



Newsletter



Catholic Parishes
Kangaroo Point • East Brisbane • Buranda

Eleventh Sunday in Ordi-

Mass Times

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

43 Taylor Street,
Woolloongabba

Friday: 9:00am Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

81 Mowbray Terrace,
East Brisbane

Wednesday: 8:00am Mass

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

26-36 Leopard Street,
Kangaroo Point

Sunday: 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation: *By appointment*

Your Prayers

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary occur at this time

Please remember the sick
*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan,
Jeanette McMahon.*

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the
Fourth Sunday following the
9:00am Mass at
St Joseph's Kangaroo Point.

Preparation is held on the
Third Sunday at
Sts Peter and Paul's Bulimba

**Please telephone the parish
office for further details**

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Fr Peter's Message

Will Parishes Survive?

I wish I could answer that question with a resounding –'Yes, of course parishes will survive'. We've been through tougher times and always bounced back. We are resilient people and won't let something like low numbers of clergy or poor Mass attendance put an end to parish life. But while I can say that I believe what I have just written, I am certain that parish life as we have known it for many years will not look the same into the near future. As a faith community we are subject to the same sociological changes as the rest of the world. People's needs, expectations values and beliefs change, and as a result the institutions and structures that support these values and beliefs must also change. While the truths that underpin these beliefs never alter, it would be irresponsible to continue to operate as if nothing has changed, or to believe that people will come to their senses eventually and things will get back to the way they were, or more truthfully, the way we wish they were.

The indicators of a need for a change in our Church structure have been clear for some time. The importing of priests from Nigeria and India was seen as a temporary help, just until we got our own vocation campaigns for locally grown vocations were working again. While these generous men have been able to starve off the days when we may have had to close down or at least cut down on certain parish activities, it created the false impression that we would always be able to find priests when we needed them, even if we had to import them. Vocations among Australian born men and women continues to plummet, while the responsibilities and areas to be covered continues to grow for the aging clergy still working.

With the substantial growth in Catholic schools and student numbers, we incorrectly assumed these school populations, children and parents, would actually participate in the life of their faith beyond the school grounds i.e. Sunday Mass. Church-based youth groups have had to compete with secular youth activities like sport, music, fashion and a huge range of artistic pursuits as well as the almost compulsory-part time job at Maccas. Church leaders neglected to understand that faith participation became just another involvement for young people and their families, not necessarily a priority, as it used be.

One of the hidden impacts of why the present operation of our parishes will need to change is that tainted thing called money. The Catholic Church is poor. Now to the average Catholic that statement is outrageous. Surely the Catholic Church has to be one of the richest corporations in the world. It is a worldwide global enterprise. It's rolling in money. Think of those glorious cathedrals and churches. All that artwork. All the bejewelled chalices and gold spun vestments. Well just a slight bit of common sense will contradict these statements. None of that wealth is liquid. Who will buy a broken down historic cathedral or an art piece by Raphael? Would it raise school fees or close down poor parishes, and in some cases, whole dioceses, if it had sufficient funds?

Contrary to popular opinion our church is not a worldwide financial empire. Every diocese is an independent legal corporation unto itself and raises its own money. The Vatican does not send out any money to a struggling diocese, and while some dioceses are better placed than others, most dioceses run at a deficit. Add to this the enormous legal fees and lawsuits that have resulted from paedophilia suits and the substantial costs associated with safeguarding the vulnerable and workplace health and safety requirements, and a more realistic picture is emerging.

One substantial change that has resulted from our aging congregations is the vast army of volunteers, which parish life has relied on for centuries. Older parishioners, while incredibly generous with their time, are finding health issues as well as family commitments of baby-sitting and assisting their working children, has made them time-poor when it comes to being available to church. Finding qualified people to provide advice and services on a voluntary basis and a little or no cost, is a phenomenon of a bygone era.

A recent conversation from a parishioner, neatly summed up how many people are feeling about their parish and the Church is general. "We know that things will have to change, but I hope I don't lose my Mass". The celebration of the Eucharist will be the last sacred gathering to go, if at all, but the when, where and who of how people will gather will change, and the change is not far away. Parish life we look very different in the future, but the Church will not die. That will only happen when God stops breathing life into our world and the Holy Spirit sees the last human die.

Fr Peter Dillon, Administrator



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Around our Parishes


What's happening

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **MARIE GRIMAUD**
Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw simply need to speak with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church at Mass on Saturday evening.

Proceeds of the lucky number draw go to support the St Vincent de Paul and other social needs in the Parish. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

VOCATION VIEW:



Jesus said the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that grows into a great tree. Our faith must be like that. From small beginnings, we can grow a great Culture of Vocations in which young men feel encouraged to offer themselves as priests. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find our more or call 1300 133 544

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from the Brisbane Archdiocese. You are able to watch this week's homily at — <https://shorturl.at/dotuG>

PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP will next meet on **Tuesday 25 June** in St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm. We invite you along to this small faith sharing group, where each person can grow in their own faith journey. ALL WELCOME

Looking ahead.....

19 June
NO Wednesday 8am Mass at St Benedict's —CANCELLED

25 June
Scripture Group meet at St Benedict's East Brisbane 7pm.

26 June
NO Wednesday 8am Mass at St Benedict's —CANCELLED

4 July
Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils meet at 6.30pm

We are just three months out from **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New**. Bishop Tim Norton has asked that we use the below prayer as often as we can. This prayer grounds the meeting in synodality by inviting the Holy Spirit to lead, keeping in mind all members of the community, including those on the margins. May our hearts and minds be opened to the needs of the Archdiocese and the bold creativity of the Holy Spirit.

SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.



IGNITE CONFERENCE is a landmark Catholic gathering—four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. It's a bold vision for a Church that is hungry to gather, to encounter Jesus, to go deeper in faith and to be sent out.

Brisbane 19-22 September 2024 St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Hosted in and supported by The Archdiocese of Brisbane. Visit www.igniteconference.com.au

Reclaim Retreat

Reclaim Retreat is 3 days and 2 nights, for young adults (18-30) to get out of town, meet up with friends, make some new ones and make space for God.

When was the last time you gave yourself space to rest? To restore not just your body, but your mind, your soul, your heart. And when you aren't rushing, when you are unplugged and unoccupied – what will God say to you?

When: 5 - 7 July, 2024

Where: Sunshine Coast

More info and tickets available at www.tinyurl.com/ReclaimRt24

RECLAIM
RETREAT



5th 7th JUL



YOUNG ADULTS SUNSHINE COAST \$175

The Order of the Mass

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am
the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember
that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord,
going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the
body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are
living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought
out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get
what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good
or bad

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like.
A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he
does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the
crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the
harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What
parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the
time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on
earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them
all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can
shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so
far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak
to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his
disciples when they were alone.

APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting, Amen.

Hymns

Buranda Parish

ENTRANCE

PRAISE THE LORD, YOU HEAVENS

Praise the Lord! you heav'ns, adore him;
Praise him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance he has made.

Worship, honour, glory blessing,
Lord, we offer as our gift.
Young and old, your praise expressing,
Our glad songs to you we lift.
All the saints in heav'n adore you,
We would join their glad acclaim;
As your angels serve before you,
So on earth we praise your name.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

COMMUNION

BREAD OF LIFE

Chorus

Bread of life, hope of the world,

Jesus Christ, our brother:

Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
we remember your promise to return again.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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FOR THE FRUITS OF ALL CREATION

For the fruits of all creation,
Thanks be to God;
For the gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

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