

Resurrection

As a way to become familiar with English, I once checked with *The Macquarie Dictionary* about the meaning of *Resurrection*. There are five: (1) the act of rising again from the dead; (2) the rising again of Christ after His death and burial; (3) the rising of people on the judgment day; (4) the state of those risen from the dead; (5) a rising again, as from decay, disuse, etc. The fundamental meaning of resurrection is 'rising again'. It brings me back to certain times in life when I experienced a 'resurrection', a 'rising again,' from hardships and difficulties, even dangers.

After 25 days travelling at sea facing a lot of difficulties and dangers, we arrived in Hong Kong safely with 54 people on a very small boat (one died on the journey and we buried her on an island half-way between Vietnam and Hong Kong), we all were overjoyed. It was for me a 'resurrection' after a death-more-than-life journey. I believed it was a miracle. Then we had to face 'another life' in the detention camps with hardships and an uncertain future. Each person in the camp had to be interviewed by the Hong Kong Immigration Officers under a so-called 'the Screening Policy'. Those who were 'screened out' had to go back to Vietnam. And of course it would be very hard. I was granted the refugee status after three interviews (within two years) with a lot of tough and disturbing questions. I was transferred to a refugee camp. It was indeed a 'resurrection'. After more than a year in the refugee camps in both Hong Kong and Philippines, I was accepted to be resettled in Australia. Again, it was another 'resurrection'. Encountering with life and people in the country of Australia has created in me 'resurrection' by 'resurrection'. This is just a bit of mine I would like to share...

I spent five weeks of Lent in Vietnam last holiday. Overall, I had a good time with my family and friends. I had chance to celebrate the Eucharist in the church. Life there is still hard though it is a bit better. I also had chance to celebrate the Lunar New Year with family and friends and people there after a long time. It is mainly on the first three days of the year. We had celebrations for these three days according to the Vietnamese tradition: the First Day: to pray for peace and blessing for the new year; the Second Day: to remember and pray for those who have departed including family members, relatives, friends and all people in the parish who have gone; the Third Day: to pray for the 'labouring' throughout the New Year, asking for God's blessing over all the work, jobs and careers. Everybody, though living tough, enjoyed the welcoming of the new year with a lot of hopes and dreams. We exchanged to one another all the best wishes for the new year. I keep my 'fingers crossed' for my family and friends and people; hoping that they will be able to experience certain 'resurrections' for their life, for everyone...

We are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ during the Easter Season. It brings forth, I suppose, at least two meanings: the commemoration of Christ's rising from the dead for our salvation, and our 'resurrections' in life. In other words, it is a time for renewal. Actually, we are facing new things all the time: new day, new people we meet, new friends, new ideas, new lessons, new policy, even new jobs and houses, and so on. When I get up everyday, I always tell myself: "it's a new day!" Sometimes new things are ordinary things in a new context or environment.

The Risen Christ is the Christ who has gone through passion and death. Through, with and in Christ, each of our 'resurrections' could become a renewal for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We are Resurrection People and our song is Alleluia. We are the ones who keep creating and re-creating the World and the Church to bring it to a 'new creation'. Saint Paul confirms that "*if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.*" (2Cor 5:17). God is continuing God's creation in each of us.

May the Resurrection inspire all of us to become truer and truer co-creators of God in our earthly lives, particularly in this joyful and happy Easter Season as "*Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; victory is ours through Jesus who loved us*" (From *Bread Of Tomorrow*, p.117).

Fr John Hong

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THIRDSUNDAY OF EASTER

CELEBRATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

St. Mary's Church, Elizabeth Street, Woodend
Mater Dei Church, Cnr Ferrett Street & Rowland Terrace, Sadliers Crossing
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Robertson Road, Eastern Heights
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 22 Old Toowoomba Road, Leichhardt
St. Joseph's Church, 42 Pine Mountain Road, North Ipswich
St. Brigid's Church, Matthew Street, Rosewood.

