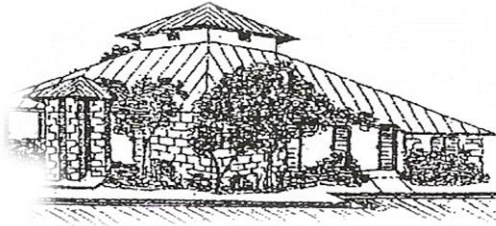


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME! *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.*

Kirwan's Mission Statement

To be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

10th May, 2020

Lectionary readings	Easter 5
Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 31 1-5; 15-16:
1 Pt 2: 2-10	Jn 14: 1-14

Richard's Rambling

Last Sunday's reading, from Psalm 23, ended with "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever". And this week's from John 14 begins with "In my Father's house are many rooms". So any real estate agents lurking on our Vimeo page will feel right at home – unintended pun.

We look at houses through two lenses. One sees other people's houses, particularly celebrities or Ideal Home or Vogue. The other sees our own, and our friends'. In fact, through that second lens we don't really notice the house at all, all we're interested in the people, the loved people, who make the place what it is, a refuge, a source of joy and belonging. As a child, it used to strike me that grown-ups talking about "In my Father's House are many Mansions" were looking through the first lens, at gold pavements and the other trappings of what they imagined would be the

consolation for spending their earthly lives in miners' back-to-back terraces. While my brother and I were only concerned with will our friends be there to play.

"Don't let your hearts be troubled" says Jesus. There's plenty of room, no need to turn the attic into a bedroom, no need to convert the garage to a kitchen. In fact, Jesus' reassurance to the disciples doesn't touch on what His Father's House is like as a structure, only that there's room for everyone and that He'll be there, having got it ready for us, and that we'll be there.

If lockdown has taught us anything, it's that Kirwan Uniting isn't a quite attractive and functional building on Hinchinbrook Drive. It's you and me, with our troubled hearts. If Ms Palaszczuk were to say to us today, you can gather together again, but it's got to be in a hangar at Lavarack Barracks, we'd answer "Onya Premier, where do we sign?"

Like Hogan's Sgt Schultz and Fawley Towers' Manuel, we know nothing about the layout of this Father's House, except from Hebrews 11, it has foundations, and its builder and maker is God.

Coronavirus Update

UCA Queensland Synod

<https://ucaqld.com.au/important/coronavirus-update/>

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You may be interested in some live streaming of UC services

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Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



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