



KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Eph 4:1-13
Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Intercessions Response: Christ, graciously hear us.

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Gen 11:1-9
Second Reading: Rom 8:22-27
Gospel: Jn 7:37-39

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

MASS TIMES:

St Benedict's Church

81 Mowbray Tce, East Brisbane

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass
Reconciliation: 5.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00 Mass
Changes will be in newsletter

St Joseph's Church

26-36 Leopard St (Anglesey St),
Kangaroo Point

Sunday: 9:00am Mass

SVdP Helpline - 07 30101096
Furniture Helpline 1300 551 894

We pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are ill, especially

**Mary Miller, Carmel Gleeson,
Donna Adams, Jenny Pearsall,
and Faith Collins.**

Names of the Sick: due to privacy laws, names of the sick can only appear in the newsletter with the permission of immediate family.

We pray for our recently departed, especially **Winnie Gomes & Asuncion Gala** may they rest in peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially **Rosita G Niaga**, we remember them.



Dear friends, For all the lofty imagery of today's Feast of the Ascension, the readings seek to re-orient our gaze so that we remain firmly planted on the ground. In the Book of Acts, two men in white (who sound suspiciously like angels) tell the bewildered Apostles to stop staring at the sky and get on with job until Jesus returns.

St. Paul's explains that we are all given gifts to build-up the body of Christ on earth. It is only in the world to come that, having laboured in the life and vocation that we have been called to, we will come to full maturity in Christ. In other words, we grow towards Christ not by abandoning our earthly tasks but by living them.

And in the gospel, Jesus is direct. He tells the Eleven (even though Jesus called Twelve—the Eleven is a sign of a diminished, incomplete church) that even with this reality of brokenness and failure, they still have all the resources they need to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation". So the message is simple: As Jesus goes "up", the Church must go "out". Nevertheless, the Church does not go out as a substitute for Jesus but, as the gospel tell us, "the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it".

So Jesus goes "up", so that the Church can go "out" to the ends of creation *with Jesus as our guide and companion*. Jesus is not absent but remains the presence at the heart of the community of church. St. Paul describes what individual believers and the community of faith looks like when Christ is at the centre: St. Paul implores us to lead a life worthy of the calling

to which we have been called, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". These are the signs that confirm the message and accompany believers: *perseverance, gentleness, patience, forbearance, unity of Spirit and maintaining the bond of peace*. It is through these virtues that we can be recognised as true witnesses to the presence of Jesus, growing into fully mature members of the body of Christ.

On this feast of the Ascension, look up if you must, but only for a moment. The real action of our faith takes us not beyond the clouds but over the horizons of this world to the ends of creation—and then endlessly further until we reach the Kingdom and full measure of Christ in that world to come. Where Jesus has gone, we are called to follow. *Sr Kari*

Parish Sacramental Program

This weekend we welcome the children to the Cathedral as they join in a special Retreat before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Saturday 15 May at 2.00 pm - 4.00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen - carpark available

Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 21 May at 6.00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen - carpark available

Retreat for children receiving their First Holy Communion

Saturday 29 May @ 2.00—3.30pm

First Holy Communion - Sat/Sun 5-6 June
St Benedict's & St Joseph's weekend masses.

Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish

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Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 22 May

Altar Servers 23 May

Commentator	Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	St Benedict’s	St Joseph’s
T Horner	I Sowerby, C Parkes	Priest		Eamonn

Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 23 May

Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	Opener	Piety Stall	Counters
Readers needed	Priest	K Wessel, P Skehan		Ryan D, Terry D

Planned Giving
Direct Debit
\$315.00 Loose/
Envelopes
\$566.10

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Tue** - St John
- Thu** - St Bernadine of Siena
- Fri** - St Christopher Magallanes & Companions
- Sat** - St Rita of Cascia

Visit our parish **WEBSITE** at <http://catholicparishebapt.org.au>
 Visit the website and subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held in the parish on Sunday following the 9.00am mass or other times by arrangement.

