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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year A

16th/17th May 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Ascension of The Lord.

### Parish Leadership Team Update

The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) enjoyed coming together in Blackbutt last weekend (Saturday 9 May), for their bi-monthly meeting.

### *Faith Filled*

The PLT recently initiated a Lenten Franciscan retreat (28 March), which was well attended (about 20 people) and well received.

### Corpus Christi

The 2026 Corpus Christi Procession known as "Walk with Jesus," is scheduled for Sunday 7 June, starting at 2pm, in Brisbane and led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. If you are interested in carpooling for this occasion, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church or see Paul Veivers.

### Sister in Residence

The PLT is organising opportunities for parishioners to receive Liturgy Ministers training, in late June. SMCC has initiated a Sister in Residence program.

Sr Judy Foster is a Good Samaritan Sister and a liturgy specialist. She will be at the College during the last week of June, and the parish also has the opportunity to engage with Sr Judy. She arrives Saturday 20 June and departs Sun 28 June. The following opportunities are available:

Sunday 21 June, 11 - 12.30: Lay Liturgy Ministers training, Kingaroy.

Friday 26 June: Sr Judy will attend morning Mass and morning tea in the hall. Please come along and share memories of when the Good Sams were in Kingaroy (1934 - 2002). This will be followed by a discussion time from 10.00 - 11am.

Sat 27 June, 10am - 12pm: Lay Liturgy Ministers training, Blackbutt, followed by a social lunch. (Please see Carrie Lock for more information.)

### *Inclusive*

In churches where we have children, the PLT would like to encourage all the children to be part of our Sunday Masses. We would like to share a message with parents and carers: We LOVE having children inside the church during Mass. Please don't worry if they make a bit of noise or move around. We will be creating a resource box with colouring in sheets, pencils and children's Bible books. Soon, this box will be available at the back of the church. Parents will be welcome to collect some items from the box and take them back to the pew for their children's interest.

### **SMCC - Mandy Sullivan - Head of College**

Last week, our Year 12s attended their Year 12 Retreat. They were privileged to have Fr Stanley drop in and spend some quality time with them, which they enjoyed thoroughly. Our Year 12 Retreat was run by the Passionists. The Passionists created a welcoming and reflective environment where students were encouraged to explore their faith, personal values, and relationships with others. Retreat included a mix of group activities, personal sharing, quiet reflection, and guided discussions led by Our teachers and Tom from the Passionists. Through prayer, music, and storytelling, Students developed a deeper sense of community and spirituality, making the retreat both meaningful and memorable.

Last Friday we celebrated our Mothers, Grandmothers, Carers and all women who have a caring role by serving delicious pancakes. We hope all Mothers had a very Happy Mothers' Day.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

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Saturday 16th May	Cooyar	11am	Mass
	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 17th May	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

**First Reading:** **Acts 1:1-11**  
**Responsorial Psalm** **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** **Ephesians 1:17-23**  
**Gospel Acclamation:** **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**

## WEEKDAY MASS OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Thursday 21st May	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
Friday 22nd May	Kingaroy	9 am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 23rd May	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 24th May	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

## PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world.



Scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26](http://www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26)

## ST PAT'S NANANGO –Prue Clarke, APRE

This week, our students began learning about the important role volunteers play in our school and community as we prepare for National Volunteer Week. They reflected on the many ways people generously give their time—from helping in classrooms and school events to supporting others in the wider community.

We are grateful for all who serve so selflessly and encourage our students to show appreciation for the volunteers in their lives. This learning connects strongly with our School value of Community.

## PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Recently Deceased:** Noreen Kent, Larry Perrett.  
**Death Anniversaries:** Patricia Barrett, Kym Burgess, Josephine McConville, Jeanne Bastable, Denise Murray, Mary Laherty, Kristina Bishop.

### Prayers for the sick:

**OLHC Parish** - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan.

**St Mary's Parish** - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Aubrey Rose and Billie May Smith who will be baptised on 16 May 2026. Please keep parents, Kaycee and Joseph and godparents Jamie-Lee and William in your prayers.

## DATE CLAIMER

*You are warmly invited to the launch of . . .*

# CAPTAIN of his DESTINY

by

**Elizabeth Caffery**

A story inspired by the life of Jim Burns.

Join us as we celebrate the publication of this compelling account of a life shaped by courage and anchored in music.

**Date:** Saturday 6 June 2026. 2 pm.

**Venue:** St Mary's Catholic Church, Mary St, Kingaroy.

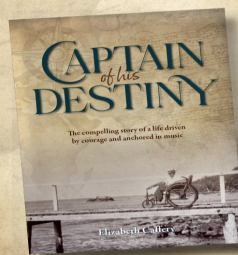
*Guest Speaker:*

**Moya Hayden**

Light refreshments afterwards in St Mary's Hall.

Please RSVP by 30 May to [liz.caffery7@gmail.com](mailto:liz.caffery7@gmail.com)

Books can be purchased at the launch. Cash or card.



## WORLD MISSION ROSARY

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary.

**Dates:** Monday to Friday, 1 May – 31 May

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Online via Teams – <https://tinyurl.com/RosaryPrayer26>

