

Sacrament of Confirmation UPDATE!



A reminder to all mums and dads who have children registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation,

PLEASE NOTE,

All Must Attend the practice on

Wednesday 1st June at 6.00 pm

And

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

CELEBRATION on 3rd JUNE 2022 @ 6.00 pm

Please be at the Church by 5.30 pm

Kid's Corner:



Life 'is always sacred and inviolable', Pope Francis



POPE Francis praised a pro-life event in Rome and offered comments defending the dignity of life on May 21 gathering intended to affirm the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

Full Story: catholicleader.com.au



"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.

Archbishop calls for prayers in 'troubled times'



Archbishop Mark Coleridge has used the feast day of Our Lady, Help of Christians to call for prayers for the Church in Australia, ahead of a historic second assembly of the Plenary Council in July.

Archbishop Coleridge said the Church found itself in "troubled times" and needed "new life". "It's not a bad moment to pray – for a new government coming to power, and the future fairly uncertain both nationally and internationally," he said, delivering a feast day homily to Church employees from agencies across Brisbane.

Mary, under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians, was chosen as the patroness of Australia at the First Provincial Synod of Sydney in 1844.

Archbishop Coleridge said Mary "is not just the physical mother of Jesus, she is the woman who is the word of God".

During the feast day Mass inside Brisbane's St Stephen's Cathedral, Archbishop Coleridge commissioned and blessed Brisbane Catholic Education's new executive director Dr Sally Towns.

Read more: Catholicleader.com.au



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, St Anthony and St Luke's Catholic Parish is a diverse community, called to be an inclusive Eucharistic People who will live out our Baptismal call as disciples of Jesus Christ."

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&
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29 May 2022

The Ascension of the Lord

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

The church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, 40 days after Easter. The mystery of the Ascension is "going" or rather "leaving". Jesus leaves to be with God the Father. The disciples leave to go out into the world with the new mission to share the Love of God and neighbour."

Parish Office

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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
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Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting (*Exodus 34:28*). The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land (*Numbers 32: 13*). Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God (*1 Kings 19: 8*). Jesus stayed in the desert for forty days before he began to preach the Good News of God (*Mark 1:13*). After his resurrection, for forty days, Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples and prepared them to continue his mission.

We see a remarkable difference in the two partings of the Lord. The first time he left his disciples was when he died on the cross. Their hopes crashed and they felt abandoned. Then he appeared to them in his resurrected body. Shortly after that he ascended into heaven. This time the disciples did not grieve as their faith was stronger. Even if they missed Jesus, his presence remained with them. Jesus remains with us forever, in a new form, present and active in the affairs of our life.

The last words of Jesus to his disciples is the commissioning, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". The Christian community is an 'outgoing', 'outward bound' community. Always 'outward bound' or other oriented in prayer and action, heart open to the world, and to the elderly, the sick, the needy and the marginalised.

The 'leaving', which is very close to what has become the motto of the Church, must move us out to the peripheries of society. At the end of each mass we are sent forth, "go and announce the Gospel". So, we say the church is missionary in its very nature. Jesus says to his missionary disciples 'I am with you always, until the end of the world'. Alone, without Jesus, we can do nothing. Our strengths, our resources, our capabilities are not enough, even if they are necessary. We need his presence.

Our daily conversation with God through our prayers, daily scripture reading, our charitable works and every good deed for our neighbours, will help us to be the best disciple, being witness to the living presence of God in us.

We continue sharing the good news, until we reach the place where Christ, our head, has gone before us.

Lord's blessings, Fr Regi

