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## Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre e-News

### Centre re-opens on 15 July –Safety first !

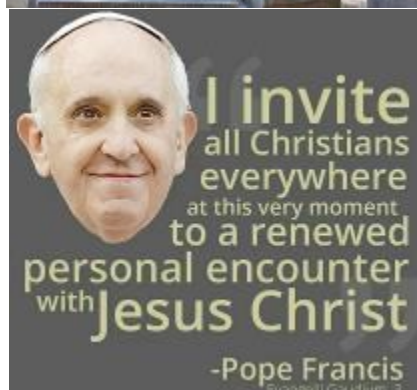
It is with joy that I can announce that Santa Teresa will re-open to welcome guests from **Wednesday 15 July** subject to COVID plan safety requirements. Due to the social distancing rules currently in place, a **maximum of 20 guests** can be accommodated at any one time. Staff have organised signage, hygiene and cleaning practices, social distancing protocols and spacing of furniture to comply with all COVID regulations set by the Qld Health Department.

Here is a list of the safety protocols that need to be observed when visiting the Centre:

- Do not come if you have any cold or fever symptoms, returned from overseas in the past 14 days or have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Supply your personal details to assist with contact tracing in the event of an infection occurring at the Centre
- Maintain a social distance of 1.5m at all times
- Practice good hygiene, especially before and after meals, by washing your hands and using the sanitiser provided
- Smile and wave, avoid physical contact
- Observe the designated formation/dining room number limits



### Strategic Plan—Santa Teresa first and foremost a place of Encounter with God



The staff of Evangelisation Brisbane have been developing a 5 year Strategic Plan to identify outcomes and strategies that serve its vision and mission. Santa Teresa as part of this agency has set its own outcomes and strategies in accord with its Vision. Our overall goal is to be a place of encounter with God. This is facilitated through :

- \* opportunities for prayer and reflection
- \* provision of spiritual formation
- \* experiences of hospitality
- \* spending time amidst the natural beauty of creation
- \* rest, refreshment and enjoyment
- \* connection with Catholic spirituality, especially the 'Little Way' of St. Therese

All of the Santa Teresa team seek to provide an environment and services that facilitate this primary goal whereby those who come here encounter Christ anew. Our facilities and grounds provide a fertile setting for such encounters. For some, it will be awareness of God in the beauty of creation, while for others, it will be through prayer liturgy or meditation in one of the chapels, for others, reflection on the wisdom shared in group formation sessions or again, quiet reading in one's room or the warmth and hospitality of sharing a meal with others. Our encounter moments are precious.



## Maintenance Tasks are ongoing



During the last 3 months, our service providers have attended to many maintenance tasks .....

- \* Repair and cleaning of the solar panels
- \* Painting of several bathroom floors
- \* Checking our gas hot water systems
- \* Electrical switchboard testing & upgrade
- \* Mower service & mulching of gardens
- \* Toilet and shower plumbing repairs



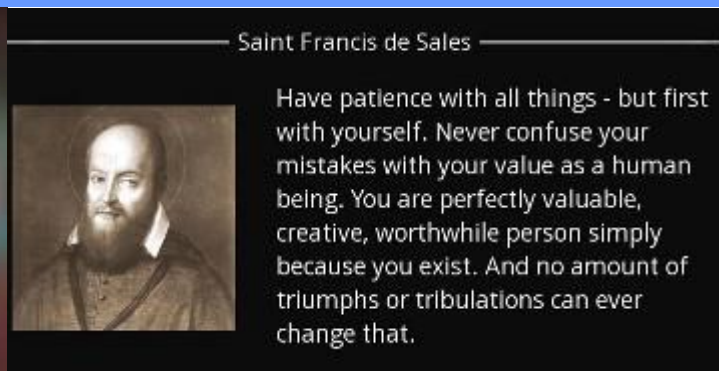
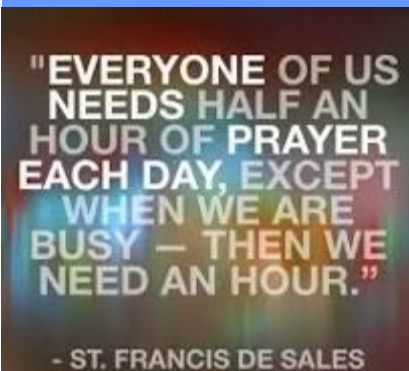
## Tree Track Audit – ensuring the grounds are safe and accessible



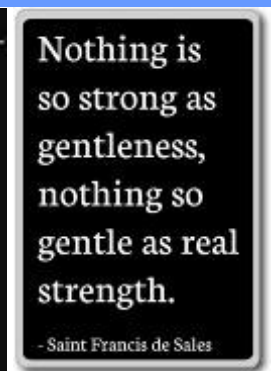
Redlands Tree services have recently conducted their annual audit of all our trees prior to pruning our large shrubs, removing two dead gums struck by lightning and eradicating noxious plant growth- all to ensure that our grounds are safe for all our visitors, including our native friends. This extensive report records the health of each plant/tree on the property and helps us to preserve and care for the beauty of God's creation.



## Wisdoms of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Founder, Spiritual Writer, 'Gentleman Saint'



Have patience with all things - but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that.



## We give thanks for JobKeeper supporting our staff who keep the Centre clean & the grounds beautiful



## Spirituality of St. Therese offers hope for our suffering world

The tour of the relics of St. Therese and her parents was curtailed by the COVID virus, but their visit to Ormiston in February, reminded us that:

- 'Living in love will banish every fear'
- 'I accept with gratitude the thorns with the flowers.'
- 'Let us see life as it really is: a moment between two eternities'



Contact us soon to organise your stay with us. Whether it is a day, an over-night, a weekend or an extended stay, come and experience the beauty and peace of this special place.

*Blessings,  
Mike Humphrys (Coordinator)*