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16th / 17th March 2024

5th Sunday of Lent

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St Patrick's Church 82 William St, Howard

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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

We are drawing closer to our destination and the most important moments in our journey this season as we celebrate the fifth Sunday in Lent. This fact is reflected in all the readings. The first reading of this Sunday is an assurance of God's continuous presence with us. It also reminds us of the new thing that God is about to do in our midst: "I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind...then. I will be their God. and they will be my people." God is ready to set aside a relationship that was destroyed by infidelity. He wishes to restore a broken relationship. On our part, we must be ready to accept this new covenant with God. This new covenant offers us salvation and life. So, as we continue our walk this Lent, let us know that God is willing to fulfil his promise. All He demands from us is to be ready to accept this new covenant made in Christ Jesus.

The second reading of this Sunday reminds us of the Gethsemane experience of Jesus. It reminds us of the great sacrifice of Christ. First, this was to fulfil the promise of his father. Second, it was to save us, "He learned to obey through suffering...he became for all who obey him the source of eternal life." Christ is willing to pay this price this season to get us going in life. He will achieve it through his prayer and suffering for humanity. He will do all these in humility and obedience, which are essential virtues we need to excel in life. Today, as we see Christ carrying out his priestly and intercessory role, we must find new courage to press on amid trials, persecution, and even doubts. Also, we must learn from His experience that suffering is necessary and inevitable in life. This is because, just like Christ, we will be made perfect through it.

In the gospel, Christ himself tells us: "Now the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified." What glory is there in suffering? He is about to be arrested, punished, and killed, yet he talks about his glory. Jesus saw beyond the clouds of pains and difficulties to behold success and eternal life. He knew that his suffering and death would restore life to many. So, he was not discouraged by the temporary situation of suffering. Instead, he was encouraged and motivated by the honest reward of eternal life. Christ offered his sorrow and life to restore a broken covenant and eternal life for all who believe in him. Thus, he says: "Unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest."

Unfortunately, many of us do not want to follow or like this path. Jesus invites us to be strong along the way of life. He wants us to be where he is. So, we must be ready to endure as he did. We must be prepared to die as a grain dies to regenerate. Practically speaking, we "die" every day when we stand up for justices, when we stand for the truth and when we say no to sin, corruption, and immorality.

These "daily deaths" exhaust us physically, but they strengthen us spiritually. Therefore, as we continue our walk with Christ this season, the thought of his suffering and death must strengthen us daily.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 18th March to 24th March 2024

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass

Tuesday 9.30am St Joseph's Mass

Wednesday 5.30pm Mass

Thursday 8am Mass Friday 8am Liturgy Saturday 8am Mass

6pm Vigil

Sunday 7am Mass

9am Mass

St Patrick's Church Howard

Mass: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month @ 4pm

St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: prophet Jeremiah 31: 31-34 2nd Reading: letter to the Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Martin Curtis, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Peter Schubert, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrock, David Stevens, Pam Truscott, Pauline van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Cola, John Deeley, Janet Henke, Sophie Muston, Val Wimbus.

ANNIVERSARY: Segunda Baculio, Dennis Berecry, Keith Berecry, Mathew Berecry Jnr, Neville Garner, Magdalina Mugot, Kylie Schrama, Margaret Treston, Augusta Yting

WE CELEBRATE:

MARCH BIRTHDAY: Fr. Jacob (8th), Laraine Reardon

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Parish Youth Ministry

Let the office know if you are celebrating this month.

TBA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Friday at 6pm)

15th March – Led by: RCIA

22nd March - Led by: El Shaddai

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION - Will be held Monday 25th March at 5.30pm @ St Joseph's Church

2024 EASTER LITURGY TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Joseph's, Pialba 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March Stations of the Cross

St Joseph's, Pialba 10.30am

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St Joseph's, Pialba 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March Easter Vigil

St Joseph's, Pialba 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection
St Joseph's, Pialba 7am & 9am
St Patrick's, Howard 4pm

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	Mondays	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of the Divine Will	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Mondays (No meeting on the 1 st Monday of the month)	8.30am	MacKillop Library
St Vincent de Paul	Monday 25 th March	3рт	Sr Scholly Hall
Ministry of Consolation	1st Tuesday of each month	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Craft Group	1st Wednesday of each month	9am	John Paul Centre
Charismatic Praise & Worship	TBA		
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	Thursdays (1 st Thursday of the month in the JPC)	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Catholic Women's League	1 st Thursday of each month	8.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer (Immaculate of Mary)	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Fridays (No meeting on the 1 st Friday of the month)	8.30am	MacKillop Library
El Shaddai	Saturdays	1pm	John Paul Centre
Health Care with Christ	4 th Sunday of the month	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday. Hosted by Julie & Leigh's Group.

ST JOSEPH MASS - TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

We will celebrate St Joseph's, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at St Joseph's Church Pialba at 9.30am.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

Legion of Mary will be making Palm Crosses in the Sr Scholly Hall on Saturday 23rd March at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join in and help.



BYO scissors. Lunch & Morning tea supplied.

THE IONA PASSION PLAY -

Local enquiries for the production please contact Annette Wenn on PH: 0418 721 392 or email Annette @ annettewenn123@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office on 4124 3334.

HELP NEEDED

Support from our Parish Community is needed in areas of: participation in the play -

- 15 20 soldiers
- 3 the Denial scene (2 soldiers and a Maid)
- 3 Dancing girls
- 2 High priests (non-speaking)
- 1 Sadoc minor speaking role
- 2 Thieves for the Crucifixion scene (a couple of lines each)
- 1 person to play John the Baptist and Barabas (non-speaking roles)
- 1 person for Lazarus (2 scenes small speaking roles)

We also need help with accommodation for billeting actors, HELP to set up for the production from Wednesday 3pm and throughout the production days.

CHRISM MASS - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 21st March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

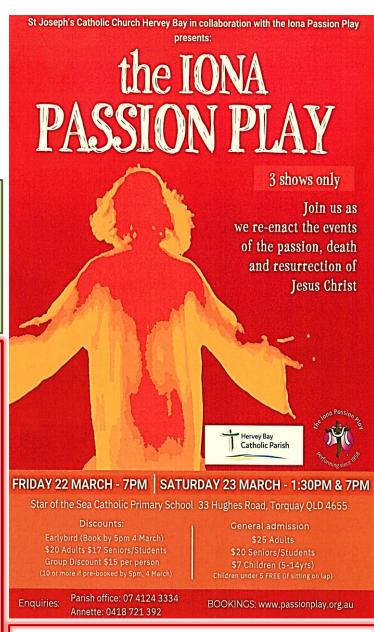


you. We also ask that *no food* be brought into the church

Please remember to take all your belongings & any rubbish with

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. Information on Safeguarding is now available our website: www.herveybaycatholic.com.au



Hervey Bay Catholic Parish is proudly sponsoring the Iona Passion Play being performed in Hervey Bay in March at Star of the Sea School 33 Hughes Rd Torquay.

Show times are:

Friday 22nd March @ 7pm Saturday 23rd March @ 1.30pm & 7pm

Bookings: www.passionplay.org.au

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