

Holy Spirit Parish New Farm

IN THE CARE OF THE SCALABRINIAN FATHERS SINCE 2014

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B 4-5 May 2024

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF

Mary



May is the month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month to honour Mary, Mother of God.

USUAL MASS TIMES

Weekdays Mon & Tue: 8.00 am
Wed: 5.30 pm
Thu: 9.00 am
Fri: 7.00 am; 9.00 am (Italian)

Adoration after each weekday mass.

Weekends Sat: 8.00am; 6.00 pm (Sun. Lit)
Sun: 7.00 am; 8.15 (Italian)
& 9.30 am (Children's Liturgy)
11.30am (Spanish)

NURSING HOME MASSES

BUPA 1st Tuesday 10.30 am
Palm Lodge Thursdays 10.30 am
Newstead Grand Community Care 4th Tuesday 10.30am

Rosary and Adoration After each weekday Mass

Please pray the ROSARY daily at home.

***RECONCILIATION** Friday 5.00 – 8.00 pm
Saturday 8.30–9.30 am

***Other days and times by appointment only.**

HOLY HOUR Divine Mercy & Benediction Friday 3.30pm
First Friday Mass (Spanish) every 1st Friday 7.00pm

Holy Spirit Parish Vision Statement

We, the people of Holy Spirit Parish, are called through baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ and welcome all with faith, hope and love.

This we accomplish by:

- Witnessing the Gospel through worship, prayer and service.*
- Inviting everyone to serve and celebrate our parishioners and the broader multicultural community.*
- Being faithful stewards of our Parish, responsibly sharing our time, talents and gifts.*



READINGS THIS WEEKEND (Year B)

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 **97:1-4**

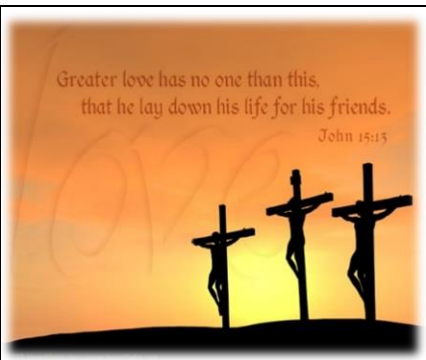
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading **1 John 4:7-10**

God is love.

Gospel Reading **John 15:9-17**

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

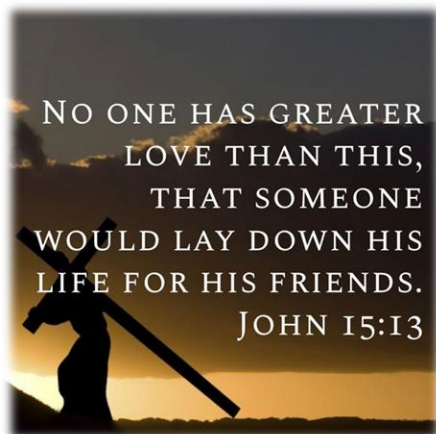


We pray for those who are sick in our community especially Christopher Riley.

We pray that those who have died that may enter the Father's House especially Valentina Marai Adami.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Katherine Maria Wijaya, Gino Merlo and Michael Calvisi.

Reflection on the Gospel of John 15:19-17



Reflecting on the passage of the Gospel of John 15:19-17, Jesus invites us to remain in his love like his father loves him and he loves us. To remain in his love implies to keep his commandment, one of his commandments is to love one another as he loves us.

One of our most desires and hope is to love like Jesus. As human beings our knowledge is limited, therefore we cannot understand the fullness God's love. Many times, our love to God and to others is mixed with our own desire, interest and condition. On the contrary, God's love is unconditional. He loves us for who we are, not for what we have or do. God does not love by appearances;

God loves the essence of being human. God's love is beyond our understanding and common sense. Therefore, Jesus invites us to remain in his love, to love one another as he loves us and that there is no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. Indeed, Jesus calls us friends if we do what he commands us to do. He does not call us servants but friends because he reveals to us everything that he knows and learnt from his Father.

In the moment that Jesus calls us friends not anymore servants, we become a treasure to Him, *Eccl 6:14 "Faithful friends are sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price"*. Jesus calls us friends; such a great grace given to us to be his friends revealing to us what the father has revealed to him. Jesus' friendship and love go beyond expectation and self-interest. His love and friendship are so great that he gave his life for our Salvation. In the same manner, he invites us to give our life for our friends.

