

We acknowledge the Jagera/Yuggera and Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose lands we live, work and worship.

Moorooka Salisbury Catholic Parish Newsletter

Fifth and Sixth Sunday of Easter, 28th April and 5th May, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm Response:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm Response:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



CHURCHES

thevoyagers.org

St Brendan's Church (1918)

27 Hawtree Street, Moorooka Qld 4105

St Pius X Church (1969)

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Parish life in the Easter Season continues on over these Fifty Days of Easter and we have now seen the return of students at both Catholic schools in the parish for Term 2. Both schools celebrated a special Easter liturgy in the first week back. I was able to be part of St. Brendan's liturgy and it was a special time of prayer and celebration.

At St PX school we had two significant events last week. On Monday, Mr. Mick Kelleher from Brisbane Catholic Education and I announced the new Principal for St PX starting Term 3 this year: **Mrs Felicity Pryer**. Felicity has been Assistant Principal Religious Education at St Mary's Primary School Ipswich for the last eight years. Currently she serves at the same school as Acting AP. We warmly welcome Felicity to our parish and our school. Some older parishioners who had children at the school from 1997-2007 might remember Felicity's Mum, Mrs. Annette Hammerton, who was our music teacher at the school. Felicity also shared with me that her grandfather was Principal of Salisbury State School in another era. Through her family Felicity has a real connection with two educational communities in the boundaries of our parish and is looking forward to making her own contribution as our new Principal.

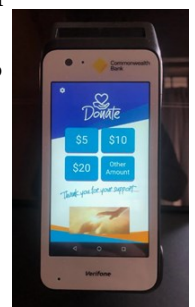
The second event last week was to farewell Principal Mrs Helen Boevink who served here for 8 years and 6 weeks. On Wednesday afternoon there was an all-school celebration in the big hall to pray for, thank, and congratulate Helen for her service to the children, their families, the staff, and the parish. It was pleasing to welcome Helen's family and many colleagues from other schools to the celebration. On behalf of the parish we wish Helen all the very best as she starts a new chapter in her life of service. We thank her for her contribution to our school which started here sixty years ago this year.

Two weeks ago we welcomed Mr. Mark Eustance, Director, Office for Safeguarding Services in the Archdiocese, to our parish. Mark conducted Safeguarding Training for parishioners who are required to do this. There was a good spirit amongst us all as we learned about our responsibilities regarding safeguarding which keeps our people, our churches and our communities safe. *Thanks Mark!*

Last Sunday was the *Fourth Sunday of Easter*. From this Sunday the 2024 *Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests* from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo, is available to take home. We are invited to pray for each seminarian by name on particular days of each month for the next year.

Financial Giving via Tap and Go is now possible at our two churches. Thanks to the Archdiocesan Development Fund we have now installed two giving facilities where parishioners and visitors can make their weekly contributions via card. All are welcome to use this new facility and to support the parish financially.

Next Sunday 5th May is Monthly Morning Tea after the 9.30am Mass at Salisbury. The following month, Sunday **2nd June**, will be a special **PARISH MORNING TEA** to celebrate the return of the Parish Hall to full-time parish use. Outside School Hours Care and Vacation Care are now occurring in the big school hall after 20 years in our hall.



Collections & Planned Giving

Previous two Sundays 14th and 21st April:
\$3,083.05 **THANK YOU!**

To join Planned Giving, envelopes are available at the Parish Office

or you may set up a regular *Direct Deposit* into the Parish Planned Giving Account:

Moorooka Salisbury Parish Bank: CBA

BSB: 064 786 A/C: 100019465

Ref: Surname & postcode

Thank you to all for your financial support!

Let us pray for . . .

The Sick: We pray for all those who are sick including Maggie Campbell (16 year old parishioner), Michael Drain, Ros Furber, Don Gaffney, Margaret Galvin, Margaret Heath, Neville Heenan, Carole Kennedy, Jenny Key, Jim Key, Marg Norris, Jackie Riley and Jean White.

Recently Deceased: We pray for the repose of the soul of those recently deceased and of all the faithful departed, especially Annie Campbell (Ireland), Ailsa Cassells, Rosslyn Hero, **Fe Hidalgo**, Ursula Gugala, **David Lee** (Vinka Lee's son), **Tina Scheyvens (Little Kings Movement)** and Dorothy Wall.

