

# Holy Spirit Parish New Farm

IN THE CARE OF THE SCALABRINIAN FATHERS SINCE 2014

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## The ASCENSION of the LORD 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May 2024



“You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27).” Rather fearing differences or a loss of denominational identity, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity inspires reflection on the shared love of God in Christ, and the experience of knowing God's love. All are equal in God's love and everyone is different.

### 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

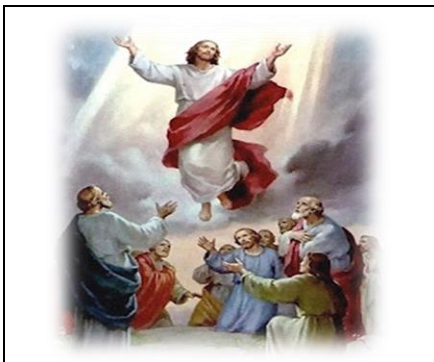
BUPA 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10.30 am  
Palm Lodge Thursdays 10.30 am  
Newstead Grand Community Care 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10.30am  
**Rosary and Adoration** After each weekday Mass  
**Please pray the ROSARY daily at home.**  
**\*RECONCILIATION** Friday 5.00 – 8.00 pm  
Saturday 8.30–9.30 am  
**\*Other days and times by appointment only.**  
**HOLY HOUR** Divine Mercy & Benediction Friday 3.30pm  
**First Friday Mass (Spanish)** every 1<sup>st</sup> 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

First Reading **Acts 1:1-11**

**Why are you standing here looking into the sky?  
Jesus has been taken into heaven.**

Responsorial **Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9**

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Second Reading **Ephesians 1:17-23**

**He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.**

Gospel Reading **Mark 16:15-20**

**The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God.**

**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 Maria Adami.**

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Gino Merlo and Michael Calvisi.**



Spirituality of the Readings  
Ascension / May 9, or May 12, 2024  
Seventh Sunday Easter / May 12, 2024  
John Foley, SJ  
[Ascension Readings](#)  
[Seventh Sunday Readings](#)



\* The Church provides an embarrassment of richness in the readings this week. Some few ecclesiastical provinces (Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha and Philadelphia) continue to celebrate the feast of Ascension on Thursday, May 9, and therefore on Sunday the 12th will use the readings from the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The others have the Ascension feast on Sunday, and therefore use the Ascension readings instead of those from the Seventh Sunday. So, in this space, let us simply talk about the Ascension itself.

### Stay with Us

A presider at one post-quarantine mass admitted, with a beautiful poignancy, how much he missed the students. They and their networks of life had flown away at the end of each year to cope with living apart from each other, and course this went triple for the pandemic.

I can remember the same type of longing back in my own college days. When I travelled home I came from empty halls and empty rooms within broad, undisturbed yards of grass. Yes, we were all glad to have the school year done with, but at the same time, the buildings were now deserted, and the buzzing life of intermingling students was gone.

The Spirit helps us accept his whole life, death, and resurrection as they settle into us and into others around us.

This must have been the kind of hollowness felt by the disciples in the sudden absence of Jesus from their world. Especially was this true of the women—who had loved him so much. The passion had been the worst part, as we said last week. What could ever fill such cavernous emptiness? Having tunneled through the narrow passageway of death—as you and I will do one day—we had seen Jesus giving everything he was to the Father out of sheer love. What sort of lives could any Christian have after the very center of their lives had been taken away?

Alright, you say, but there was the resurrection.

Correct, but we saw last week how confusing this new resurrected presence was to the disciples. “I will not believe this unless I put my hands on him,” said doubting Thomas. And Christ’s new presence did not last so very long, did it?

There was an event called the Ascension that again “emptied the school yards,” so to speak, all over again. It was joyous, yes, but why did he have to go so far away, and forever?

But of course, instead of there being nothing left, there was now humanity transformed. Jesus had graduated from life into LIFE. He was marked with the totality of love and was on his way back to the dynamic swirling, Trinitarian circle of love from which his humanity had issued in the first place. He lingered after the Resurrection mainly in order to tell us about it, to comfort us, to ease the loss.

“Stay in Jerusalem until my Spirit comes to fill your heart,” Jesus said to his followers. ([First Reading](#) from the Ascension).

Ok, but quite difficult to understand.

