



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

Consecrated to Mary Help of Christians

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

5 May 2024

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17
NEXT WEEK (Ascension of the Lord, Year B) Acts: 1:1-11; Ps 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23
or 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20



VENERABLE EDEL QUINN - Next weekend *The Legion of Mary* celebrate Edel's wonderful contribution the Legion works.

Edel was born in Ireland 14 September 1907. As a girl her ambition was to enter a contemplative convent, but she was prevented from doing so by ill-health. At the age of 20 she joined the Legion of Mary in Dublin and was an enthusiastic member.

In 1932 she became seriously ill and spent a long period in hospital. She resumed her activities in the Legion but for the remainder of her life was impaired due to that illness.

In 1936 Edel was appointed Legion of Mary Envoy to East Africa – to countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Mauritius.

She encountered obstacles in this pioneering work and overcame them despite her poor health and harsh conditions. She had great faith in God's love and a limitless trust in the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Her infectious joyousness of spirit never failed her. These qualities quickly won everyone to her side. Although often working alone and in a state of ill-health and exhaustion, Edel established the Legion of Mary on a firm footing in the countries she visited – even as far as Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Hundreds of Legion branches and higher councils of the Legion were established – meaning that thousands of Africans were mobilised in the service of the Church.

After eight years of heroic labour, Edel died in Nairobi on 12 May 1944 where she is buried in the Missionaries' Cemetery.

The Diocesan Process, the first step towards her beatification, was set in motion in 1957 by the Archbishop of Nairobi. She was declared Venerable on 15 December 1994 by Pope John Paul II.

The following extracts from her private notes give an indication of her spiritual life:

'What boundless trust we should have in God's love! We can never love too much; let us give utterly and not count the cost. God will respond to our faith in Him ...'

'Mary loves us because we are Christ's legacy to her. Let us give ourselves completely to her to be made all His, to be consumed unceasingly, to be spent for Christ.'

'To suffer for love of Our Lord is my very greatest joy.'

Edel's favourite prayer:

'Dear Jesus make Thyself to me, a living bright reality.

More present to Faith's vision keen, than any outward object seen,

More dear, more intimately nigh than e'en the sweetest earthly tie.'

THE OFFER OF GOD'S FRIENDSHIP

Parents often offer these words of encouragement and support to their children when they have to move to a new place or to a new school, "It will be alright; you will make new friends."

It can be difficult not only for children but for anyone to leave old friendships behind and to seek new friends. It reinforces the importance that we place on strong relationships, and the common bonds that develop through important milestones and junctures of our lives.

Many people enjoy friendships that start in primary school that last through university, careers, relationships, children and grandchildren. Lifelong friendships can be some of the most cherished and important things in our lives. Priceless treasures.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers us God's friendship. "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." With these words, Jesus reveals God's desire to have a different type of relationship with us. A relationship that is based on a deep, true and personal friendship.

This relationship is about God being with us in the very ordinariness of our lives. In the marketplace, at the coffee shop, the park, the beach and, more importantly, in our homes. It is because in these locations that we normally catch up with our friends to share our thoughts and desires, God wants to have that kind of relationship with us too in these places.

God wants to establish a relationship that moves beyond worship and one that enters into deep, heartfelt and very real conversations. To move beyond sterile prayer halls and into the sometimes messiness and grey areas of our very human condition. Importantly, we should understand that in God wanting to be friends with us, there is a deep acceptance and understanding of our flawed person. A safe place where we can bare all with no fear of condemnation. A place where God is listening and accepting.

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend and these writings have been compiled into a book titled, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Despite the gospels revealing this more than 2000 years ago and St Alphonsus writing about this over 300 years ago, the notion of God as a friend is still a relatively novel idea today. But it's there, right in front of us in today's gospel.

God's friendship is waiting. It is truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

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There will be a Rosary following the 9.10am on Monday 13 May. This is to honour Our Blessed Mother for her FIRST Fatima apparition at Fatima on 13 MAY 1917 and make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

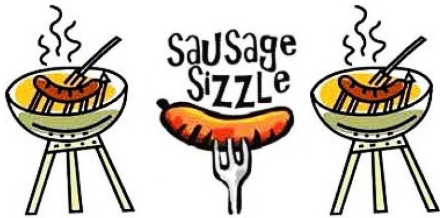
PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER: Next weekend we celebrate Mother's day and our primary school children will be joining with us at our Saturday vigil Mass.

