



KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Second Reading: 1 cor 7:29-31
Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News! 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.



Dear Friends,

The 2016 sci-fi movie "Arrival" has a familiar premise: At various points across the globe, alien spacecraft appear and simply hover over their locations. At first, no one knows how to interpret their appearance or how to communicate with them. Dr. Louise Banks, a language expert, is given the task of trying to communicate with the aliens. Eventually, she discovers that their language is circular, as opposed to ours, which is linear; we read from left to right (at least in English anyway), and our stories have beginnings, middles and endings. This gives a particular structure to our sense of time. The past is always behind us and the future is always in the distance.

As Dr. Banks begins to communicate with the aliens and their circular sense of language and time, she too begins to experience language and time as something circular – past, present and future almost co-exist in the same moment. She sees her future. She will marry the other scientist with whom she is working, they will have a child, they will separate, and, their daughter will be diagnosed with a disease that will claim her young life. (Spoiler alert!): Dr. Banks moves into this future, knowing the probable result, and she doesn't change a thing.

"Arrival" is a very interesting mediation on language and its relationship to our sense of time, and our life choices. It poses the question: If any of us knew at the beginning, what we now know about our lives, would we change a thing? If we could start over, would we? For each of us, there are probably various things that we would change, but would we change

the course of our whole lives? There is a very good reason why God reveals our future one day at a time; it prevents us from getting too far ahead of ourselves.

When Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John were called away from their nets, they had no idea what was ahead of them. We tend to think of them as old, but they would have been young men, presumably in their late teens or early twenties. Within ten to fifteen years of leaving his father's fishing business, James would be martyred in Jerusalem – one of the first Apostles to be called and the first of the Apostles to die. Peter and Andrew would suffer the same fate, dying martyrs' deaths some twenty or so years later. Tradition tells us that John would die in exile on the Greek island of Patmos. If they knew how it would all end for them, would they have left their nets?

From the moment of being called to follow, they were constantly being taught, challenged and transformed by their experience of Jesus Christ. Christ invited them into the mystery of the living kingdom, a kingdom which was close at hand, and however naively, they followed, to the point where the values of the kingdom and the person of Christ became the centre of their very existence. Even though they had seen him die, they also knew that he had Risen. So no death, not even their own could be a threat to them. They left their families and their nets to find a new life and they found life itself. No expectations about the future could possibly have prepared them for that. The future, whatever it holds for any of us, always comes as an unknowable gift.

Fr. Anthony

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Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 30 Jan

Altar Servers 31 Jan

| Commentator | Readers | Holy Communion Ministers | St Benedict’s | St Joseph’s |
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| B Navratil | I Sowerby, J McIntosh | Priest | | Aengus, Rory |

Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 31 Jan

| Readers | Holy Communion Ministers | Opener | Piety Stall | Counters | Planned Giving Direct Debit \$555.00 Loose/Envelopes \$773.70 |
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| C Finn, W Douglas | Priest | N Prove | P Skehan | Phyllis M, Rose K | |

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Mon** - The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
- Tue** - Australia Day
- Wed** - Sts Timothy and Titus, St Angela Merici
- Thu** - St Thomas Aquinas

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

Former Adelaide Archbishop Philip Wilson dies aged 70

\$1m donations to Lebanon ‘a drop in the ocean’ for country in crisis

Nambour farewells priest who was ‘part of the family’

God’s caring for Brisbane health worker in London

Newlyweds trust in God on their disrupted wedding day

Pope Francis amends canon law so women can be installed as lectors and acolytes

Lockdown set to end in Greater Brisbane.

LUCKY NUMBERS

\$2.00 could win you \$25.

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

Winner #

Follow us on Facebook and our Instagram account for everything you need to know about what’s happening around the Archdiocese.

Give the parish page a ‘like’ and share with your family and friends.

TAKE A MINUTE TO LOOK AT OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE

PLANNED GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

BSB: 064 786; A/c No: 006631500 ; A/c

Name: Kangaroo Point East Brisbane

Parish; Reference: PG/Surname

Thank you

MASS THIS WEEK AT ST BENEDICT’S

Wednesday 27 January 9.00am

CHANGES - THE CATHOLIC LEADER will be returning as a **monthly** print newspaper in February. The team is already working on the first edition, which will be ready for parishioners to read on Sunday, February 7. Due to the associated costs of producing the newspaper, they have increased the cover price from \$2 to \$4. We encourage all readers to take up a subscription. Please let the piety stall know if you are interested in receiving the monthly paper so that we can gauge our order numbers. The Catholic Leader website catholicleader.com.au will continue to publish daily news stories, which we will continue to share with you.

PARISH LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP The parish Lenten Discussion Group hope to meet weekly from **Thursday 18 February** at 7.00pm at St Benedict’s Church through until 25 March. The discussion group supports each individual’s faith journey through Lent and encourages participants to engage in informal reflective conversations with fellow parishioners about the meaning of Lent and the journey to Easter. There is a small cost of \$10 for the discussion handbook. Please consider joining the group – it’s a very informal evening. If you can’t attend every week, that’s okay. We would love to see as many people as possible. Please place your name on the list at the piety stall or let the parish office know, so we have resources for all.

BAPTISMS Please contact the parish office if you would like to arrange Baptism for your child. We can email more information upon request, or phone the office and leave a message.

ST BENEDICT’S GARDEN This week sees the large trees at the side of the church cut back to try to bring life back into them. The dying jacaranda tree will also be removed at the same time. We thank those who continue to tidy up around the church grounds when needed.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH - Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”.

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021 For more information go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet to discuss how we will celebrate this special occasion within our parish.

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

To show your concern about the legislation of VAD, 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> ps://
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ST JOSEPH’S ROSTER The current roster runs out on 21 February, before we complete the new roster we are seeking volunteers for reading, opening/greeter, piety stall, counting, musicians, and altar servers. Please let the office know if you’re interested in learning more, or pass on your contact details at the piety stall and we will be in touch. Thank you.