



KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice
harden not your hearts.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. 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,

Some years ago, I visited the Holy Land. There were a number of highlights but one in particular that has remained in my memory is the visit to Capernaum. Originally a fishing village, now it's an archeological site which has significant connections to the gospel story. Capernaum was Peter's home village and there are the remains of what seems to have been Peter's house. There is graffiti from the first or second century that identifies that place as the house of Peter, so this gives the site some credibility.

There are also the remains of a fourth century synagogue, called the "White Synagogue", built over an earlier synagogue, and is mostly the one mentioned in today's gospel account. The lower stones are darker and date to the time of Jesus. It is quite remarkable to come in contact with something that may have come in contact with Jesus; in this case, the ancient walls of the lower synagogue. It is one thing reading the gospel accounts; it is another thing being where the gospel happened. It was in this place, as Mark tells us, that "Jesus went and began to teach".

Not only did Jesus' teaching have an impact of those who heard him in Capernaum, but also his presence seems to upset the cosmic forces of darkness. The unclean spirits raise the alarm that there is something powerful about the presence of Jesus which unsettles their darkness. Like a noisy clatter of cockatoos, the already disturbed, unclean spirits become even more agitated. With one simple rebuke, the unclean spirit taking hold of this poor man is forced to leave and is thrown out into the

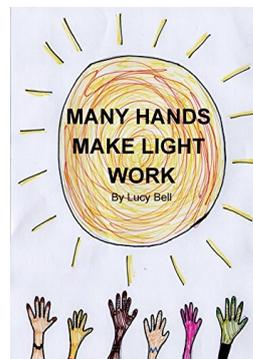
silence. Visiting Capernaum in a modern age, this little fishing village by the deep blue waters of the Sea of Galilee seemed an unlikely location for a short but unruly skirmish between darkness and light.

The Holy Land of Israel is a land of contrasts: ancient and modern; religious and secular; open and closed; peaceful and intimidating. In this contrasting sense, there at Capernaum, I felt about as near as one could get to the historical person of Jesus but this only seemed to deepen the ungraspable sense of the person of Christ. At Capernaum, light and darkness remain entwined. *Fr. Anthony*

AN INVITATION TO PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN YOUR PARISH

Would you be interested in joining your fellow parishioners and volunteering at one of our weekend Masses? Could you be a Reader or an Opener/Greeter at Mass? Are you a musician? Are you interested in counting the weekend collection? Perhaps assisting to wash the church cloths, children's albs etc.

These roles and more don't take much of your time, but are important to the life of the parish, and enriching and sharing your faith with your parish community.



Please contact the parish office for further information or chat with one of our current volunteers at Mass today.

Thank you for considering volunteering.

Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish

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Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 06 Feb

Altar Servers 07 Feb

| Commentator | Readers | Holy Communion Ministers | St Benedict’s | St Joseph’s |
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| J Ayre | P Tiernan M Goldsworthy | Priest | | Eamonn |

Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 07 Feb

| Readers | Holy Communion Ministers | Opener | Piety Stall | Counters | Planned Giving Direct Debit \$565.00 Loose/ Envelopes \$615.50 |
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| E Little P O’Connell | Priest | N Prove | S O’Connell | R Donovan T Donovan | |

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

- Tue** - The Presentation of The Lord
- Wed** - St Blaise, St Ansgar
- Fri** - St Agatha
- Sat** - St Paul Miki & Companions

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

Bishop McCarthy honours Mercy Sisters ‘on holy ground’

Br Gary’s life of compassion stretches from Surat to Sydney

Young family stuck between state borders for 17 days finds their trust in God strengthened

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

LUCKY NUMBERS

\$2.00 could win you \$25.

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

Winner A Goldsworthy #41

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 3 Feb 9.00am

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - 17 FEBRUARY

St Benedict’s 9.00am and St Joseph’s 6.00pm

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES This Ash Wednesday, parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will sprinkle ashes on the heads of the faithful instead of the traditional marking on the forehead. Ministers will sanitise their hands. If masks are required under government restrictions on that date, they will put on a face mask covering nose and mouth. The ministers distribute ashes on the head of those who come forward or, if appropriate, they goes to those who are standing in their places. The minister takes a pinch of the ashes and sprinkles them lightly over each person’s head, without saying any words. *This information is current at time of print, any changes will be communicated.*

WELCOME A warm welcome back to all the teachers and children of St Joseph’s Primary. We had you had a relaxing break and wish you every blessing for a successful year ahead.

PARISH LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP The parish Lenten Discussion Group will meet weekly from **Thursday 18 February** at 7.00pm in 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.

WEDDING Congratulations to **Nitish Lobo** and **Lenita Pinto** on their wedding which took place at St Joseph’s last Sunday. May their marriage be blessed always.

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 met last Wednesday evening and will soon share ideas of 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. 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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LUCKY NUMBERS has been a parish fundraising for many years. Calling parishioners of **St Joseph’s and St Benedict’s** to consider supporting. It only costs \$2 with the chance of winning \$25 each week. That’s at least 5 coffees!!! Although it’s drawn at St Benedict’s each week, we’d love the support of as many parishioners as possible. *You’ve gotta be in it to win it!*

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