Anniversaries of Death: We pray for the repose of the souls of all whose anniversaries occur around this time especially Frank Baker (13.04.2010), Shaun Clancy (3.04.23), Denis Curley (3.04.08), Cherrie Fitzgerald (26.04.16), Timothy Hanrahan (25.04.1942), Brian Howard (8.04.19), Mary Leonard (14.04.10), Joan McDade (9.04.16), Kay Mehrens (21.04.00) and Scott Sullivan (29.04.14), Please call the Parish Office to have names added to the Sick list, Recently Deceased or Anniversary of death lists.

Our Parish Prayer

O gracious God,
we pray for the needs of our parish;
comfort the sick, the lonely and the elderly.

We pray for our families,
and all those seeking Your comfort;
help them to find peace and hope in You.

Bless our parish schools
and encourage us to welcome into our community
the young people of all ages.

May we see You in each person in our parish
community,
and welcome You into our work, our homes,
and our hearts.

Help us to have a strong faith and
trust in You
as each of us lives out the Faith
Mission
we are called to in this world.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St Brendan pray for us.
St Pius X pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop pray for us



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday night

5pm St Brendan's Moorooka

Sunday

8am St Fabian's Yeerongpilly

9.30am St Pius X Salisbury

TUES

9am St Fabian's Yeerongpilly

WED

5.30pm St Pius X Salisbury

THUR

9am St Brendan's Moorooka

FRI

9am St Fabian's Yeerongpilly

SAT

Reconciliation: 3.30pm St Brendan's

**Archdiocese of Brisbane
Safeguarding Commitment –
The safety and wellbeing of children and
adults-at-risk is paramount.**

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

PARISH DIARY


Tue	30 Apr	10am	Snooker, PMC Ground Level
Wed	1 May	10am	Friendship Group, PMC Ground Level
Sat	4 May	9am	Stitch & Sip Knitting Group. Please call the Parish Office on 3324 3967 for more details.
		8.30am	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Mon	6 May		LABOUR DAY Office closed
Tue	7 May	10am	Snooker, PMC Ground Level
		7pm	LITURGY COMMITTEE
Thu	9 May	3.30pm	SVDP Moorooka, St Brendan's Parish Hall

UPDATE on the call to CLEAN St PX CHURCH:


Over the last five weeks we have invited parishioners to consider joining a volunteer roster to clean our church at Salisbury. I am grateful to the two people who have come forward. Ideally we would like one or two more people to join – many hands make light work! This will be the final weekend we ask for volunteers so please see me or phone Suzanne in the office or speak to one of our parish councillors if you can help our parish. Some parishioners have suggested we employ cleaners. However that becomes an additional expense born by the parish and before looking at this I'd like to think we have exhausted other possibilities.

SURPLUS ORGAN

We've recently upgraded our organ at Moorooka church. There is now a fantastic second-hand organ installed. It is only 6 years old and in mint condition. Thanks to Jim Clinch from All Organs (Brisbane) for being so helpful in loaning us the organ for a trial, installing it and being available for our organists if they want to learn about it. We've also spoken with the family who kindly donated the existing organ many years ago. They are happy for us to seek a new home for it – it is free! Contact the parish office.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



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Catholic Theological College
Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions.
Engaging Your Faith: May 2024
Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.
Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.
For more information and to register:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Parish Restoration Fund

Donations are welcome! We now have raised slightly over \$97K.

THANK YOU. If you are able to donate towards the serious repairs needed to the roof of St Brendan's Church, please use the Parish bank account details:

Moorooka Salisbury Parish Restoration Fund
Bank: CBA **BSB:** 064 786 **A/C:** 100024402 **Ref:** Surname & Roof Repairs

Please note that the Bank Account number above is only for online transactions due to the Archdiocesan internal banking system which Parishes use.

Thank you for your generosity.



THURSDAY
9 May
2024
11.00AM - 1.30PM



St James College
Catholic education for Years 5 - 12
in the Edmund Rice tradition

OPEN
DAY



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*Global Learning,
Achieving Aspirations*

Join **Catholic Mission** online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the *World Mission Rosary*.

The World Mission Rosary aims to “embrace the world in prayer” and especially pray for those living in poverty. This special rosary has a colour-coded decade representing each continent where the Church continues our foundress Pauline Jaricot’s mission. It helps us to understand what it means to belong to a global church and how the church can be a leader in the world through the work of mission.