To give our life for our friends does not literally mean to die for our friends; but to go beyond our self-interest and to get out from our selfishness. To give life for our friends is to see the image of Jesus Christ in our neighbours. To accept them not by their appearance or for what they have, but for their essence of being humans - creation of God in his image and likeness. To give our life for our friends means to help and to accept them. To accompany them in difficult moments of their lives, to be compassionate and merciful especially to those who suffer because of discrimination, violence and abuse. Giving our life for our friends means to be generous with the poor and to visit the sick. To accompany and to welcome the migrants and the refugees who left everything they had in looking for better opportunity in their lives. To share our time and presence with those who feel alone and abandoned by their beloved ones.

God in his infinite and greater love will recompense all our deeds and good actions done to our brothers and sisters. Because Jesus himself gave his own life for our Salvation, his love is greater and unconditional. He chose us first to be his children and friends, He gives us the commission to go out; to preach the Good News and to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Submitted by: **Fr Marcelo Martinez Hernandez, CS**

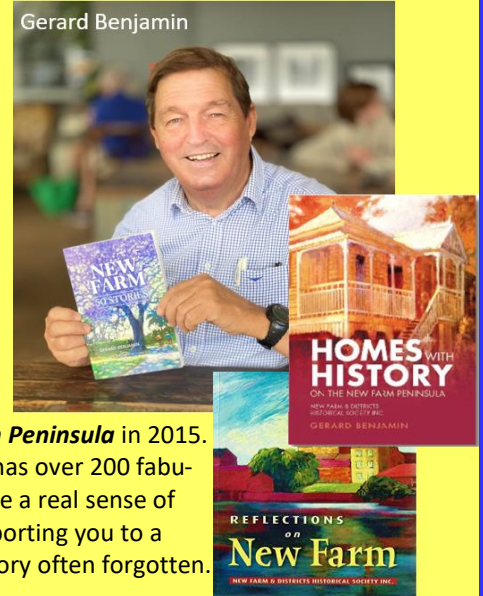


On Tuesday (7th), we will be welcoming a “*Message Stick*” sent out to the whole Church of Brisbane. It will at our church until Friday, 10th. The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance for the Indigenous people of Australia, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This journey is designed to herald the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane. The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion. On Welcoming this message stick, we will pray together a special prayer composed for the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the “mother church” of our Archdiocese.



Wiser Group - MAY

Gerard Benjamin is a knowledgeable and respected local historian. Gerard's latest book is *New Farm 50 Stories*. Some of his previous books include *Reflections on New Farm* (co-written with the late Gloria Grant) in 2008 and *Homes with History on the New Farm Peninsula* in 2015. *New Farm 50 Stories* has over 200 fabulous images that create a real sense of time and place, transporting you to a complete layer of history often forgotten.



Wednesday, 15th May 10.00am-12.30pm
 New Farm Library MEETING ROOM
 Please bring a SMALL PLATE to share 😊
 SIGN UP Sheet at the church main entrance.

Prayer for The Sesquicentenary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

*Down by the river, heavenly Father,
 on this earth our mother,
 where children of the Dreaming
 long made a home before us,
 our forebears in faith have built
 this mother church of St Stephen,
 a family home for you and us.*

*the stones have spoken of Easter,
 of a life that is bigger than death,
 of a love that has the last word.
 Through one hundred and fifty years,
 we have made the building
 and the building has made us,
 a temple of living stones.*

*Stone by stone and prayer by prayer
 they have raised this holy house,
 familiar forms on foreign land,
 a place where Brisbane could know
 Christ's sacrifice and feast,
 where you could speak and we could listen,
 where the tide of your mercy could flow.*

*Now we tell the story of your grace,
 thankful as we remember.
 By that same unfailing grace
 may this cathedral never cease to be
 a home for all at the heart of the city
 and a house for you, God-with-us,
 on this earth down by the river.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Here saints and sinners have come,
 bringing their young and their dead,
 all their hopes and their dreams.
 Through times of sorrow and joy*

Amen.