Monday 11th April - St Stanislaus

7.00am St Joseph's North Ipswich
7.00pm Mater Dei Sadliers Crossing

Tuesday 12th April - Tuesday of 3rd week of Easter

9.00am Immaculate Heart of Mary Leichhardt
9.00am St Mary's Woodend

Wednesday 13th April - Wednesday of 3rd week of Easter

9.00am St Mary's Woodend
9.30am St Brigid's - Rosewood

Thursday 14th April - Thursday of 3rd week of Easter

9.00am St Mary's Woodend
9.00am St Joseph's North Ipswich

Friday 15th April - Friday of 3rd week of Easter

8.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation Eastern Hts
9.00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Eastern Hts
9.00am Immaculate Heart of Mary Leichhardt

Saturday 16th April - Saturday of 3rd week of Easter

10.00am St Mary's - Benediction /Reconciliation – Door of Mercy Event
5.00 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation St Mary's
5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Leichhardt

Vigil

5.30pm Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Eastern Hts
6.00pm St Mary's Woodend
6.00pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Leichhardt

Sunday 17th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

7.30am St Joseph's North Ipswich
8.00am St Mary's Woodend
8.00am St Brigid's Rosewood
9.30am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Eastern Heights
9.30am St Joseph's North Ipswich
6.00pm St Mary's Woodend

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty Sbeghen, Brian Cashen, Glenn Newton, Mervyn Guy, Kerry Latter, Irene Mahoney, Wade Roseneder, Fr Brendan Dooley, Dave Dodds, Peter Davidson.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Relatives & Friends of Clayton Family, Paul McKean, Joanne Watts, Craig Hannam, Michael Williams, Merryl(Paddy) Gleeson, Bill Healy, Venice Burgess, Kay Smith, Fr Brian Taylor, Taleesha Crone, Brett Campbell, Shirley Noble, Joan Earl.

NEWS FROM AROUND OUR PARISHES

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD: Fr Jim Elmore cp is celebrating a special Jubilee Mass for the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination at St.Mary's Church on Sunday, 24th April at 12noon. Fr Jim is well known around Ipswich, and he would welcome family, friends and parishioners to join him as he marks this wonderful milestone.



CELEBRATING WITH OUR PARISHIONERS:

This week, North Ipswich parishioners, **Brian and Carmel McCarthy** celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We all agree - a great couple; a great achievement! It's so wonderful to see how God has blessed your marriage with a deep and lasting love--a love that has always warmed your home with family and friends, and given you such precious memories to treasure. May God continue to bless your lives with love and happiness.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS: The North Ipswich Conference of St Vincent de Paul has been offered the proceeds of the sale of bunched chrysanthemums this Mothers' Day. A number of local schools have expressed their willingness to sell the flowers through their school communities, however we are in urgent need of helpers to prepare and wrap the bunches. The flowers will be cut and prepared in the period from Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th May 2016, and we will need a minimum of four volunteers each day. This is a case of many hands making light work, so if you can lend a hand for even a couple of hours, your help will be greatly appreciated. The income generated will be a great help in funding the work of SVDP and the occasion will provide for a chance for socialising and meeting new friends. Please call Neil (3281 0131) or Maree (3281 2133) to register your availability.



DATE CLAIMER: IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY DINNER - Don't miss out – Mark your calendars now - Friday 1st July at Brothers Leagues club. Watch this space. More to come soon!



PIETY STALL NEWS: Little White Books which contain 6 minutes of prayer each day during the 50 days of the Easter season are now available from the Piety Stall for a cost of \$4 each.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD OPPORTUNITIES: There are a number of opportunities throughout 2016 for young children to take an active part in the life of our parish communities. The first being Children's Liturgy of the Word which is offered in all of the Churches at various times and dates throughout the month.

At **ST MARY'S** it will be celebrated on the **2nd Saturday** evening at the 6pm Mass and the **2nd Sunday** at 8am and the **3rd Sunday** at 6pm.

