



Catholic Communities of Enoggera & Mitchelton

embracing the churches of

St John the Baptist, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
& Our Lady of Dolours

17th May - Year A - The Ascension of the Lord

St John the Baptist
131 South Pine Road,
ENOGERA

**Our Lady of the
Immaculate
Conception**
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EVERTON PARK

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Suez Street,
MITCHELTON

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Only Luke separates out resurrection, ascension, and giving of the Spirit over a fifty-day period. The clear implication in John's Gospel is that the Spirit is given on the day of the resurrection and that the ascension has occurred around the same time since, one week later, Jesus invites Thomas to touch him—something that Mary of Magdala had been forbidden one week earlier because the ascension had not yet occurred. In essence they are all different dimensions of the one reality, and the church, in following Luke's chronology, allows us to reflect on this one reality over fifty days in all its richly different aspects.

In Matthew's Gospel what is interesting is that we have the account of the women at the tomb (Matt 28:1-10), the account we proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, where the angel tells them not to be afraid and instructs them to tell the disciples of Jesus' having been raised and instructs them to go to Galilee. On the way to tell the disciples, the women see Jesus, who also tells them not to be afraid. The encounter between the women and the disciples is not described, and what we hear from the very last lines of the gospel, which we have just heard, is that the disciples are in Galilee. When Jesus appears some hesitate to recognise him.

We have a homily preached by Leo the Great, bishop of Rome between 440 and 461, on this solemn feast early in his episcopate, in 444. Leo saw the hesitancy of some of the disciples having a spiritual significance. His explanation was that it was for our benefit:

The Spirit of Truth would by no means have permitted this hesitation, wavering in human weakness, to enter the hearts of his preachers, if their trembling anxiety and questioning delay were not to have established the foundations of our faith. Consequently, it was our doubts, our danger, that was being considered in the apostles. We, in the guise of the apostles, were being instructed against the slanders of the wicked and the proofs of earthly wisdom. Their 'seeing' instructed us, their 'hearing' informed us, their 'touching' strengthened us. Let us give thanks for the divine plan and the necessary 'slowness' of the Holy Fathers [the apostles]. They 'doubted' so that we need not doubt. (Sermo 73)

In Matthew's Gospel, the ascension is the moment of the great commissioning. To be a disciple is to be sent into the world to bear witness to the resurrection, to be a messenger of the good news of hope and promise and of the victory of life over death and of love over sin. We hear no more about the fear of the disciples after this. This is the paradox of Christianity: the one who was dead is alive, the one who has gone remains with us, those who fail are forgiven, those who fear are fortified. This is the mystery of faith, this is the hope God's call holds for us. Would that we allow the eyes of our minds to be enlightened by this promise of the rich glories we are to inherit.

These rich glories are beyond our wildest dreams. Leo the Great concluded that the promise of the ascension is not that we shall be restored to the paradise of our first parents, but we shall be raised to the heights of heaven itself and dwell in the very presence of God:

Since the ascension of Christ is our elevation, and since, where the glory of the head has preceded us, there hope for the body is also invited, let us exult, dearly beloved, with worthy joy and be glad with a holy thanksgiving. Today we are established not only as possessors of paradise, but we have even penetrated the heights of the heavens in Christ. (Sermo 73)

In our eucharist we are thankful that the Christ who has left us is still present with us in the bread that is his body and the wine that is his blood. We share in this meal that we may share in the triumph of life over death, in the triumph of love over death. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

Geoffrey D Dunn

17th May - Year A - The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11: *Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9: **R.** *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23: *He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19, 20: *Alleluia, alleluia!*
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20: *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

24th May - Year A - Pentecost - Red

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 **R.** *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 *In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19, 20: *Alleluia, alleluia!*
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23: *As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*


<u>Weekend Mass Times</u>	<u>Weekday Mass</u>
<i>Our Lady of Immaculate Conception</i> <i>Everton Park</i> 7:00am Mass (Sun)	<i>Our Lady of Immaculate Conception</i> <i>Everton Park</i> Monday 9:00am
<i>St. John the Baptist</i> <i>Enoggera</i> 8:30 am Mass (Sun)	<i>St. John the Baptist</i> <i>Enoggera</i> Wednesday 9:00am
<i>Our Lady of Dolours</i> <i>Mitchelton</i> 10:00am Mass (Sun) 4:00pm Vigil Mass (Sat) Week 2 & 4 Only	<i>Our Lady of Dolours</i> <i>Mitchelton</i> Friday 9:00am

Lord Jesus,
 You became man and lived among us. For love of us, you suffered and died for us. We rejoice and thank you for your glorious Ascension into Heaven.
 Come, Holy Spirit,
 Purify and transform us. Kindle within us the fire of your love, so we may witness to your Gospel in our daily lives.
 Amen.



