have the vulnerable in our communities and we're called to care.

The Queensland Government has designated May as Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. You may not be aware that this is a very large issue in Australia. In the first three months of this year, 14 women and 5 children have lost their lives due to this kind of violence. In 2025 there were over 22,000 Domestic Violence Orders (DVO's), and 1 in 4 women compared with 1 in 14 men experience abuse by an intimate partner. Clearly, this is a major issue.

Like the disciples in the early Church, we must consider how to respond. 1. A Community 'full of the Spirit.' Just as the disciples looked for people 'full of the Spirit' to care for the vulnerable, so we are called to become communities of Catholics that are 'full of the Spirit.' What does that mean? St Paul reminded us that the 'fruit' of being full of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22 – 23). A community that is full of the Spirit is a safe community, where anyone, whatever their situation, and no matter how vulnerable can come and experience love, gentleness and kindness. Are we a community that is safe? Are we full of the Spirit? Are we kind? Are we a safe haven for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence?

Our Lord Knows Rejection and Suffering In the second reading, Peter reminds us that our Lord was rejected by men, and that he gave his life as a sacrifice. Here we see that Jesus knows human suffering, he knows rejection, he knows what it means to be abused and to suffer injustice. For those that have experienced abuse, and rejection, Jesus can empathise, he is with you in the suffering and can accompany you in the darkest moments. He promises never to leave or forsake us (Heb 13:5). And though he's with us in these moments, he does not leave us there but calls us 'out of the darkness and into his wonderful light.'

It is crucial as we consider domestic and family violence that we are clear that we always stand in condemnation of domestic and family violence, caring for victim-survivors wherever possible and recognising that Jesus does not require anyone to remain in a situation where they are in danger and are unsafe. 3. There is Hope In the Gospel we see that there is always hope, no matter how dark our suffering might be. Our hope is that no matter what we might walk through in this life, our Lord is preparing a place for us A resource developed by Archdiocesan Ministries for the Domestic and Family Violence Project | May 2026 | page 3 where we will – in the end - experience perfect love, perfect peace, perfect joy and perfect healing – because we will be in the presence of the one who is the great healer and author of love, peace and joy.

At a practical level, we are called to share our hope by encouraging all those impacted by domestic and family violence to seek help in breaking free of the cycle of abuse, to help those who are suffering to access support services and practical resources that lead to safety, peace and healing.

Readings for this week (2nd & 3rd May)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Readings for next week (9th & 10th May)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

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 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Month of Mary

May is traditionally dedicated as the Month of Mary in the Catholic Church. Mary is our patron saint so we will express our love and devotion to her in this month. All are invited to join us before every mass in this month to recite rosary.



Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, Carol Stainkey, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, D Wilde, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John McCormack, Damian McCormack, Jenette Escrit, David Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Anne, Nathan Craze, Heather Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin Wendt, Caroline Gee & Janine Monteath.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died,
Lynette Wallace (30th April 2026)

Valerie McIntosh (29th April 2026), Her service is to be held at St Mary's 11th of May.

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Martin Sullivan (5th April 1973)

Yvonne Hourigan (17th April 2024)

Noel Clarke (29th April 1998)

Sister Catharina Robinson (15th April 2025)

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

Anointing Mass—St Mary's

Please join us this coming Thursday—the 7th of May—to celebrate Anointing Mass at 10:00am.

Mass at Christmas Creek for June

Please join us for Mass on **Sunday** 7th June at 10am for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. There will be a morning tea outside the church following Mass. Please bring a plate to share, and don't forget a chair! Tea and coffee will be provided.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you.

Domestic and Family Violence Remembrance Day (May 6th)

Wednesday the 6th of May is Domestic and Family Violence Remembrance Day, where across Australia candle lit vigils are held at dusk and key buildings are lit up purple to honour those who have died as a result of domestic and family violence.

Here are some ways we can commemorate this day.

- ◇ Privately light a candle and pray at dusk.
- ◇ Engage in the online light a candle campaign—taking a photo or video of your candle and uploading it to social media using the hashtags #lightacandle2026 #enddv
- ◇ Hold a candle vigil as a small group or community.

Guitar Donation

If anybody has a guitar that they are willing to donate could you please come and drop off the guitar at the Parish Office. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support with this.

Celebration of a Centenary.

This year marks 100 years since the O'Reilly family began welcoming visitors to Green Mountains and we would like to celebrate with those of you who have been part of the history of our business. You are warmly invited to join us on the weekend of 23/24 May to celebrate our collective journey.

Story Sharing Session – Saturday 23rd May

On Saturday, 23rd May, you are invited to join family relatives Dr Bill and Fr Leo Coote, along with Bishop William Morris, for a special gathering. During this session, they will recount their personal stories and experiences that have contributed to the rich history of O'Reillys.

Attendees are also encouraged to share their own memories and stories, celebrating the legacy that has shaped O'Reillys over the past century. Drinks and nibbles will be provided by the family.

Pentecost Mass – Sunday 24th May

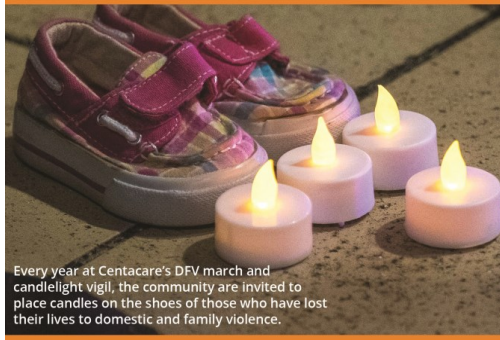
A second gathering will take place on Sunday, 24th May. On this day, a special Pentecost Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, officiated by Fr Leo Coote, Bishop William Morris, and Fr Bernie Gallagher. Following the Mass, everyone is warmly invited to morning tea, hosted by the family. This will provide an opportunity to further enjoy the centenary celebrations.

O'Reillys would like to offer a discount of 20% off a two-night accommodation stay in the Retreat for this weekend. Just mention the Centenary Masses when booking to receive this discount.

If attending either of these gatherings over the weekend, we ask that you email Catherine O'Reilly cathe-rine.oreilly4275@gmail.com to help us accommodate everyone - especially in our small church.

We hope that many of you will join in this celebration with us.

Together we can prevent domestic and family violence



Every year at Centacare's DFV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.

Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.



A Prayer to End Domestic and Family Violence

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent, You cry with us.

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all kinds, You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is happening far too slowly, You cry with us.

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out alone, we are not crying out in vain... Our cries are Your cries too.

As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an end to domestic and family violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority, misconceptions, and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring light to the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread domestic and family violence is.

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in need of community and belonging as they bravely step out of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not walk away from those that try to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry that enough is enough... it is time to end domestic and family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Money Counters — April

5th—Peter, 11th—Colleen, 18th—Trish, 25th—Peter

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 email:

stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au



Mass Times: 4th—10th May

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

Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068

<u>Monday 4th</u>	<u>Tuesday 5th</u>	<u>Wednesday 6th</u>	<u>Thursday 7th</u>	<u>Friday 8th</u>	<u>Saturday 9th</u>	<u>Sunday 10th</u>
No mass	Beaudesert	Tamborine Mt	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Kerry	Tambourine Mt
	5:30pm	9:00am	Anointing Mass	8:50 am	4:30pm	7:30am
		Beaudesert	10:00am		Beaudesert	Canungra
		Adoration			6:30pm	9:00am
		4:30pm				Beaudesert
		Mass				Mass
		5:30pm				9:30am
						Family Mass
						5:30pm

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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