



Newsletter



Catholic Parishes

Kangaroo Point • East Brisbane • Buranda

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 July 2024

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 *Shirley Goldsworthy, Eddie Parker, John Crisafi, Colin Corby and Denise Ryan*

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

A Greater Calling

It has been suggested to me on many occasions that I should never offer insights into areas where I have had little or no experience, and while that is wise counsel, I do pride myself on being a keen observer. Watching from a short distance can in fact offer helpful insights, and so I feel mildly qualified to offer some observations I have gleaned over 40 years of observing married life: that sacred institution that is a font of great joy and fulfilment, as well as being a source of sadness and dissatisfaction for many.

While I have had the privilege of celebrating well over 1500 weddings in my priestly life, I have been connected with many more marriages, which I have come to understand are often something completely different to weddings. Weddings are the ceremony that begins the daily living of marriage.

Firstly let me say that research (I always like to have my insights supported by research) tells us that married people live longer and are physically and emotionally healthier than single people (which makes single people like me a bit nervous), they appear to need a greater range of skills in order to be able to happily live out their commitment.

Under the guidance of Fr. Bill Bausch, a former lecturer of mine during my studies at Boston College, I prepared a small checklist of added roles and skills that might be helpful for married couples to consider.

The first one is a chemist, since I have heard people say the "the chemistry just isn't there anymore". From that, I gather that mixing up a compound of expectations, hope and energies can sometimes produce an explosive outcome. What often feels comfortable on first meeting, can become very constricting if it is not blended with the needs of the other. And it may be necessary to return to the initial formula that produced such a good outlook in the first place. Introducing some new chemicals, or attitudes, might aid in seeing where old practices have gone stale. Renewing wedding vows and significantly celebrating anniversaries, in preference to birthdays etc., might remind people of where the important relationship needs acknowledgment and recalibrating.

While being a good chemist might help, then being a bad mathematician is equally important. Firstly, you don't keep score, because scorekeeping leads to balancing out rights which leads to victims instead of partners. Secondly, I have always believed that in marriage each partner should be more willing to put in more than they take out. Marriage is not a fifty/fifty proposition. Each person has to do a bit more than what they think is their share, particularly when it comes to daily gestures of kindness and care.

When I refer to couples needing to be comedians, I am thinking that healthy couples do not take themselves too seriously. Laughing at and with each other not only puts things in perspective, but also heals. Truths told with lightness and concern are often heard with grace.

And now the difficult role: that of being a realist. Realism says that the road will never always be smooth, but patience and trust will reap great rewards. As the author Madeline L'Engle wrote: "The growth of love is not a straight line, but a series of hills and valleys. I suspect that in every marriage there are times when love seems to be over. Sometimes those desert lines are the only way to cross to the next oasis, which is far more lush and beautiful after the desert crossing than it could have possibly been without".

Now, just in case you thought that I was trying to be more of a relationship therapist than a priest, there is one more element that I would add to the mix that I think is the most valuable and yet is the most rarely employed, and that is the role of prayer. But don't take my word for it. It has been a long held product of research (there it is again) that shows that couples who pray together, compared to couples who don't, have a greater respect for their partner, agree more frequently on how to raise their children, are more playful, and believe their mate is a skilled lover. While individual prayer correlates to marital happiness, joint prayer correlates at a level twice as high.

Of course if your marriage is travelling as smoothly as you had ever hoped then you can ignore what I have just said and keep on doing what you are already doing. You have found a rare treasure. On the other hand . . .

Now a story that made me smile;

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor for his annual check-up. The doctor then asked for a private conversation with her before they left the office. "Your husband", he said, "is under great stress and you must devote your life to caring for him and keeping him comfortable. Don't argue or disagree with him. Get up before him each day and prepare his favourite breakfast. Make sure the house is clean and free from any possible infections. He must have a nutritious lunch every day and under no circumstances is he to have any physical exertion. Perhaps each day you could have a special dinner waiting for him when he returns from work and allow him to watch TV without disturbance, perhaps followed by little displays of affection, should he be interested. This must be your schedule daily if you are to help him through his illness." The wife left the office, picked up her husband and drove him home.

"Well", said the husband, "what did the doctor say?"

The wife quickly replied. "He said you're going to die."



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Around our Parishes


What's happening

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Julie Joughin**
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:

 In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to reconsider your actions and do His work instead. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find our more or call 1300 133 544 www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

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 30 July** 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**



Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

Looking ahead.....

13/14 July
St Vincent de Paul WINTER APPEAL—across all Masses

24 July
Wednesday 8am Mass—CANCELLED

31 July
Wednesday 8am Mass—CANCELLED

SYNODALITY SPEAKER SERIES with Bishop Tim Norton

Synodality: Our journey together

How can synodality help us to work together as a co-responsible church on mission? How can we begin being a more synodal church, in our own parish and as an Archdiocese? As pilgrims of hope, let's walk the journey of synodality together by exploring what the word 'synodality' means, its history, and what it looks like to be a synodal church on mission.

Brisbane East Deanery
July 18th 7.00pm-8.30pm
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School Hall
Norfolk Street, Coorparoo
(light refreshments from 6.30pm)



Wishing **Betty and Jessie Bourke** – our long serving sacristans and workers at St Luke's parish – a very happy 90th birthday. Wishing you all the joy and peace and blessings from above as you celebrate this great milestone. May this birthday be filled with magic moments, congratulations to you both!

Archdiocese Centre for Catholic Formation: A People on Mission

Are you seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith? The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation has opened registrations for the fourth module in their Catholic Foundations course – "A People on Mission". Module 4 will engage participants in what it means to be a people on mission in the context of the Church and how to live out this mission.

The first of 9 sessions will be on the evening of **Monday 22 July** with opportunities to participate in person or via regional hubs. A discount is available for groups of 5 or more people registering together.

Each module of the Catholic Foundations course is open to all, and you do not need to have completed previous modules in order to register for Module Four.

When: Starting Monday 22 July, 7pm - 9 pm
Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Further details at www.catholicformation.com.au

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: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.'

'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with love, his praise forth tell,
Come we before him, and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he does us feed,
And for his sheep he does us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Enlighten the eyes of our heart
That we might see how great is the hope
To which we are called.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

COMMUNION

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life;
You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
You shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ, the Son of God,
Who has come into the world.

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GO NOW, YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now, you are sent forth
To live what you proclaim,
To show the world you follow Christ,
In fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk this troubled earth
To share your faith with all you meet
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help His kingdom come
In everything you do.

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