They were to be

filled with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit. ([Ephesians 4:2-5](#))

And that was their answer and ours. The immense act of modest love that was the resurrection was now to be poured into believers. Jesus would continue to be alive within the world after all, but in a different form, that of the Holy Spirit. God the Spirit would be alive within their bodies and those of their neighbors. Loss and absence would be turned into real presence. These would linger in time by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

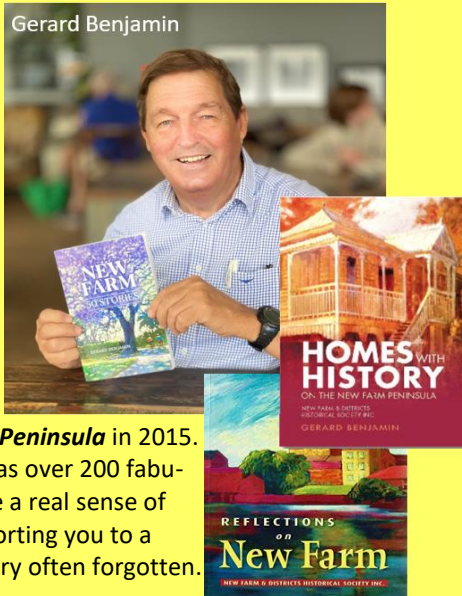
In the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion, we take his body and blood into our body and blood. The Spirit helps us accept his whole life, death, and resurrection as these settle into us and into others around us. This real presence now abides forever in our midst, urging us, gently nudging us to say yes.

To put it another way, school is not out. **By John Foley, SJ**



## 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.

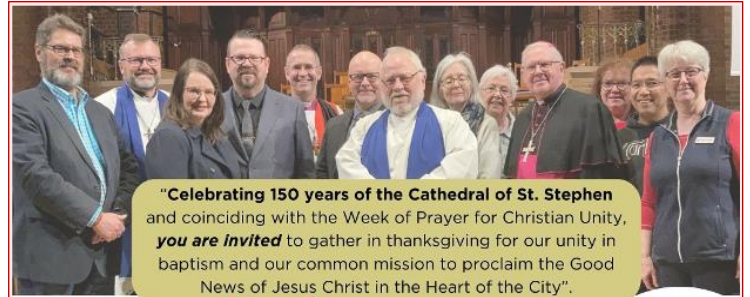


Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am-12.30pm  
 New Farm Library MEETING ROOM  
 Please bring a **SMALL PLATE** to share 😊  
**SIGN UP Sheet** at the church main entrance.

To all mums, grandmas, aunts, sisters  
 and all other women mothering in many  
 unique ways,



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



"Celebrating 150 years of the Cathedral of St. Stephen and coinciding with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, **you are invited** to gather in thanksgiving for our unity in baptism and our common mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Heart of the City".

## NATIONWIDE ROSARY

Saturday 25th May 2024

To honour

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

Patroness of Australia

Let us stand together in strength and unity to pray the Rosary all as one and ask our Holy Mother for protection and guidance in these troubled times.



Invite others from other countries via **ZOOM LINK:**

<https://bit.ly/437MVu>

or enter  
**Meeting ID:**  
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To be held at

Parish: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Address: 70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053

From 2:00pm to 4:00pm EST



Welcome to

REMY  
 who was baptised this month.

## Sacrament of First Communion

Rite of Enrolment

**WORKSHOPS 3 & 4** Sat, May 18 4-5.30pm  
**REHEARSAL & LOGM** Sat, 25 May 1.30-3.30pm



Friday May 17

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 6pm | The Cathedral of St Stephen  
 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City, QLD 4000

**Celebrate 150 years**  
 of *The Cathedral of St. Stephen* with us.  
 Join our Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving, aligning with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Let's unite in spirit and proclaim the Good News.  
**When: Friday, 17 May, 2024 Time: 6pm**  
**Where: The Cathedral of St Stephen**

Ideal for those involved or interested in RCIA processes

# RCIA

Formation Day

## A NEW WAY

Sunday 26 May | 1-4pm  
 Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre  
 Charlotte St, Brisbane City

In person and livestream options available

Scan code to register or visit  
[www.tinvurl.com/RCIA-FD24](http://www.tinvurl.com/RCIA-FD24)



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 (11-12 May)**

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

**Roster Next weekend (18-19 May)**

	Presiding Priest	Readers	Communion	Musicians & Cantors
<b>6.00 pm (Saturday)</b>	TBC	Mr Watson	Dcn Ernesto; Kathleen O'Brien Denise Robinson	Miguel & Ana
<b>7.00 am</b>	TBC	Daniel Ryan	Pauline Okon; Nala Perkins Madeleine Ryan	Michael Coe
<b>8.15 am (Italian)</b>	Fr Syrilus	TBC	Christopher Schaffer	
<b>9.30 am</b>	TBC	Sam Ryan Annika Morrow	Liz Mannoor ; Marie Morgan; Chris Dale	Holy Spirit School Choir
	<b>Counters:</b> Barbara Adami; Mary-Ann Fallon		<b>Church cleaners:</b> Gianina Banks	

**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) <b>ON ANNUAL LEAVE</b> 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) <b>Fr Marcelo Martinez CS</b> (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 <b>CLOSED ON FRIDAYS</b> and Public Holidays
Holy Spirit School	Michael Hopkinson (Principal) Oliver Blenkin (AP-RE) <b>ON LEAVE</b> <b>Leah Herbert</b> (acting APRE)
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Parish Pastoral Council (Meets every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)*	Cathy Pappalardo (Chairperson)
Parish Finance Council (Meets every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)*	Stephen Rodgers (Chairperson)
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\*Schedule for a particular month may change without prior notice.