*+ Mark Coleridge
 Archbishop of Brisbane*

Archdiocese RAP Artwork. Artist: Shara Delaney



*Welcome to
 OLIVIA, LEONARDO, SASKIA and LUCIJA
 who were baptised recently.*

**Sacrament of First Communion
 Rite of Enrolment**

WORKSHOPS 1 & 2 Sat, May 11 4-5.30pm
WORKSHOPS 3 & 4 Sat, May 18 4-5.30pm



Wednesday 8 May

MOTHERS DAY

BREAKFAST

CELEBRATE IN STYLE
 7.30AM - 9.00AM
 FREE EVENT
 REGISTER ATTENDANCE ON OKRI

Holy Spirit School - Multicourt



The Archdiocese of Brisbane acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which the Archdiocese lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.



The Archdiocese pays respect to their Elders' past, present, and emerging.

We *acknowledge* the traditional owners of this land, *Binkenba* is Yuggera name for *New Farm*, meaning place of land tortoise.

ROSTER THIS WEEKEND (4-5 May)

	Presiding Priest	Readers	Communion	Musicians & Cantors
6.00 pm (Saturday)	Fr Steve	Judith Mellifont	Dcn Ernesto; Denise Robinson TBC	Jose Rego Catharine Burke
7.00 am	Fr Steve	Michelle Hayes Trudy Mazucco	Sabrina Spence; Pauline Okon Nala Perkins	Michael Coe
8.15 am (Italian)	Fr Steve	TBC	Christopher Schaffer	
9.30 am	Fr Marcelo	Peter Fox Aoife Connors	Marie Morgan; Chris Dale Liz Mannoor	Dragitsa Debert Peter Fox
	Counters: Sorkunde Gogenola; Nancy Duran		Church cleaners: Joe & Maricel Keenan	

Roster Next weekend (11-12 May)

	Presiding Priest	Readers	Communion	Musicians & Cantors
6.00 pm (Saturday)	Fr Steve	Javier Gonzalez	Dcn Ernesto; Judith Mellifont Yocira Altahona	Michael Coe Catharine Burke
7.00 am	Fr Marcelo	Maureen Majer Sabrina Spence	Nala Perkins; Pauline Okon Sabrina Spence	Filipino Choir
8.15 am (Italian)	Fr Steve	TBC	Christopher Schaffer	
9.30 am	Fr Steve	Peter Fox Aoife Connors	Liz Mannoor ; Marie Morgan; Chris Dale	Dragitsa Debert Catharine Burke
	Counters: Eileen Martin; Agnes Kil		Church cleaners: Leanne Cutuli	

NOTE: The ROSTER above is available on the board at the back of the church. Thank you ☺



How to DONATE:

***direct to the Parish Account:**
Acct Name: New Farm Parish- Capitol Projects
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Aus
BSB: 064-786
Acct No: 100 023 388
***Tax-Deductable Donation**
 -via credit cards through the National Trust of Qld by visiting the Appeals Page at:
<https://nationaltrustqld.org.au/what-we-do/Heritage-Conservation/heritage-appeals/Brisbane-heritage-appeals>
 and selecting the "Holy Spirit Church Appeal, Brisbane" under the "Give Now" heading. You will find various donation sums that you may select.
***Please contact parish office for cheque or cash donations.**

PARISH DIRECTORY

Scalabrinian Fathers and AoB Deacon	Fr Syrilus Madin, CS (Parish Priest & Latin-American Chaplain) ON ANNUAL LEAVE until May 15, 2024 Fr Steve Michel CS 0435 328 326 (Associate Priest;Chaplain to St. Bakhita Sudanese Community and Chaplain to ACU) Fr :Luis Antonio Diaz Lamus CS (Associate Priest, Italian Chaplain) Fr Marcelo Martinez CS (visiting priest to assist in the absence of Fr Syrilus) Dcn Ernesto Villalba 0421 902 187
Parish Office Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu: 8.30 am - 3.00pm	Yuriko Hidayat (Parish Secretary) Tisha King (Admin Assistant) THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS and Public Holidays
Holy Spirit School	Michael Hopkinson (Principal) Oliver Blenkin (AP-RE) ON LEAVE Leah Herbert (acting APRE)
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Parish Pastoral Council (Meets every 2 nd Tuesday of each month)*	Cathy Pappalardo (Chairperson)
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*Schedule for a particular month may change without prior notice.