



# KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



## First Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Gen 9:8-15  
**Second Reading:** 1 Pet 3:18-22  
**Gospel:** Mk 1:12-15

## Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.

## Second Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
**Second Reading:** Rom 8:31-34  
**Gospel:** Mk 9:2-10

## Gospel Acclamation

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

## 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**  
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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 opening two lines of today's gospel are very evocative: "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him." It sounds like the precis of a horror movie which also gives away the happy ending.

In Mark's gospel, we get 11 lines into the story, barely getting to know Jesus at all, and suddenly, Jesus is impelled by "the Spirit out into the wilderness". Mark doesn't mess around—he's not much into character development. The original Greek text is even more dynamic. It would be more literal to translate this as, after Jesus is baptised, "immediately the Spirit hurls Jesus into the desert".

Few people would willingly traipse off into a desert by themselves, but here, Mark seems to suggest that Jesus has some urgent business to deal with. So, for forty days, we are told, Jesus is tempted by Satan, the great tester, and he's stalked by wild beasts and guarded by the angels. Matthew and Luke will go into more detail, but is there really any more needed than Mark provides? Less is more.

It doesn't take too much imagination to enter into the unsettling cosmic drama evoked by these images: there is lots of empty, lonely space (wilderness), two unequal foes (Jesus and Satan), earthly agents of fear (wild beasts) and celestial agents of grace (angels). There is enough imagery here to unpack every human psycho-drama. And that, of course, is the whole point. Jesus didn't pretend to be human; he is

the Word made flesh—real flesh.

And if Jesus is real flesh, it means that he also encounters all the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual threats that every human being faces. How could Jesus ever be our Saviour if this were not true? He could not be able to save us if his experience of human experience and the whole sphere of creation was somehow limited, short-circuited or circumvented.

Not one comes to a mature and healthy adulthood without passing through the desert; often enough a desert not of our choosing, often as if we have been "hurled" there. It is here that we encounter our isolation, loneliness, vulnerability, and confusions. In this vast, silent solitude, we hear the chatter of our demons, testing and tempting us, searching for our weakest spot.

But even here, in the darkest of places, angels guard and accompany us. And usually, we don't recognise them until we come out of the seemingly endless desert space. They have been with us all along; we just need the right light to see. That's what Lent is all about; acknowledging the realities of our own complex human story and, like Jesus, passing through these wild places and coming to see all things in the new light of the Good News. *Fr. Anthony*



## Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish

**Parish Priest:** Bishop Ken Howell  
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**Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 27 Feb**

**Altar Servers 28 Feb**

Commentator	Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	St Benedict’s	St Joseph’s
B Navratil	M Goldsworthy P Tiernan	Priest		Eamonn D

**Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 28 Feb**

Readers	Holy Communion Ministers	Opener	Piety Stall	Counters	Planned Giving Direct Debit \$255.00 Loose/ Envelopes \$490.00
C Finn, W Douglas	Priest	K Wessel, P Skehan		R Donovan, T Donovan	

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**Mon** - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle  
**Tue** - St Polycarp

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 LOCAL ONLINE HEADLINES**

Humble, dedicated priest remembered at funeral Mass

Pope Francis updates Vatican criminal code aimed at rehabilitation and streamlining trials

Archbishop Coleridge calls Catholics to a new kind of prayer, one of listening to the Father who sees all

Brisbane Franciscan Friar calls for urgent aid as caretakers mark 600 years supporting Holy Land

**LUCKY NUMBERS**

**\$2.00 could win you \$25.**

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**Winner L Horner #9**

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

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Please let the piety stall volunteer know that you’re new to the parish. We’d love to welcome you.

Census forms are available at each church or we can email one to you.

**MASS THIS WEEK AT ST BENEDICT’S**

Wednesday 24 Feb - 9.00am - All welcome

**MASS FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** - Please join us as we celebrate with families of St Joseph’s Primary School, the Year of St Joseph, on **Sunday 14 March at 9am**. Please register via the parish website [www.catholicparishebkpt.org.au](http://www.catholicparishebkpt.org.au) or at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mass-for-the-year-of-st-joseph-tickets-141273014389>

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2021** First Sunday of Lent - Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**PARISH LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP** The parish Lenten Discussion Group commenced last Thursday. It was a wonderful evening of reflection with a small group of parishioners. The Lenten discussions and reflections will continue this **Thursday 25 Feb 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. If you can’t attend every week, that’s okay. We would love to see as many people as possible. Please email or call the parish office so we can ensure we have enough resources. Thank you.

**WEDDING** We congratulate **Domenic Fontana** and **Nicole Rezk**, who were married this weekend at St Joseph’s. May they continue to be blessed throughout their marriage.

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER** The Catholic Leader has returned as a monthly newspaper after a 10 month hiatus. Limited copies are available at the piety stall for **\$4 each**. Subscribe today to receive The Catholic Leader at your door. Visit [catholicleader.com.au/subscribe](http://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe) to get started. Please let the piety stall know if you would like a copy each month and we will increase our order.

**menALIVE** are holding their first parish based weekend for 2021 at Our Lady of The Angels Parish Chermside West / Wavell Heights. The weekend will run from 8am Saturday 13th March to 1:15pm Sunday 14th March at St Paschal Baylon Hall, Wavell Heights. Now is a great time to register at [menaliveolachermside@gmail.com](mailto:menaliveolachermside@gmail.com)

**POSITION VACANT** – Administration Assistant / EA Support Applications are open for the above full-time 37.5 hour positions. The Archbishop’s Office is currently seeking three applicants to fill these positions. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

**CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS** In February and March 2021, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be inviting all Baptised Catholics to consider their baptismal call to mission through an advertising campaign, the Call To All Catholics. The advertising will particularly be reaching out to those who are disconnected from the Church and their faith. To find out more, go to <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic/>

