



# Heart to Heart

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## Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) Prayer Community

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To be a group of people who are journeying together in faith, guided by the Spirit of God, growing and learning from each other, and whose life, as a whole, follows the footsteps of the Master Himself...that is, a life of prayer and active, loving service to others.

## From the Desk of Fr Floyd Gatana Straight to The Hearts

### Transforming the power of Easter

Once again, this year we have commemorated the Passion of Jesus. Easter is the climax of our liturgical celebration in the calendar in our Church. It is a celebration of God's unconditional love for humanity. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"* (cf. Jn 3:16). The text of St John gives us a fundamental revelation about God's love. The love that was laid on the cross by his only begotten Son.

Easter is a celebration of God's love that transforms the whole world. The death and resurrection of Jesus not only cleanse our sins but transform us to experience new life within ourselves. Easter brings joy into the world. It is a celebration of God's victory over evil. As we continue to reflect on the Easter event we are called to reflect on the meaning of Easter. There is a danger in viewing Easter as just another event that happens year after year. Easter will have meaning in our lives if we focus on the truth it reveals. The mystery of Easter must be seen with faith. Faith enables us to search for the truth that Easter brings to our lives.

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To grasp the transforming power of Easter we must look at Jesus. Jesus had to go through suffering before he was crucified. We can only imagine the type of pain he endured. It was a terrible death he had to undergo. Yet, as humans, we will ask why the Son of God would go through all these. However, it is God himself who willed that it would be this way. The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus invite us to see things from a different perspective. The resurrection of Jesus gives us a new horizon. It teaches us that suffering and death have no power of God. Jesus has shown us the power of God. The power that transforms our lives.

Easter allows us to experience the joy Jesus brought to the world. The joy of Easter will enable us to be grateful for the grace God has given us. Jesus wants to show us that suffering and challenges in this world is not the end. But allowing us to learn from him how God's power can transform our lives. The celebration of Easter is evidence of God's saving power. It is through the Lord's resurrection that we are transformed and renewed.

As Christians, we are encouraged to live the Spirit of Easter in our lives each day. Let us make the joy of Easter alive in our personal life and our families. The experience of Easter must be lived out, so God's love becomes present in our communities. As individuals, we can contribute to our communities by spreading our experience of Easter to our brothers and sisters who are still experiencing darkness in their lives.

### **From the Core Group**

***The last Core Group meeting was held on 24 April 2025. The next one will be on 16 May 2025.***

**Apostolate Ministry** – will visit and join the 5 Bible cells meetings from June 2025.

**Growth Ministry** – is preparing for the Life in the Spirit Seminar in August. The ministry is also planning for discernment of members for which ministries they want to serve.

**Music Ministry** – will look after the mass hymns for May and June. Music Service will include the LoM Flower Offering, the Pentecost celebration, the Corpus Christi and the second and fourth Saturday masses, prayer meetings and First Fridays.

**Praise and Worship Ministry** – proposal to invite Bible cells to lead prayer meetings has received positive responses. The ministry is now looking for volunteer prayer leaders for 2026.

**Prayers and Intercessory Ministry** – continues to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy on Mondays to Thursdays.

**Service Ministry** – continues to manage fellowship after prayer meetings and church cleaning.

**Pastoral Team** – met with Fr Floyd Gatana, our Spiritual Director on 11 April. Fr Floyd expressed willingness to attend prayer meetings and core meetings and participate in Teachings and other HJM activities. HJM is leading the organization of the Parish celebration of the Feast of Pentecost on June 7 at the school hall.

***Please send any feedback to the Pastoral Team or corresponding ministry.***



## SHONEE ATTWOOD

Sis Shonee has been a committed member of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) prayer community for many years now after completing the Life in the Spirit Seminar.

She was also the previous Head Servant of the Praise & Worship Ministry and continued to serve this ministry by being a co-deputy Head Servant.

Both Sis Shonee and Bro Colin serve at St John XXIII Parish as a Minister of Communion and Acolyte, respectively. Sis Shonee is currently a member of the Blessed Trinity Bible Cell.



**Bible Cell: St. John Paul II**

**Message:** Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

**Action:** How do you express your faith in your life?

**The following Bible Cells are not able:**

**Blessed Trinity**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**St. Mary MacKillop**

## Upcoming Events:

### HJM PRAYER MEETING, SAT, 10 MAY 2025

PLACE: FR BYRNE CENTRE  
TIME: 6.30PM to 7.30PM  
LEADER: VOLUNTEER HJM MEMBERS

### HJM PRAYER MEETING, SAT, 24 MAY 2025

PLACE: FR BYRNE CENTRE  
TIME: 6.30PM to 7.30PM  
LEADER: SIS SHONEE ATTWOOD

### HJM CORE MEETING, 16 MAY 2025

PLACE: MS TEAMS  
TIME: 7.30PM to 8.30PM

### 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY MASS, 6 JUNE 2025

PLACE: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
TIME: 7.00 PM

**(FOLLOWED BY CHURCH CLEANING)**



*Happy birthday and God's blessings to the ff:*

Chris Atienza	May 5
Norie Domingo	May 10
Joseph Cacdac	May 12
Noel Tolentino	May 23

#### *Anniversaries*

Ike and Dolette Enriquez	May 1
Rod and Len Limguangco	May 10
Danny and Linda Aguas	May 22
Colin and Shonee Attwood	May 29



Mila Alforque	June 1
Gloria Ferrer	June 3
Rita Vella	June 9
Efren Atienza	June 18
Jennifer Clark	June 22

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