



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

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### MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

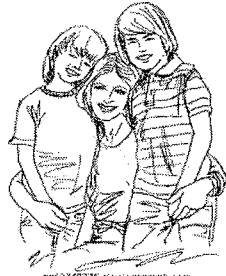
God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;  
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;  
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;  
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;  
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;  
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;  
for those who have children they do not want;  
for those who raise children on their own;  
for those who have lost a child;  
for those who care for the children of others;  
for those whose children have left home;  
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,  
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,  
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.  
Amen.

**M-O-T-H-E-R** by Howard Johnson

"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
"O" means only that she's growing old,  
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;  
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
A word that means the world to me.



## PRINCIPLES OF MOTHERHOOD

- If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called 'labour'.
- Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results.
- The joy of motherhood: What a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed.
- Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren.
- There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, hire someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.
- Adolescence is the age when children try to bring up their parents.
- Oh, to be only half as wonderful as my child thought I was when he was small, and half as stupid as my teenager now thinks I am.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church and God's family **Mason Asher Sulzberger**, second son of Luke and Vanessa (nee Marino), being Baptised during the 8.30AM Mass this Sunday. *"By God's gift through water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn to everlasting life. May He continue to pour out His blessings on these children."* (Rite of Baptism)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **Andrea Miotto** (Husband of Maria, Father and Father-in-law of Renato and Sandra, Valli and Shane Raddatz, Louie and Regan), **Manika Lama** (Nepal Earthquake Victim & **John Nagya** - Aunt & Husband of Sarmila Lama), **Fr. Des McQuaid** (Former Parish Priest of Chermside West), **Richard (Dick) Gacia**, **Enrico (Rick) Michelin**

**TO REMEMBER:** Jack O'Reilly, Ludvico Giangiulio, Suzanne & Jack Ballinger, Augusto Stefanon, Lewis Zanatta, Len Torrisi, Riccardo & Walter Cavarzan, Dec. Family Members of McMeniman, Sweeney, Danaher, Platt & Sheehan Families, Deceased Sisters of Mercy, Msgr. Patrick McMorrow, Fr. Thomas Isaac, Fr. Garrett Murphy, Fr. Michael Herbert

**FOR THE SICK:** Vincenzo Di Raimond, Marie Hindmarsh, Svetlana (Debbie) Pettiford, Frank Sciuto, Karen Anderson, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, Mario Costanzo, Marlene Holmes, Joe Costanzo, Danny Mahoney, Ken McQualter, Cathy Sullivan, Linda Vinciguerra, Debra Micallef, Stella Bayley, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER is available in the foyer each weekend.**

Parishioners reminded the Leader is FOR SALE and is NOT FREE. Please be sure to pay for your copy - \$2. This is a service provided by the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference who are needing to financially subsidise the payment for the Leaders to make up for those not paid for. Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

**THIS WEEK:**

**MASSSES: MON:** 7AM; **TUES:** 7AM; 10.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT CARRAMAR, College Road; **WED:** 11.45AM; **THURS:** 9.15AM; **FRI:** 5.30PM; **SAT:** 7AM **SATURDAY VIGIL :** 6.30PM **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

**FEAST DAYS:** WED: *OUR LADY OF FATIMA*; THURS: *ST. MATTHIAS, Apostle*

**MEETINGS:** TUES: 7PM PARISH COUNCIL

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Prior to Sat. Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass or anytime by contacting Fr. Brian 4681 2157 or Fr. Lino 4681 3653.

**FAREWELL**

We are very sad to say farewell to **Peter Gasparin** who has left Stanthorpe to work in Brisbane. In recent years our parishioners have witnessed Peter's musical ability blossom and our Masses and Liturgies have been enriched by Peter's organ and piano playing, as well as his singing ability.

We wish Peter well in his work with a Funeral Director in Brisbane and his continued involvement in the liturgical life of the Church in Brisbane through the generous and enthusiastic use of his musical abilities.

We look forward to Peter's future visits home to his family and Parish.

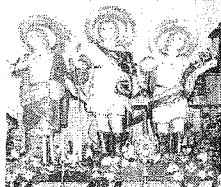
*May I express to Peter the gratitude of the parishioners, the choir, the organists and myself for his wonderful contribution to our Parish. Peter, you will be missed.*

Fr. Brian

## NOTICES:

### THREE SAINTS FESTIVAL

*Congratulations to the Three Saints Committee under the leadership of Joe Spina, the President, for their dedication, hard work and detailed planning and preparation that resulted in the well organised celebrations last Sunday.*



*Bishop Robert McGuckin was with us for the Mass and Procession for the first time, and presided at the Mass. After a prayerful Mass with Fr. James Spence as the Principal Celebrant, with Fr. Brian, Fr. Lino and Fr. Don Murray concelebrating, followed by the Procession, the social celebrations continued into the evening in the St. Joseph's School Gymnasium, the Bathersby Centre. The food and music were excellent as were the traditional fireworks. There*

*were many visitors from Brisbane, Childers, Bundaberg, Dalby and elsewhere who travelled by bus or car to take part in the Festival. We thank our many visitors for supporting the Festival, as so many do each year. A special word of thanks to the ladies who spent the weeks prior to the Festival cooking the Italian and Sicilian delights and treats – an amazing effort by a small dedicated team. To all who assisted at this Festival and supported it thank you.*

For the seventh year there was an organised protest by a group of fundamentalists denouncing the wickedness of Catholics engaging in idolatry, punishable by hell fire and damnation. They completely misunderstand Catholic devotion to the Saints. It might be helpful to read again the article in last Sunday's Bulletin. Keep it so you know how to respond should anyone wish to engage you in conversation about it.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal to assist the victims of the recent Nepal Earthquake. To donate, call the Caritas hotline 1800 024 413 or online [Caritas.org.au/nepalearthquake](http://Caritas.org.au/nepalearthquake) or through the Parish. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

**MULTI DRAW RAFFLE:** The winners of prizes in the Three Saints Multi Draw Raffle are available on the Notice Board in the foyer. Thank you to all who supported the Raffle and all donors.

## COMING UP:

**SCHOOL MUSICAL:** ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL presents "ANNIE" in the Stanthorpe Civic Centre on Friday and Saturday 22/23 May at 7PM. Tickets \$15 Adults, \$10 Students/Pensioners. Non school aged children free. Tickets available online at [stjosephs.qld.edu.au](http://stjosephs.qld.edu.au) or at St. Joseph's Administration (Primary Campus).

**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PIE DRIVE:** St. Joseph's Parents & Friends Association are holding a Homestyle Bake Pie Drive, with orders closing Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Pick up is at the Bathersby Centre on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 11AM - 12 Noon and 3 to 4PM. Order Forms are available in the foyer.