Mon – Fri

**Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12 pm Perth time**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary
of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara MacIver - soprano
Sofia Troncoso - soprano
Andrew Goodwin - tenor
David Greco - baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website

<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>



SAVE THE DATE

**March For Life
Brisbane**

**Saturday
June
8th,
2024**

more info to follow

Info@cherishlife.org.au



SUNDAY
5 MAY 2024
5PM

DONG-ILL SHIN

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL

WORKS BY BACH, FRANCK, LISZT
TICKETS \$35 / \$30 TRYBOOKING / DOOR





THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
150 Years
living stones

Date claimer

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

From Ely Cathedral, England

**A PRAYER FOR PEACE
IN ISRAEL AND GAZA**

Heavenly Father,
we pray for the many people
whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We pray especially for those who have died,
those who are grieving,
the injured and those now without food,
shelter or medical supplies.

Strengthen and support the work
of all relief organisations.

We pray also for those
who have the power to bring peace.

May they be touched
by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

O God
hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The perils and necessities of saying 'I don't know'

When I was studying political science in graduate school, I was surrounded by students who were much smarter than me. Most of my fellow students at the University of California Berkeley went to Ivy League schools as undergraduates. They were well read, articulate and confident.

When they asked where I went to school, I responded, "St. Louis," and they presumed I meant Washington University, and I had to specify St. Louis University. "Isn't that a Catholic school?" I was asked. My response was, "Worse yet, it is Jesuit."

As a result, I always felt like a tortoise among the hares. The only advantage I had was that I was older and knew I was not a genius.

One of the dangers of being young and smart is that you think you have all the answers. Aaron Wildavsky, one of the smartest teachers I ever had, once asked a class, "What are the hardest three words to pronounce in the English language?" His answer, "I don't know."

In political, academic and ecclesial life, saying "I don't know" is the equivalent of committing professional suicide. It is an admission that you do not have all the answers. If you don't have the answers, why should anyone listen to you. We will move on to the person who claims to have the answers.

For a doctor, politician, scholar, columnist or priest to say "I don't know" is so humiliating that they will often give a "nonresponse response" that hides ignorance in a fog of words.

Better to pretend certitude than acknowledge ignorance. And if you later discover you were wrong, never admit it. Plow forward and pretend your new position is consistent with everything you said in the past.

I have been thinking about this recently in the context of the debate over dealing with gender dysphoria, where the gender you identify with is different from the gender you were assigned at birth. Most people in the debate speak with utter conviction and certitude. Would that we had more voices that said, "I don't know," or at least said, "It's complicated."

The American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics support gender-affirming care, which may include medical and surgical treatments for gender dysphoria and gender incongruence, as determined by shared decision making between the patient and physician.

On the other hand, European countries, who were the first to do

gender-affirming care, are now backing away from it, especially for children. New research has questioned earlier studies that supported gender-affirming care.

England's National Health Service (NHS) has banned puberty blockers for youth after a review found a lack of evidence that medication helped gender dysphoria. For adults, it will allow prescriptions only via clinical trials or for existing patients.

The British approach is a reasonable effort to follow the first principle of medicine: "Do no harm." It is also a positive effort to gain more information through clinical trials.

Those who prioritize personal autonomy and choice above all other values will see such restrictions as an assault on personal freedom. Those who think gender dysphoria is not real will see even clinical trials as an assault on human dignity.

Both sides have their "experts" and spokespersons. Both sides present anecdotal evidence and research that supports their views. What should be a conversation about medical treatment has become fuel for the culture wars.

I am a member of the "I don't know" and "It is complicated" club.

The NHS approach sounds reasonable to me. I worry about people, especially kids or their parents, making decisions that will seriously impact the rest of their lives. Clinical trials will help discover what works and what does not, who should receive treatment and who should not. I question anyone who does such treatments without serious follow-up studies.

On the other hand, telling people in pain to "stand by until further notice" seems heartless.

Those opposed to gender-affirming care must follow the example of Pope Francis and welcome and love the transgender people in their communities. Experiencing discrimination and isolation only makes matters worse.

In addition, they should be helped by dealing with the maladies that often accompany gender dysphoria such as depression. One cannot deny gender-affirming care without offering something else in its place.

Being a member of the "I don't know club" means you will be attacked by both sides. It does not mean you have nothing to say. It means you should ask the questions that need to be answered. There is no such thing as a stupid question; there are only stupid answers.

Fr Thomas Reese, SJ, *National Catholic Reporter*, 22nd April 2024.