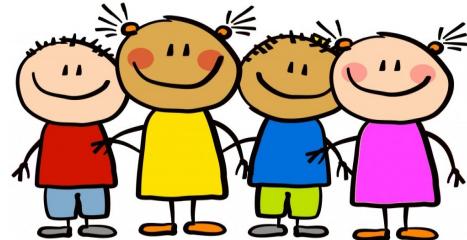
At **OLMM** Children's Liturgy will be held on the **4th Sunday** at 9-30am, Mass.

At **NORTH IPSWICH**, Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on **1st and 3rd Sundays** of the month at both Masses.

At **LEICHHARDT**, we will gather for Children's Liturgy at the Vigil Mass (Sat. 6.00pm) for the **3rd Sunday** of the month. We would like to encourage parents to support this ministry by sending your children along to Children's Liturgy. As we move into the Lenten and Easter season the children will be presented the scripture stories appropriate to this liturgical season. If you would like to be involved in Children's Liturgy please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 3281 2133.

The dates for the month of April are as follows:

Month	Date	Mass and Venue
April	10th	8am St Mary's
	16th	6pm Immaculate Heart of Mary
	17th	7.30am and 9.30am St Joseph's
	24th	9.30am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



In this week's issue: * Young Sound of Music star shares a few of her favourite things * Missing baptismal font found and re-installed as holy water font in cathedral * Care and Concern still going strong in parishes after 40 years * New Government film to deter asylum seekers at odds with the way Pope cares for them * Q&A with first Queensland LNP indigenous woman in the Senate

* Commentary on Australia's attitude to euthanasia and the need to improve end-of-life care * Three-page feature on World Day of Prayer for Vocations * Tips for parents on discussing sex with their children

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: This ministry is for children aged from 3 years to 9 years and is a special style of religious formation process for the younger child. It has been in operation in the St. Mary's Parish for nearly 15 years and those working in the Atrium have had the pleasure of being part of so many children's Religious formation throughout this time. The times for the sessions are as follows - **commencing on Monday, 9th May:**

Children who attend schools other than St Mary's - Monday afternoon 3-30pm to 5-00pm

Children who attend St Mary's Primary School - Tuesday afternoon 3-00pm to 4-30pm

Toddler group 2.5 years to 5 years - Thursday morning 8-30am to 9-30am

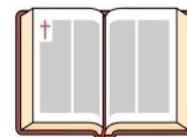
The reason we have separated the session is to be able to meet the needs of families and children from a wide range of experiences. If you know of children who would like to be part of the Atrium please contact Bernadette McAndrew at the Parish Office as enrolments are now being taken. Groups will be kept to a minimum according to the children's age.

VILLA MARIA MASS: All past and present residents and staff, and families and friends are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated at the Villa Maria Chapel (Limestone Street, Ipswich) at 11.00am on Tuesday, 21st June. Note the date and plan to come—more details soon

TALKABOUT: The Talkabout team is preparing the next issue. To keep you informed, we need your contributions. Please email articles, news and photographs to *Robyn* at robyn@mansol.net.au or leave at the Parish Office. Articles by 15th April would be appreciated. *Thank You*

READINGS FOR MASS: 9/10 April: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

16/17 April: Acts 13: 14, 43-52'; Apoc 7: 9, 14-17; Jn 1010: 27-30



DATE CLAIMER FOR HIVE YOUTH ADVENT:

The next event will be on 22nd April at Mater Dei 6.30am-9pm

THE HIVE PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

A FUNDRAISING EVENT BRINGING PARISHIONERS TOGETHER.

WHEN: 29th April 6:30pm for a 7pm start	WHERE: St Mary's Primary School Hall	COST: \$15 pp or table of 10 for \$120	THEME: Come as an occupation
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Book a table : 3281 2133
or via:
Ipswich.youth@bne.catholic.net.au



Food & drinks available
for purchase.

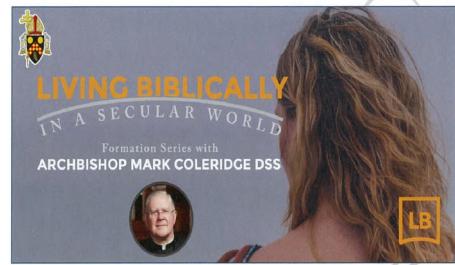
THE HIVE CALL FOR RECIPES!!!