Please remember in your prayers those loved ones in our community who are sick:
Helen & John Furness

Those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Karry McCarthy





HAVE YOU SEEN THE PLANNED GIVING APP?
SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP TO GET STARTED

Give with Joy Give with Ease

Support our parish mission with a simple, secure parish giving app.

Your offering helps sustain worship, outreach and service to our community.



Is your Planned Giving on Direct Debit?

As part of our transition, we have new forms for Planned Giving direct debits now available!

To update your Planned Giving direct debits, please return your completed forms to the Parish Office.



Let us pray for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome the children and their families into our communities.

BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

OUR BAPTISM ENQUIRIES FORM HAS NOW BEEN UPDATED!
FOR ALL BAPTISM ENQUIRIES FOR
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ENOGGERA
OR
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS, MITCHELTON
FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO REGISTER



<https://emparishes.com.au/baptism/>

ROSARY TO HONOUR Our Lady Help of Christians

(Patroness of Australia)

Saturday, 23rd May 2-4pm

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles—Stafford Parish

Come on Australia, let us stand together in strength and unity to pray the Rosary all as one and ask our Holy Mother for protection and guidance in these troubled times. You can invite family and friends from other countries to join on this day via **ZOOM LINK** and **MEETING ID** for logging in:

<https://bit.ly/437MVsu>

OR ENTER Meeting ID:

443 363 1440 and Passcode: eucharist via the Zoom app

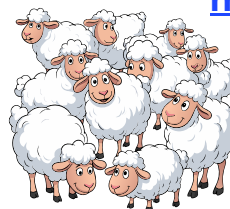
Please SIGN UP or email stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or ring 3267 4860 for catering purposes, thanks. :)



FLOCKNOTE

You can now register with our new communities by scanning the QR Code or following the link:

<https://emparishes.flocknote.com/register>



Archdiocese Events

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
WALK WITH JESUS



Procession begins at
2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026
CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM

For more information, please contact Cecilia Formby 0402 629 241



The Vow
A Marriage Encounter Mini Retreat
Presented by the team of Fr Nev Yun, Mel & Maria Noronha
Date: Saturday 30th May - 9am to 12:30pm
Oliver Plunkett Church hall, 21 Beauvardia St Cannon Hill
The event is followed by a shared lunch, please bring a plate to share.
Contact:
Vince & Cathy Agius - vinceandcathywme@gmail.com

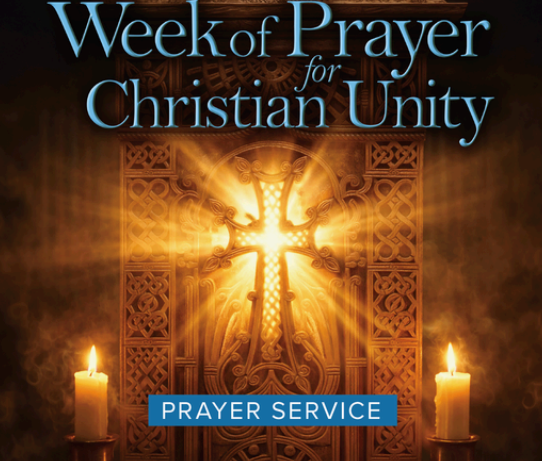


PENTECOST IDEAS FOR KIDS



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Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"
(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

PRAYER VIGIL for DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

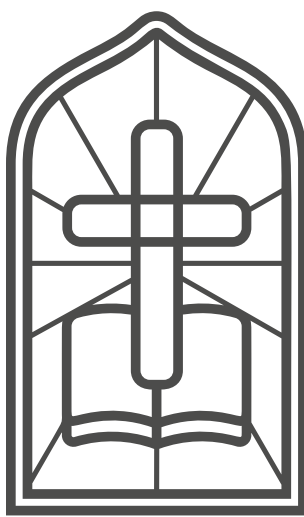
PRESIDER: SHANE MACKINLAY, CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

In collaboration with Juliana Mantilla (Challenge DV), Diana Lopes (Honorary Consul of Portugal in QLD), Brian Sullivan (Sicura), Carole Danby (Queensland Churches Together), Caroyln Robinson (BeyondDV), Centacare, Liturgy Brisbane and the Romero Centre.

Tuesday 2 June 5:30pm - 6:30pm
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
49 Elizabeth St Brisbane City
Followed by light supper in the Hanly Room

Join us in prayer and reflection for all impacted by domestic and family violence — victims, families, communities, those who have caused harm, and everyone working across the system. Together, we honour stories, raise awareness, and hold space for healing and hope.

Challenge DV, romero, LITURGY BRISBANE, centacare, Archdiocese of Brisbane, Sicura, Beyond DV, Archdiocesan MINISTRIES



ALL IN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026
6PM - 8:30PM
ST. EDWARD'S HALL DAISY HILL
SCHOOL HALL
104 CHATSWOOD RD, DAISY HILL QLD
4127

YOUTH LEADERS MASTER CLASS

SUPPORTING & ENGAGING NEURODIVERGENT YOUNG PEOPLE

