



27th / 28th April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Our Parish Churches

St Joseph's Church
Bryant St, Pialba

St Patrick's Church
82 William St, Howard

Mass Centre

St Peter the Fisherman
Burrum Heads Rd
Burrum Heads

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Xavier Catholic College
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St Vincent De Paul:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

There is no other better image of the Christian life and of what is supposed to be like than this image of Jesus as the vine and we as the branches in the gospel reading of this Sunday. I would want us to dwell on this image and on the promise that is made with it, the promise that says: "If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit". I find in this image what it means to be a Christian tremendously reassuring. There is so much grace in these words for people who are tired out from all their work or discouraged by the fact that they do not feel they are good enough for God or that they have not done enough for Him. The image of Jesus as the vine and ourselves as branches reminds us that salvation and wholeness, and indeed all good things that we experience and produce, come not because of what we do, but because of what we are and where we are.

Even obedience to the Law of God, that obedience which, as we were told in the Book of Deuteronomy leads to abundant prosperity and blessings upon the land, even this necessary obedience is transformed by the image of the vine and the branches from being something that we strive to do by our own power and might and effort, to something that God produces in us when we are attached to him as a branch is attached to a vine.

It also reminds us that we die spiritually, that we are incapable of producing fruit, when we are not attached to the vine, or when we are not connected to the roots which nourish us. It also reminds us that when we are attached, that the fruit that we produce - indeed the prosperity of the land itself, comes to us naturally, as a gift of God. The gardener does the work and the vine planted carries the sap and all its nutrition to us, and we, because we are in the right place, prosper and produce for the world the fruit that it needs. All of us want to do good things, we want to produce good fruit, but many of us, in trying to do good things, end up feeling burned out, exhausted and even despairing.

When there is an abundance of sunshine to fuel photosynthesis, and when there is adequate water and nutrient in the soil to be passed up the trunk and into the branches those branches thrive, and grow, and produce, and grow again. The plant and its branches do not have to force themselves to grow, they do not have to make a resolution to bring forth sweeter and more succulent fruits nor do they need to remind themselves to be more abundant in their production. They simply need to be in the right place, the place that the gardener has prepared for it, the place where the conditions for growth and fruit bearing are to be found.

For us the right place to be is in the vine that has been planted by God and which is tended by God - the vine which we call Christ. Dear friends, each one of us here today, as people who profess that Jesus is our Lord and believe in our hearts that he rose from the dead, are part of the vine of Christ. We can produce tremendous quantities of fruits, because God himself tends us and ensures that those conditions are perfect. All we need do to be fruitful is remain a part of the vine, and perform the simple tasks that every branch performs as a means of maintaining a fruitful life in the vine.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 29th April to 5th May 2024

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 9.30pm *St Joseph the Worker Mass*
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Mass
 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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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31

2nd Reading: 1st letter of St John 3: 18-24

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Stuart Beilby, 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, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrocks, David Stevens, Pam Truscott, Pauline van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carol Azzopardi, Margaret Edwards, Fr. Marty Larsen, Basil Morehead, Christopher O'Boyle

ANNIVERSARY: Segunda Baculio, Susana Baculio, Monica Baldwin, Mary Cefai, Neville Garner, Olive McDonough, Biennvenido Olaivar, Augusta Yting

WE CELEBRATE:

APRIL BIRTHDAY: Bernie Gick, Josephine Stevens, Claire W

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Tony & Marilyn Monsour

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT- CONFIRMATION

This weekend we will celebrate Rite of Enrolment for the children being confirmed in June.

Let's welcome and pray for these children as they embark on their sacramental journey

The date for **Confirmation is Thursday 6th June** the Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have turned 8 (Year 3). Please phone the Parish Office or email herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au for any further information.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. - 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you walk the talk? Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs?

If not, it's not too late to start!

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Monday 6th May</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Ministry of Consolation	<i>1st Tuesday of each month</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Parish Craft Group	<i>1st Wednesday of each month</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
Charismatic Praise & Worship	<i>TBA</i>		
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1st Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Cenacle of the Divine Will	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1st Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	<i>11.15am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Mother Mary's Playgroup	<i>2nd & 4th Friday of the month</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	<i>8.30am</i>	<i>MacKillop Library</i>
El Shaddai	<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>1pm</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
Health Care with Christ	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Parish Youth Ministry	<i>TBA</i>		

LEGION OF MARY "ACIES"

All parishioners are invited to pray the Opening Prayers of the Legion, Holy Rosary and Catena Legions this **Saturday 27th April at the 8am Mass.**

Enrolment in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the Homily.

Scapulars to be supplied by Legion of Mary.

Light refreshments in the Sr Scholly Hall after Mass.

All welcome to attend

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday during the 9am Mass.

Fr. Jacob will call the children up at the beginning of Mass and they will go to the Sr Scholly Hall to learn about the day's gospel in a fun way.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember those less fortunate than yourself. Collection baskets can be found at both entrances of the Church for items such as: non-perishable items, sanitary items, nappies and toiletries.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass envelopes are available in the church & the office. Please note that the Mass Intention envelopes only state the Mass Date & if you would like the name announced.

If you wish the name to be added to the newsletter, please let the office know. If you can't get into the office, please call on phone number:

4124 3334 or you can email details to: herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au



NEWSSTAND

Please check out our newsstand inside the church for all items such as: Charity Envelopes, Planned Giving Envelopes, Parish Group Pamphlets, Catholic Organizations Information, Archdiocese Information and lots more. The newsstand is located on the left side of the church (*when facing the altar*).



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 on our website: www.herveybaycatholic.com.au

PIETY STALL

Come in for that perfect gift or something special for yourself.

The Shop is open before and after each Mass every weekend. *Sorry no EFTPOS*

IF YOU HAVE A YAHOO EMAIL ADDRESS?

Any email sent to you from the office have come back undelivered.

The information we have is that those with a Yahoo account need to contact Yahoo admin and let them know that their email system isn't accepting connection requests from our email system. It's likely that Yahoo email admin is the only one who can fix this problem.

Hopefully everything can be sorted soon.

In the meantime, please check the website: www.herveybaycatholic.com.au for your latest copy of the newsletter and rosters.



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ANOINTING MASS

We celebrate an Anointing Mass Monday the 13th May at 9.30am followed by morning tea in the John Paul Centre. No 8am Mass on Monday 13/5/24




ELSHADDAI ANNIVERSARY MASS

El Shaddai will celebrate their 29th Anniversary with Mass at St Joseph's Church at 9.30am Saturday 4th May. Followed by a meal in the John Paul Centre. *All are welcome*

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday. Hosted by Family Group (5).

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