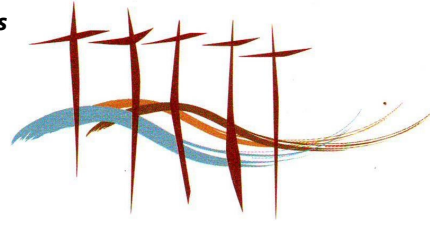


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- **BURLEIGH WATERS** - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters
- **BURLEIGH HEADS** - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads
- **PALM BEACH** - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach
- **MIAMI** - CALVARY CHURCH - Redondo Av, Miami
- **MUDGEERABA** - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba
- **SPRINGBROOK** - ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Fifth Sunday of Easter 19 May, 2019

Year C: Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

next week's Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apoc 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel passage we have part of the farewell discourse of Jesus during the last supper. In those last hours with his apostles he spoke about essentials. Many of the things he said were naturally directed towards the future, at how he wanted them to live when he was gone. One of the things he said to them was: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

We are not talking about keeping a specific set of commandments but rather about following his way of life. What is involved here is Christian discipleship. We can't truly call ourselves disciples of Jesus if we don't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. One wouldn't be much of a Christian if one didn't try to live as Jesus taught.

But we must be clear about one thing. We don't keep his commandments so that he will love us; we keep his commandments, because he loves us. During that same supper Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' It was he who first loved the apostles, and loved them unconditionally.

The greatest need each one of us has is for real, unconditional love. Yet we find it hard to believe that this is how God loves us. We tend to believe that God will love us only if we are good. God loves us, not because we are good, but because God is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's unconditional love for us is the Good News. Our response is to return that love.

Jesus knew that the Father loved him. He responded by loving the Father. He showed his love for the Father through obedience that we are to show our love for Jesus. What does this mean in practice? It means to listen to his word and put it into practice. To love is to obey. And to obey is to love. There are some of us who proclaim our love for Jesus in words, but not in deeds. Real love is shown in deeds. People know us by our acts, not by what we say with our lips.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas on their journey of evangelization return to cities where they had been rejected, stone and cast out. Disregarding their own safety, they put fresh heart into their new friends, encouraging them to carry on, with prayer, with new helpers, and with a sober realism about the hard facts. Their journey has now opened the door of faith, and their loving presence has made Jesus a reality for the pagans.

Fr Ladu

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 20 May

St Bernardine of Siena

9.00am **Mass** - Miami - followed by Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 21 May

St Eugene de Mazenod

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 22 May

St Rita de Cascia

7.00am **Mass** - Miami

9.15am Marymount College Mass - Doyle Centre

9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa

5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 23 May

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 24 May

Our Lady, Help of Christians

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters (Marymount
Primary School Mass)

Saturday, 25 May

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

10.00am Parish Entrepreneurs Council Meeting

4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami

5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach

5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 25 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami

Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 26 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

National Sorry Day

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach

8.30am **Mass** - Miami

8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

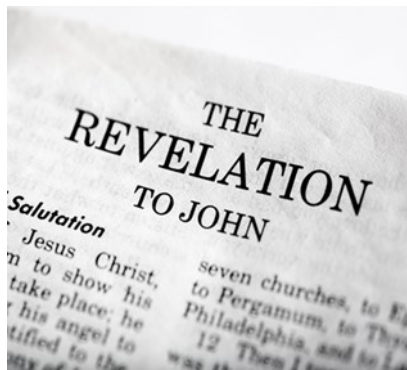
7.00pm **Mass** - Bond University

BOND UNIVERSITY SUNDAY MASS

7pm - in the Student Lounge

26 May

23 June



For the Easter Season we have been reading through some long passages from the Book of Revelations or also known as the Book of the Apocalypse.

The Book of Revelation is not so intimidating once you understand what the author was up to.

Are Catholics afraid of the book of Revelation? Do our minds become confused when we hear all those sevens and 12's, and all those strange titles applied to Jesus--the Alpha and Omega and the bright morning star? Indeed, some might feel Revelation's symbols and metaphors are so confusing that they avoid it - Alpha, Omegas, lamps and seals, and slain lambs.

Yet avoidance is no remedy for confusion. The Book of Revelation is part of the Church's Scriptures. We owe it to ourselves as God's people to become familiar with this part of our religious heritage.

The Book of Revelation reveals how God's salvation has entered the world in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. As Catholics, we reject the approach of those who use this book to guess wildly about the future or to create fear and mistrust among Christians or to support their own political agendas. The last book of the Bible was not intended for any of these purposes, but rather to be a "revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1). In this sense, it is like the Gospels. But the manner of revealing is unlike the Gospels.

The Book of Revelation is a piece of *apocalyptic* literature, a style very popular between 200 B.C. and 200 A.D., during a great crisis in Israel. The Greek word *apocalypse* (in English, "revelation") literally means "to draw back the veil." Apocalyptic literature attempts to give assurance that however bad things may be, one need only draw back the veil and see things in the perspective of the great battle against evil. God's victorious power is always at work among us.

