





1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4 Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, ing of endless glory!

MASS TIMES

St Benedict's Church

81 Mowbray Tce, East Brisbane

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Reconciliation: By appointment

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

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

Mary Miller, John McIntosh, Annette Mahoney, Michael Mulligan, Jim Stanton and **Cliff Hawkins**

We pray for our recently departed, may they rest in peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time, we remember them.

Local Safeguarding Rep (LSR) Mrs Catherine Goldsworthy goldsworthyc@bne.catholic.net.au Dear friends,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday amid the charred remains of the previous year and the determined resolve to repair our broken promises. The chronicles of Jesus' public ministry not with ash but situated amid the wild places, against the backdrop the constant hunger of severe fasting and the tense encounters with a slandering, accusative voice. "The wilderness" is a powerful biblical image and we know only too well in our country how quickly the wilderness can turn to ash. It evokes beauty and fear, rest and exhaustion, retreat and loneliness, communion and detachment, all in the same breath.

Central to Israel's self-understanding was their exodus from Egypt and journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Their great story of emergence from being subjects of slavery to bearers of the covenant was told against the background of battling despair and unfaithfulness in the desert. The Israelites came to interpret this forty-year span as a story of prolonged discernment, through which God came to shape their "inmost heart" and they came to know themselves as a people bound by a covenant, a bond, with this God. Jesus travelled the same spiritual route as his ancestors, through the freeing waters of renewal in the Jordan and then out into the uncertain wilderness. Jesus entered this wilderness of discovery and decisionmaking.

Matthew's description of Jesus' wilderness experience crystallises all the human drama that played out in his public ministry. Like his ancestors, for Jesus the wilderness is a place of profound soul-searching. Jesus' response to each of these response to each of

temptations is seen most clearly by the way he lived his life. Essentially, this collection of conversations with the tempter is Matthew's theological reflection on the faithfulness of Christ. Open to the life of the Spirit which rested on him, Jesus remained faithful to his identity and calling. And yet, in Jesus, the sinless one, we have someone who is not incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us, because he has been put to the test in exactly the same way as ourselves. The wilderness marks the terrain of our exodus from slavery to freedom. Lent is our annual pilgrimage through that which we have turned into desert. Christ guides us through the Lenten wasteland to the Easter garden of new life.

Fr Anthony

Fasting during Lent- The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence (from eating meat) binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, selfdenial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.



Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish

Parish Priest: Bishop Ken Howell

Fr Stephen Camiolo

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St Benedict's (Sat 6.00pm) 04 March

Commentator Readers

C Erbetto

L Horner, I Sowerby

Planned Giving

D/D \$605.00 Loose/Envelopes \$710.10

St.	Joseph's	(Sun 9.00am)	05 March
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Readers	Opener	Piety Stall	Counters

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FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Mon - St Gregory of Narek Sat - St Casimir

Visit our parish WEBSITE at

http://catholicparishebkpt.org.au Visit the website and subscribe to the weekly newsletter.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held in the parish on the 3rd Saturday at 10.30am or other times by arrangement.

Preparation is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at St Lukes Buranda at 10.30am.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER **LATEST ONLINE HEADLINES**

Religious leaders pen support for an Indigenous Voice.

Paul's search for God.

Earthquake strikes already devastated Türkiye – Syria border region.

Murder investigation underway in shooting BAPTISM death of LA Auxiliary Bishop David O'Connell.

Catholic peak body says new pathway for refugees to apply for permanent residency a 'victory for compassion'.

LUCKY NUMBERS

\$2.00 could win you \$25

Support your parish and buy your lucky number from the piety stall. Drawn weekly.

Winner - L Horner - #25

PLANNED GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

BSB: 064 786; A/c No: 100023838; A/c Name: Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish; Reference: PG/Surname Thank you

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS! LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.

Please let the piety stall volunteer know that you're new to the parish. Census forms are available at each church or we can email one to you.

SCAN THIS QR CODE DIRECT TO THE WEBSITE.



MASSES THIS WEEK ST BENEDICT'S

Wednesday 1st March at 9.00am

THE PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM commenced last Tuesday and was a very enjoyable evening. The journey to Easter will continue each Tuesday from 7.00pm until 8.00pm in St Benedict's church through until the 28th March. We thank Mrs Lyn Horner, who is leading the group on this faith journey through Lent. We encourage participants to engage in informal reflective conversations about the meaning of Lent.

We would love to see as many people as possible, whenever possible. t's not too late to join the group. Please let the office know if you'd like to attend so we can have enough resources on the evening.



faith We welcome to our community, Hannah Sherwin, daughter of Drew and Danielle, who will be Baptised this weekend at St Joseph's.



BAPTISM PREPARATION will now be offered in our parish on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St Joseph's church at 10.30am.

The first "A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday April 1st from 9am to 12pm at the breathtaking Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The topic for the event will be "Being a Fool for Christ." We will delve into what it means to live in response to a wisdom that does not conform to the world's expectations, through input, personal prayer, PARISH and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God. Cost: \$20

Both parish groups and individuals are welcome to attend. Register now at

https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer1

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER will have a live out policy can be seen on the weekend July 15 &16, 2023 for couples at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation

weekend that facilitates honest & constructive dialogue for engaged couples. Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognised Marriage Preparation Course within Catholic Church. www.engagedencounter.org.auor email cee.brisbane@gmail.com or call 0481 307 821

PROJECT COMPASSION Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.





NEW PARISH MISSION event presented by THE CATHOLIC GUY. Our Lady of Graces Catholic Parish Carina. 23-28 March. Please see flyers in the church this weekend for further details.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Thursday 9th March at St Benedict's Church at 5.45pm.

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Blessings for the week