Do you have a favourite family meal which you or your family love eating or cooking? Do you have recipes from different cultures? The Hive Ministry are calling all parishioners from all our parishes to please send in recipes for our Parish cookbook. These can include entrée's, mains, desserts, specialities and national recipes. We welcome all recipes and are grateful for one or more recipe each. Please suggest to your friends and family that they send their favourite recipe in too.

As the Ipswich Catholic Community covers various areas and has parishioners from all different walks of life and nationalities we are excited to share all your recipes with you. Please send your recipes in to Ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au as soon as possible. We will then collate these recipes and will put together a recipe book.



3rd Sunday of Easter “The most miserable prison in the world is the prison we make for ourselves when we refuse to show mercy. Our thoughts become shackled, our emotions are chained, the will is almost paralysed. But when we show mercy, all of these bonds are broken, and we enter into a joyful liberty that frees us to share God's love with others.” Warren W. Wiersbe



“MISSION AND MERCY”: It is absolutely essential for the church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people. Pope Francis: “The Face of Mercy”

Year of Mercy Parish Seminar: with noted missiologist Fr Stephen Bevans SVD Saturday 30 April 9am-1pm Aspinall Centre - St Bernard's Parish Hall 4 Klumpp Rd Upper Mt. Gravatt No cost, morning tea provided RSVP: ebamin@bne.catholic.net.au by Tuesday 26 April Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS coincides with Good Shepherd Sunday on April 17th. It's a day when we as a Church community remember the Lord's instruction to “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We especially pray for our youth and young people as they consider the call to Ordained, Married, Single or Religious life. You can find more resources at the Vocation Brisbane website: www.vocationbrisbane.com.

CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE: The Archdiocese of Brisbane has a Pastoral Care Ministry for the psychiatric area. We are looking for Volunteers to be trained to work within this Ministry. The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team need mature committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 4th May to 23rd November from 9am to 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion of the Course in the various ministries e.g. Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Please apply now in writing to Fr Jim Smith Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley 4006 or phone 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm.

BREATH OF THE SPIRIT, SILENT PONDERING, PRAYER, REFLECTION, DEEP CONNECTION: A weekend for women hosted by Dragonfly Ministries Friday 17 June 6pm – Sunday 19 June 3pm Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full-time students) Individual, ensuited rooms. All linen, meals and resources supplied. To Register or Enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IPSWICH is accepting Prep Enrolments for 2017. St Mary's Primary School is a Co-Educational Catholic Parish school established over 150 years ago and is administered by Brisbane Catholic Education. Enrolment Application Forms are now available online at www.stmarysipswich.qld.edu.au or if you wish you may collect them from the school office. For further enquiries please phone the school office on (07) 3281 1998

ST MARY'S COLLEGE DATE CLAIMER: Saturday 22nd October St Mary's College Gala Dinner 22nd October 6.30pm

ST EDMUND'S DATE CLAIMER: Friday 22nd April College ANZAC Service
Monday 25th April SEC Old Boys ANZAC Service: Friday 6th May Edmund Rice Mass

Saturday May 7th Eddies Race Day – Tickets \$85-00 includes Entry/food/beer/wine/soft drink form 12noon – 5-00pm

For Enrolment Enquiries please contact the College 3810 4448 or email enrolments@sec.qld.edu.au

Year of Mercy

Wednesday 20 April

Mercy in the Old Testament

Wednesday 20 July

Mercy in the Gospel of Luke

Wednesday 24 August

Mercy in the Gospel of John

Wednesday 19 October

Mercy in the Letters of Paul

Venue: Cathedral of St Stephen Elizabeth St Brisbane

Times: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Parking: Cathedral Car park open from 6pm
(entrance via Charlotte St)



We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy and peace.
Our salvation depends on it.

— Pope Francis: The Face of Mercy

The Papal Bull Announcing the Jubilee Year of Mercy n.2