The Book of Revelation was written sometime in the late 80's or early 90's of the first century by an author who perceived that some Christians were compromising their faith--giving in to the surrounding culture to avoid persecution. The events leading up to this persecution merits a closer look.

The liturgical readings from Revelation selected for these post-Easter Sundays give a clue about the person writing and the conditions the Christian community was experiencing. The weekly sequence of Revelation readings began with John's self description:

"I John, your brother, who shares with you the distress, the Kingdom and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus".
(Rev 9:9 – 2nd Sunday of Easter)

The clues are there: the early Christian community was under stress; as it always has been, right up to the present. For what particular reason? John spells it out, "I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus." Faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ have suffered since the very beginning of the church.

The immediate audience for this apocalyptic writing were believers who suffered under the persecution of the emperor Domitian, who claimed the title, "Lord and God." He demanded

worship from all people in the Roman empire. Those who chose Domitian as their "Lord and God" survived; those who refused were tortured and killed. It is clear from these Easter season readings why inmates in prison and Christians under stress, would be drawn to Revelation – it was written to stir hope for people suffering.

John, the visionary, describes huge crowds, "from every nation, race, people and tongue" before the throne of God and the Lamb." They have "survived the time of great distress." The lamb image recalls the Passover lamb and God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery (Ex 12) – and also the lamb the prophet Isaiah describes: "like a lamb that is led to the slaughter" (Is. 53:2). Revelation draws from the Hebrew texts to help us interpret Jesus' saving death. Christians who suffer persecution have been purified by Christ death, the Lamb's saving blood.

Imagine how those suffering servants who received the John's message were comforted. Their sufferings were a witness to the world of their faith in Christ. Because of the Lamb's sacrifice their trials will come to an end and they will celebrate the heavenly feast. Hear the promise: Then "they will not go hungry or thirst anymore... God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Christians suffering for their faith are promised a glorious future. Imagine what an inmate in one of our violent prisons (and most are!) must endure trying to practice their faith. At Easter time converts to the faith were baptized in prison chapels throughout the country. We pray with them and others throughout the world suffering for their beliefs.

In his vision John saw a vast multitude worshipping in the heavenly court, standing before the throne and the Lamb. He's drawing on God's promise to Abraham that his and Sarah's descendants will be as numerous as "the dust of the earth" (Gen 13:16). It is not just a matter of impressive numbers, but the diversity of peoples from every "nation, race, people and tongue." John's vision challenges our narrow and exclusive notions of those who are favoured by God. God's embrace is wide. What unites those people in the heavenly court has nothing to do with nationality or race, but their common worship of the Lamb.

It has been said Sunday morning is the most segregated time of the week. John's vision may be about the future consolation of those who suffer for their faith, but it is also a challenge to us now. He saw a vast and diverse multitude before the throne. How inclusive and welcoming are our worshiping communities to minorities, newcomers, physically and mentally challenged, the elderly and the young. How inclusive are our liturgical celebrations? As we worship before the altar are there women, people of colour, recent immigrants ministering in the sanctuary?

The Lamb "sits at the centre of the throne" and, at the same time, shepherds the faithful to "springs of life-giving waters." The dual images of both the Lamb and nurturing shepherd are a comfort to those in the congregation currently suffering and to the prisoner isolated in his/her cell reading this passage.

The Lamb is an image that reminds us of Christ suffering for us. We also note Jesus, the shepherd's, mandate to care for the least of his brothers and sisters. We do this now, reminded by John, the visionary, that one day we will be a vast and diverse community, before the throne worshipping our saving God together.

Padre

Parish News and Happenings

Dear Parishioners,

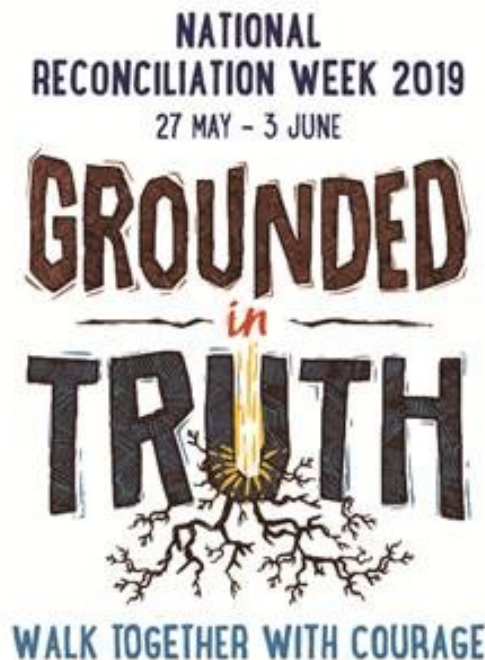
You may be aware of a recent media report on a civil claim against the Archdiocese of Brisbane that has been lodged with the courts. It relates to a former 56 year old potential seminarian who is alleging that he was bullied whilst at the formation house in Brisbane several years ago. Padre Morgan was the Vocations Director for potential seminarians at the time.