The readings of the day will be taken from the Children's Lectionary as the children are rostered on for reading.

We will be offering a sausage sizzle following the Mass. Please make the young children and their families most welcome.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP: Bus Trip to



MEN'S GROUP

Mt. Tamborine is on Monday 6 May. Cost will be \$40.00 for the bus which includes entry to the Mt

Tamborine Heritage Village. Lunch will be at The Saltwater Hotel Helensvale with a special low cost menu.

Please contact Vern on 0459 3 43 656 or vernchris@bigpond.com with your meal preference. We look forward to a good rollup with any new members most welcome.

Interested in joining

St Joseph's SVDP Conference?

Please contact Colleen on 0492 421 311

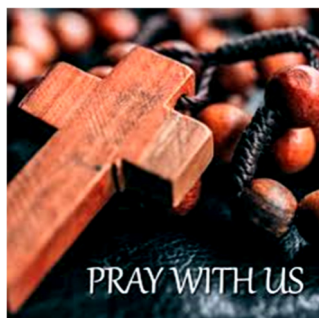


St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

TIME CHANGE FOR 6PM MASS: for those who have been asking we can now confirm that as per last year, our Vigil Mass time will change to the earlier time of **5pm** with the commencement of Winter on **Saturday 1st June**. This will remain in place until **Saturday 31 August**. Reminder notices will continue up to that time.

MARIAN VALLEY: Please join us at the Marian Valley Church for the Lady of Fatima Feast on the 13 May and on the 25 May for Our Lady Help of Christian, Patroness of Australia and Shrine of Marian Valley. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am sharp at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters. Bus cost is \$25.00 return. To book contact Xavier 0404 843 260 or Madeleine on 0405 252 367 All are welcome.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The recently deceased: Jake Van Genderen, Lordes Dungo, Tony Leaney, Fr Adrian Gil, Ian Harris, Sr Antonieta Florian, Carmel McLaughlin, Peter Keppie, Debbie Dobra, Marc Alexander Juanito Asuncion, Darcy McDonald, Kyle Barmudo, Roma Modini, Paul White, Jose Gaynilo, Terry Payn, David Aim, **Anniversaries: Trevor** those occurring at this time, **Also:** for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested. **For those who are sick** Pat Trappell, Carmel Williams, Lolita Abrenica, Michael Rudd



TAI CHI CLASSES

Thursday 3.30pm In the Parish Centre. Donation appreciated.



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL
@6.00 pm

SUNDAY
@7AM @9AM

ST CAMILLUS BILAMBIL
9AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday
9.10AM
Saturday 9AM

ROSARY
Before Mass Monday to Friday
Commencing at 8.40am
Saturday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30PM
and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am

BAPTISM
Please contact the parish office
with any Baptism enquiries.

SACRAMENTS AND VISITS TO THE SICK
Please contact the parish office

NEWSLETTERS
If you would like to receive the
weekly news or any upcoming
events and information via email
please contact the parish office
on 0755367522
Or email
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ROSTERS 11/12 MAY 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

6PM FR WILBER TOBE

Sacristan: Pat Twohill
Adult Server: Cathy Cripps
Liturgy Coordinators: Carmen Carra
Commentator: Schools
Readers: Schools
Communion: Pat Twohill & Carmen Carra

7AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Diane Paynter
Adult Server: Marie Norton
Liturgy Coordinators: Iris Nathan
Commentator: Marcia Mellor
Readers: Iris Nathan & Chris Clurey
Communion: Gavin Holmes & Chris Clurey

9AM FR MICHAEL BRADY

Sacristan: John Storey
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinators: George & Joy Cranney
Commentator: Pat Twohill
Readers: Volunteer and Janita Thomson
Communion: Pam Sullivan & Marcel Mangelsdorf

9AM ST CAMILLUS, BILAMBIL FR MX REGO SM

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support, and discuss all options available. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

