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CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

**OUR PARISH MASSES**

Weekday					Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> April
20 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
21 <sup>st</sup>	Apr	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.30pm	Rosary		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Apr	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**The Beyond Human Senses**  
Human senses are created for the empirical world. All of us enjoy, more or less, seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting and smelling. We understand most things of the empirical world. However, in dealing with the

abstract, human senses start to struggle, and human senses become mystified in dealing with the heavenly realm.

Three days after Jesus' crucifixion, each time the risen Lord appeared to His disciples, they mistook Him for someone else. Mary of Magdala met Jesus. She mistook Him for a gardener. She recognised Him after hearing Him call her name Jn 20,17. The two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus, saw Him, heard Him, travelled with Him, and yet could not recognize Him. At the end of the day, they saw *'He took the bread, and said the blessing; then He broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.'* Lk 24,30. The Last Supper experience returned, and that opened their eyes. Jesus again appeared to the other disciples, and they mistook Him, believing that *'They were seeing a ghost.'* Lk 24,38.

The Gospel explained this phenomenon as, *'something prevented them from recognising Him'* Lk 24,16. We don't know what this *'something'* was, but it must have to do with Jesus' power of the resurrection, and that *'something'* is beyond our human senses. The risen Lord knew the person to whom He appeared. For Him, physical barriers, time and space were no problems.

We know that emotions often dictate our senses. When in a hurry, we often can't find things we are looking for. In panic

situations, we make mistakes that we could easily avoid in normal circumstances.

When the risen Lord appeared to the women at the tomb; they were very upset and in mourning. When He appeared to His apostles in a room, they were living in fear and in hiding. When He met the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, their lives were shattered and they were in grief. These two disciples accepted their limitations. They explained, *'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'* Lk 24,32. These two disciples believed that if they had believed, their hearts burning from within, they would have recognized Jesus much earlier when He talked to them on the road. For them, not the senses alone, but an open heart was needed to help their eyes to see and their ears to hear the Risen Lord.

This echoed what the prophet Isaiah once explained, that when people's hearts were closed, they would *'listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive'* Is 6,9.

Hearing and listening with an open heart is a way to recognize the risen Lord. Jesus added, that faith was the key to understanding His message. Some people would not recognize Him because they were *'slow to believe the full message of the prophets'* Lk 24,25. The apostles' hearts were filled with joy when they met Jesus, but their heads were slow.

Three times before His death, Jesus was prophesying about His own Passion, that it must first happen and three days later, He would rise from the dead. Faith helps an open heart and human senses to recognize the risen Lord.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

***Goodna ANZAC Parade  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021***

This year the 7am Mass car parking is not affected by the Goodna ANZAC Parade, however, the 9am Mass car parking will be. The Church Street will be blocked from the entrance of the Church to Mercy Lane. If you are attending the 9am Mass on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> April, please arrive early as the Church Street entrance to the car park will be blocked off from 8.30am. For those of you who arrive after 8.30am, you will need to park on Mill Street, up near the Police Station or over near the Goodna Train Station car park.



It is with great pleasure that the Archdiocesan Commission on the Liturgy invites you to register for the Liturgical Musicians' Training Day.



**Date:** Saturday 15 May 2021

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:30pm

**Venue:** St Laurence's College, Sth Bne

To purchase tickets, click on link

<https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/liturgical-musicians-training-day-registration.html>

For further information please contact ACL at [acl@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:acl@bne.catholic.net.au) or on (07) 3324 3321.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Mass Precautions during COVID

As part of the COVID Protocols, the Mass format for all Churches have had to be amended (since March 2020):

- No wine for Communion – just prayer;
- Communion is given to the hand – currently given to the tongue is not permitted;
- Extraordinary Ministers – must wash hands before and after Mass with soap and water;
- The use of signing Peace – shaking hands, kissing and hugging is not permitted;

Fr Tuong is also not permitted to shaking hands after Mass.

### Healing Mass

There is no Healing Mass for the first Friday in May 2021.

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your face shine on us.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## PASTORAL MATTERS



### Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Angus Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring.

### Reading – Fourth Sunday of Easter – 25<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 4:8-12

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (none in April)

Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### Home Visit

Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 19<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> April

Phyll Mullins, Daniel Perry, Albert Wurst, Desma Ellen Rawnsley, Harry Murphy, Brian Mullins, Lykua Phonsavathdy, Joe Gurdon, Katharina Muellebner, Maurine Swords, Annie Mabel Galligan, Desmond John Duncan, Denis Richard Hughes, Martha, Lucy Hesp.

### Recently Deceased

Les Mullins, Bassilisa Nyracha Ha Komeye, Theresa Nguyen Thi Tuoc, Jean Smith, Doreen Wright.



**Loop System** The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

## WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE

# Mass and Book Launch

## “Mary Disciple and Mother” by Bishop Brian Finnigan

Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, Order Founder and Author.

**Commencing with Mass at 11am**, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book “Mary Disciple and Mother” by Bishop Brian Finnigan.

**Date** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Time** 10.45am – 4.00pm

**Where** St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill (car park Stephen Street)

**Lunch** BYO lunch, drinks provided

All are welcome. For more information please call Paul 0417 104 460.

### Position Vacant – Receptionist/Funeral Assistant

Applications are open for a position at Holy Cross Funerals. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of 30 hours/week Monday to Friday

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## KNOWLEDGE

When preaching takes place within the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist.

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