This matter has not been pursued by police. The Archdiocese has conducted its own investigation into the allegations and will defend the matter if the dispute goes to a hearing. The parish is unable to make any further comment while the matter is before the courts. Please contact members of the Parish Advisory Council if you need to speak about the matter.

David - Parish Chair

- **PARISH ENTREPRENEURS COUNCIL MEETING** - Saturday 25 May, 9 - 10am, Mercy Community Centre. For Community Leaders (or Reps) and Parish Groups.
- **FLORES DE MAYO - A celebration of Mary.** Please join the Filipino Community in a Marian Rosary, Procession and Mass on Saturday 1 June. Gather Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 10am at the outdoor Mary shrine, with Mass following. All welcome to this annual celebration.
- **EVENING OF RELIGIOUS AND SACRED MUSIC** to celebrate the Easter Season. Friday 24 May, 7 - 9pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Connecting hands with East Timor to fund teacher and student scholarships. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the churches - donations welcome. Also available online: <https://www.trybooking.com/496952> Further details Sue and Bren - 0407 533048.
- **The PRIESTLY ORDINATION of JOSH WHITEHEAD** will take place on 31 May at 7pm in St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. The parish is organizing a bus to travel to the Ordination, leaving Marymount College carpark at 5.00pm, returning around 10pm (cost by donation). Please phone the Parish Office to book.
- **PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** - Every Saturday, 9am, Infant Saviour meeting room. All resources and notes provided. Cost by donation. All welcome.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Prayers and memories flood in for Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, who died aged 90 ... Regional focus on Toowoomba diocese.

- **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AND INTERVIEWS FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS** - Training is now available to parishioners online - www.safeguardingaeob.com.au All volunteers are asked to complete the 20 minute Stage 1 presentation. New volunteers are expected to be interviewed. Please introduce yourself to one of our priests and inform them of your ministry. This will comprise your interview obligation. Forms for volunteers completing the stage 1 training online are in all churches. Co-ordinators and others in higher risk ministries are expected to do level 2 training and dates for this have not been announced. All enquiries Bren Milsom 0407 533048.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Eva and Lucca who were baptised last week.

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Ida Elda Bonke, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Jan Carmont, John Costigan, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Angelita Freda, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Veronica James, Terry Maguire, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Odette Sweeney, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Dan Wilson, Graham Zendler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Lea Dunlea, Keith Bailey, Lina Azzopardi, Julia Grioli, Elvira Caruana, Tony Westblade, Charlie Gatt, Alphonse & Akesa Gabriel.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Waters

2018 EXPENSES:

Printing & Stationery - \$3960.00

Family Groups

Goannas Sunday 2 June
12 noon, Burleigh Bears Leagues Club,
Pacific Av, Miami.
Phone Margaret 5534 2654.



Mondays, 6.30pm - Infant Saviour meeting room - please pray for Recovery
Damien Kinnear 0401313258 kinneark@bigpond.net.au



Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society would like to invite any parishioner who could spare some time - one morning a week - to assist current members in visitation to people/families in need. Christ asks us to put our faith and love for others into action. This is a very rewarding way to do this. If you are interested please contact 0428 971121.

You're invited to a new initiative in our Parish - **Mother Effect Group** - a Mother's group with elements of **FUN - FAITH & LIFE**.
Starting Tuesday 4th June from 9am to 10.30am and meeting weekly on Tuesdays.
Express your interest to the Parish Office - 5576 6466.

Liturgical Music for Fifth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Sing A New Song

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

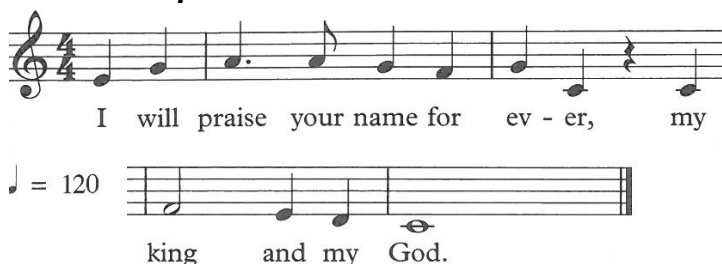
Shout with gladness, dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.

Tuesday:

Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

Wednesday:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Thursday:

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Friday:

Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve,
nor punish us for our faults.

Saturday:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

The Eucharist Song

This is my body, take now and share.
Deep in the memory of my own prayer.

This is my blood, come drink and live.
In all completeness this power I give.

You are my people, my chosen friends,
come share the Spirit my Father sends.

And hold within you, in constant hope,
my peaceful presence, gift of my heart.

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Thanksgiving:

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

City Of God

Awake from your slumber.
Arise from your sleep.
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing.
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day.*

We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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Parish Lunch 5535 8714

Marymount Primary 5535 1803
Marymount College 5586 1000

menALIVE Group 0412 270828

Men's Dinner 5576 2623

Ozanam Villa 5507 0800

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