



Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre e-News

Jesus is our Resurrection and Life



As we enter Week 5 of Lent, we read the account of Lazarus being raised from the dead by Jesus, who says to Martha, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' In this prayer we are invited to let go of the many ways in which we are bound, so that we can experience freedom from 'deadness' and new life in Christ.

Christ, you are life for the world

release us from the bonds of sin
release us from the bonds of fear
release us from the bonds of greed
release us from the bonds of negativity
release us from the bonds of complacency
release us from the bonds of loneliness
release us from the bonds of apathy
release us from the bonds of addiction
release us from the bonds of depression
release us from the bonds of self-righteousness
release us from the bonds of

Jesus, You are our Resurrection and Life

We rejoice in your gift of life. Amen.

(Adapted from the Archdiocese of Brisbane Lent Program 'Up From the Waters' p.50)

Opportunities for individuals or groups to spend a day or overnight in prayer & reflection



Looking to find a quiet space in your life to connect with God more deeply,? Then consider joining us for one of these days where there will be times of prayer, reflection and sharing.

Reflection Days:

- Saturday 6 May 9am-4pm with a focus on **Easter** (cost \$30)
- Saturday 2 December 9am-4pm with a focus on **Advent** (cost \$30)

Overnight Retreat Friday-Saturday 7-8 July 4pm Fri-3pm Sat (cost \$150)

For enquiries and registration contact Mary-Anne Cullen cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au or ph 3324 3443 (booking and payment essential 10 days prior to the day)

Parish Reflection Days

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

Staff: Our Caretaker Team

Our caretaker team provide supervision of the Centre from 7pm to 7am each night when there are guests staying overnight. Their primary tasks are to ensure that the Centre is secure and to be available in the event of an emergency, such as: a fire alarm or a guest requiring assistance eg a medical matter.

The caretaker resides in Couderc Cottage overnight, where they can be contacted by mobile or by knocking on the cottage door. We are grateful to Tim, John, Robert and John whose presence and onsite supervision ensure that our guests feel safe during their overnight stays with us.



Santa Teresa Chapel Formation Space



The main chapel named after our patron, St Therese of Lisieux is used for prayer and liturgy, but also functions as a formation space for large groups of 50+. Participants relish the relaxing views of Moreton Bay seen through the large floor to ceiling glass panel doors and windows.

The chapel is well equipped with a mobile Smart board giving presenters a high quality audio-visual resource, offering a white board, screen and projector for computer or online material. Chairs and tables can be set up in various patterns to suit the style of formation activity being undertaken.

Santa Teresa Vision—A Place of Great Natural Beauty—New Garden

Great efforts are made to maintain the grounds by mowing, weeding, pruning, mulching, watering and rubbish removal as well as cultivation of the roses and other plants to ensure that the outdoor spaces are attractive.

Recently, a new garden was created at the back of the dining room. It has been planted with flowering shrubs: camellias, magnolias and poinsettias. What has been an overgrown plot of weeds for many years has been transformed into a place of beauty thanks to the efforts of Jeff and Pip our gardeners.



Vale Fr John Reilly sj—You espoused silence as the path to discover God's love



Fr John Reilly SJ passed away peacefully on 15 March aged 88. Fr John worked most of his Jesuit life in India and in different countries of Asia and the Pacific, directing formation programs in theology, scripture, and spirituality. In Australia he was National Director of priestly life and ministry for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, 1993-2002. Since then he has been a member of the Centres of Ignatian Spirituality at Campion (Melbourne) and then at Faber (Brisbane) as well as being Superior of the Jesuit community at Toowong. We are deeply indebted to Fr John for the countless number of Ignatian retreats and spiritual direction he gave to people at the Cenacle and Santa Teresa over the past 30 years.

'Spiritual Dreaming of Quandamooka People' painting by Belinda Close

I paint this story of "Spiritual Dreaming" as a memory of the past and with respect for our Ancestors. It's also about our Love of God, our Love of our Islands, Moorgumpin and Minjerriba; a journey of sharing our spiritual beliefs and culture.

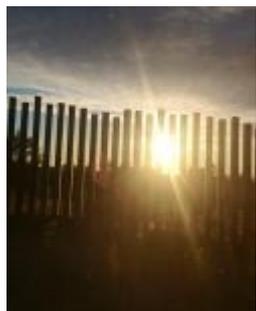
A journey from our ancestors for generations to come. We are all God's creation.....

This painting was presented to Archbishop Bathersby by Belinda Close (the artist) and Joan Hendriks and Rose Borey (Quandamooka Elders) at the Opening and Blessing of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre on 4 October 2009. The painting hangs in the foyer of the Administration wing. The story (excerpt above) by the artist is displayed next to this important cultural work.



Your stay with us is precious—have your say, fill in an evaluation form

Guest comments on the Evaluation forms provide valuable feedback to the staff about their experiences at Santa Teresa and often alert us to suggestions for how we can improve the 'little things'.



-Thank you very much to the staff for your unobtrusive kindness displayed in many different ways

-A truly beautiful place to retreat. One of the best I have experienced in over 25 years of full time ministry.

-No marmalade at breakfast.....perhaps the verandah could be kept for silent retreatants at meal times..... sliding door in the Bathersby room is noisy

-The beautiful grounds help many to see the sacredness of earth and creation

Book today for your next stay with us. Easter Blessings, Mike Humphrys - Coordinator