



KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Col 3:12-21
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Is 60:1-6
Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. 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.

*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,
may they rest in peace.

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



Holiness is not something earned, it is a gift from God. It is a choice by God.

We live with the fear that we are not good enough, we live with the not-so-silent voice that says we have failed.

We are defeated by the self-doubt that convinces us that others are superior, happier and more gifted. Everyone else's grass is greener. Their family is better than ours. They are better parents.

Their children are more successful. Jealousy and envy lurk at the heart of every family.

God sees with different eyes. God sees us for who we are, not who are not.

Confident enough in human beings, God entrusted his Son to an ordinary human family. And we call that family "Holy".

So why do we hesitate at calling our family "Holy"?

For it is, each in their own way. "Holiness" comes in the softest of shades and in the smallest of gestures.

In these days when we have recalibrated both our personal relationships and collective responsibilities, our sense of family has loomed large in our conversations of what we value and what is foundational.

Real family is what we need no matter how messy, and Holy families face realities together.

Holiness is simply human beings at their best, and being at our best together is the making of families and, in this way, almost by accident, families become holy.

Families can be full and empty –

the raucous celebrations which filled our hearts and homes might now have lulled and we are left with the empty space that had full just yesterday.

Families can fill us with all that we need to live life to full, no matter how clumsily they may do this. Families can also leave us empty, separated by a hurtful distance, a disappointed sense of being unappreciated or simply invisible. Given all our quiet grievances with one another, all our blind in sensitives, all our sad estrangements, God chooses to see human beings who are struggling together in love, as best as they can. And God smiles at each and every holy family.

The family is the perfect place to learn forgiveness, acceptance, patience, joy and laughter. The family is God's way of teaching human beings how to love one another, however imperfectly. The family is God's way of making the world "Holy". And God chooses people like us. Holiness is not something earned, it is a gift from God. *Fr Anthony*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 2 Jan

Altar Servers 3 Jan

Commentator	Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	St Benedict’s	St Joseph’s
J Ayre	I Sowerby, P Tiernan	Priest		James Amelia Fox

Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 3 Jan

Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	Opener	Piety Stall	Counters	Planned Giving Direct Debit \$655.00 Loose/Envelopes \$570.10
C Finn, W Douglas	Priest	R Donovan	P Skehan	G Stein (Wed)	

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Sun** - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Mon** - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tue** - St Thomas Becket
- Thu** - St Sylvester

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 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
FREE ONLINE EACH WEEKEND**



We hope you enjoyed your free Catholic Leader last weekend. This Christmas edition will also be available as a digital newspaper through a free subscription.

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Winner - John Wessel #8

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HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE UPDATED PARISH WEBSITE?

MASS THIS WEEK AT ST BENEDICT’S

Wednesday 30 December at 9.00am
New Year’s Day Mass Friday 1 January 9.00am

FROM BISHOP KEN Dear Parishioners of KPEB,

The closing of this year comes with a sense that we all want to move on from what has been 2020. However, the extraordinary times continue and are not washed away by the start of a New Year. As always, 2021 will usher in new possibilities and we look forward with hope to the promises that faith offer us as we move into what will be!

Can I thank sincerely all those who have supported the mission of our Parish in 2020. Many have gone out of their way to support us in ‘different’ ways as we moved through lockdown and the cessation of public Mass. The demands of reopening our churches has brought another list of challenges, but we have done all of this with good humour and with the commitment of keeping our Parish alive.

May we continue to be blessed with the light of Christmas as we move into a New Year. You are in my prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP After his long years of distinguished service as Moderator of the Curia and then Vicar General, Monsignor Peter Meneely and I have reached agreement that the time is right for him to turn to other forms of service in the Archdiocese, using his gifts and experience to help us move into the future as we look beyond the time of pandemic.

Therefore, I will be appointing him to the role of Episcopal Vicar for Planning with effect from 1 February 2021. He will focus upon issues such as parish viability and more effective use of Church assets in the changed post-COVID landscape.

I speak for the entire Archdiocese in thanking Monsignor Meneely most sincerely for his unique service through a turbulent time and wishing him every blessing as he looks ahead. In some ways it is the end of an era, and there will be time for an appropriate gesture of recognition early in the New Year.

Bishop Ken Howell will assume the role of Vicar General on a permanent basis, and I thank him for his generosity in agreeing to do so. His transition to the role will be complete by the end of January 2021.

A governance review currently being undertaken in the Archdiocese will provide further details of new arrangements as Bishop Howell succeeds Monsignor Meneely.

As we look to the celebration of the Lord’s birth, may the God of peace bless the Archdiocese in every way.

From KPEB Parish - We wish Mons Peter Meneely all the best in his new role and we congratulate Bishop Ken on his appointment as Vicar General.

THANK YOU to Fr Bavin Clarke for assisting us to enhance the organ at East Brisbane and for your time. We also note that Mr Jim Clinch, of All Organs, has kindly loaned us an organ for the Kangaroo Point Church.

PETITION TO STATE PARLIAMENT – THE ‘CARE FIRST’ APPROACH WORKS BEST

As you may be aware, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation will come before parliament in mid-2021. This is a complex life ethics issue and requires action from those who support palliative care and accompanying the sick and vulnerable as the more compassionate way of caring for the terminally ill. There are still options for those who are opposed to euthanasia/ assisted suicide and adding your voice to the following petition is one of them.

Although this is a secular based petition, please note it is perfectly in harmony with the Catholic position on VAD, in that: we support better funding of palliative care instead of legislating VAD. Faced with a new parliament hosting many first time members, it’s wise to follow due legislative process and allow a proper parliamentary committee scrutiny of the new draft legislation. Please stand with thousands of other Queenslanders and visit the e-petition page at: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3449>

THANK YOU to the ground fairies who went to work on the garden and fallen branches at St Benedict’s last weekend - the improvement is wonderful!

PLANNED GIVING – Some parishioners have asked for our bank details to contribute to planned giving. Details for internet banking: **BSB: 064 786; A/c No: 006631500** ; A/c Name: Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish; Reference: Planned Giving/Surname. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE The office will be closed on 6 & 13 January, and will re-open 20 Jan.