

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

28 April 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B



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GOSPEL MEDITATION: My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

- Father John Muir ©LPi

The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging.

For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 30 April	5:00pm	Mass, St Brendan's College
Wed 1 May	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	11:00am	<i>Graveside Funeral</i> - Ann Cooms, Emu Park Cemetery
Fri 3 May	9:00am	Mass, St Brendan's College Edmund Rice Feast Day
	1:00pm	<i>Funeral Liturgy</i> - Maureen McCarthy, Sacred Heart
	3:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 4 May	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 5 May (6th Sunday of Easter)	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, Sacred Heart

New Rosters available in Church foyer

WEEKEND ROSTER			
This weekend - 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B 27/28 April			
	5.15pm Sat Mary Immac.	9am Sunday Sacred Heart	5pm Sunday Sacred Heart
Commentator	Rene Veltmeyer	John Campbell	Melissa Collins
1st Reader	Janelle Pinch	Erin Hutchinson	SBC Student
2nd Reader	Caroline Ireland	Catherine Weaver	SBC Student
Next weekend - 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B 4/5 May			
Commentator	John McKenna	Deb Bayliss	Kathy Strelow
1st Reader	Sr Grace Bartolo	Barbara Kirwin	STU Student
2nd Reader	Helen McIntyre	Joan Ellaway	STU Student

Pray for

Baptisms:

Evelyn Romito, Chloe Ward, Archie Rendell, Cooper Paynter, Charlie Paynter, Hazel Hutcheon.

The sick:

Colleen Stower, John 'Jack' Kelly, Amy Collins, Eimear Devlin (Ireland), Pat Searles, Fiona Bryson, Paul Hansby, Emily White, Renae Ellaway (Duffy), Scott Mahosky, Kevin & Joan Lacey, Terry Groser, Ollie Miles, Jo-Anne Coxon, Alan Davids, Adam Loch, Carolyn Perkins.

The recently deceased:

Maureen McCarthy, Ann Cooms, Kevin Lafferty, Lorraine Stockley, Fr Marty Larson, Dusty Lonergan (St Brendan's), Maria (Mia) Consten, Lorna Joan Travers, Noel Mansfield, Denis Horton, Basil Tansy.

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Betty Pettit, Judy Hayes, Leonie Undie, Barbara Blanchette-Piguet, Annah Shemlowski, Pauline Coleman, Pauline Effeney, Charlie Shelton, John Pearson, Fintan Real, Christine Gynther.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Wednesday 8th May, 6pm: INFORMATION SESSION

for Parents/Carers
(children NOT required to attend)
REGISTRATION FORMS AT BACK OF CHURCH

Friday 16th August:
Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday 18th August:
First Holy Communion Ceremony

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

ANZAC COVE MEMORIAL

*“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
Therefore rest in peace.
There is no difference between the Johnnies
And the Mehments to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours
You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries
Wipe away your tears;
Your sons are now lying in our bosom
And are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land they have
Become our sons as well.”*



*Kamal Ataturk,
President of Turkey, 1934.*

We will remember them, lest we forget.

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DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church.

May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world.

DONATION POINT



Sacred Heart Church has a Donation Point Tap facility in the Church foyer. Your donation assists the Parish to meet its ever increasing commitments.

Your donation is appreciated.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

5TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

1st Reading:

Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Psalm 21:

I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of
your people.

2nd Reading:

1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these:
that we believe and that we love
one another.

Gospel:

John 15:1-8

All who live in me,
and I in them, bear much fruit.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6TH SUN OF EASTER

1st Reading:

Acts 10:25-26

Psalm: 97

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



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APPOINTMENT OF DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Michael McCusker** as the Diocesan Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Rockhampton from 1st July 2024.

Michael will be well known to those in the Rockhampton Diocese. He has served as a teacher and principal in both the Rockhampton Diocese and the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Since 2012 he has served as the Assistant Director Schools for the Northern Region and he has led several strategic initiatives whilst in that role. He holds a Bachelor of Education, a Graduate Diploma of Education, a Graduate Certificate in Arts (Theology) and a Master of Education.

This appointment follows a process involving national advertising of the role and the assistance of a six-person panel in interviewing and reference checking.

I take this opportunity to thank Miss Leesa Jeffcoat for her outstanding service as Diocesan Director of Catholic Education for the past 23 years. There will be an opportunity to acknowledge Leesa's contribution in the coming months.

Please join me in congratulating Michael and welcoming him to his new role.

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton

Ladies High Tea - Gentlemen Welcome! Saturday 11th May, 2pm Community Room Sacred Heart Church

Entry will be \$10 and we'll have \$2 raffle tickets as well. **John Kehoe from Angel Flight will be our guest speaker and funds raised will go to Angel Flight.** Individual or group bookings can be made by phoning Collette Worthington 0493 087 833 or Maureen Chapman on 0412487985 by 1 May. Please leave message if they're unable to answer. If you would like to make a donation to our raffle prizes (eg ladies pamper items, chocolates, etc), there is a basket in the foyer of the church at Sacred Heart where you can leave them. A pleasant afternoon is assured.

FLOWER MAKING: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

A flower making session for Mother's Day will be held at the Sacred Heart Church Community Room on Saturday 11th May, commencing at 9am. See Tess Beard for more details.



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