Preparation is held on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Cathedral at 9.30am.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER LOCAL ONLINE HEADLINES

Polish-born artists building a life on Christ in Australia

Toowoomba’s newest deacon excited to ‘share and contribute’ for his diocese

Emmanuel City Mission is working with St Vincent’s to bring nursing care to homeless and vulnerable

New study shows link between parents who suffer abuse and likelihood of their children suffering the same fate

Caritas Australia launches appeal for COVID-19 crisis sweeping across India

The task of Christians is ‘to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds’

Project to provide care packages for Indigenous people in palliative care

LUCKY NUMBERS

\$2.00 could win you \$25.

Support your parish and buy your lucky number from the piety stall. Drawn weekly.
Winner #24 Bishop Ken

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 Thank you



WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please let the piety stall volunteer know that you’re new to the parish.

MASS THIS WEEK AT ST BENEDICT’S

Wednesday 19 May - 9.00am

BAPTISM We welcome to our faith community, **Georgia and Bonnie Medcalf**, daughters of Emma and Douglas, who were Baptised this weekend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Please continue to prayer for our Seminarians. We invite you to take a prayer calendar with you this weekend and we ask that you consider praying daily for seminarians by name. See the posters in each church. As always, these men depend on the prayerful support of our Catholic community. Thank you

THE CATHOLIC LEADER is now a monthly publication and is available on the first Sunday each month for \$4.00 Please let the piety stall know if you’d like to start receiving a copy or email the parish office. There are some wonderful articles each month.

VINNIES Donations of sheets for single and queen size beds would be gratefully accepted. Please drop off any donations at the church piety stall. We are currently assisting 12 families in our local area. We will be having a joint winter campaign with the school and parish in June/July.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for the people in India where the impact of the COVID virus is cause for stress and anxiety for so many people. *John Wessel*

KIDS IDEAS FOR PENTECOST Want to mark Pentecost is a special way with your children? Check out the Pentecost Ideas for Kids video: <https://youtu.be/cfsOWLdSjcA>. It contains a Pentecost Activity Pack, ideas for a Pentecost Party, and a Holy Spirit Prayer Pack!



RERUM NOVARUM WEBINAR

130th anniversary of the birth of modern Catholic Social Teaching - Webinar recalling Pope Leo XIII's landmark encyclical on the condition of workers, Rerum Novarum. 2.00-3.30pm (Adelaide time) on Saturday 15 May 2021 with Fr Bruce Duncan CSSR. Sponsored by Yarra Theological Union, Social Policy Connections and the Australian Cardijn Institute. www.australiancardijninstitute.org

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME Did you know Catholic Mass is broadcast on free-to-air television each Sunday morning? Mass for You

Download the Check In Qld App. Then open your camera and hover over the Check In QR Code anytime you arrive at Mass. Making check in easier!

at Home is broadcast at 6am on Channel 10 and WIN. Let family and friends know that they can pray along at home if they are unable to attend their local parish. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane on Friday 21 May from 11am-12pm. All Catholics are welcome to join in praying for Christian unity as representatives of seven different Christian traditions lead prayer. To register for this event, head to app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021 or you are most welcome to offer some prays at home.



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BARDON - Pentecost Celebration - Praise, Worship, Prayer. St Mary Magdalene’s Bardon 7.30pm 23 May. Register at www.trybooking.com/BQWYY or email lenpatairey@gmail.com

THE BRISBANE EAST DEANERY (BED) meeting will be hosted by this parish on Thursday 20 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm, in the Coolock Room at **St. Joseph’s School**. As it is fast approaching, could you please let Ryan Donovan know if you’re able to attend or help out. Thank you

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS We would like to recognise and thank the volunteers in our parish who support the life of this parish in many ways, week in, week out. We thank you for your dedication and time to help make our parish a welcoming parish for all.

