



## KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



### 3rd Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
**Gospel:** Lk 13:1-9

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

### 4th Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12  
**Second Reading:** 2 Cor 5:17-21  
**Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### 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**

**Furniture Helpline 1300 551 894**

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We pray for our fellow parishioners  
and friends who are ill, especially  
**Mary Miller, Carmel Gleeson &  
Donna Adams**

*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 whose anniversaries are  
at this time, we remember them.

**Local Safeguarding Rep (LSR)**  
Mrs Catherine Goldsworthy

*Dear friends*

On Tuesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy made a video-address to Russian conscripts and officers. In between emphasizing his sureness of their loss and urging them to surrender, he said "I know that you want to survive, we hear your conversations in the intercepts, we hear what you really think about this senseless war, about this disgrace and about your state. Your conversations with each other. Your calls home to your family. We hear it all. We draw conclusions. We know who you are..."

His address evoked images of soldiers resentful and dismayed, whose feelings were concealed within their tanks and buried under propaganda. Soldiers whose true feelings went out through the air as radio waves, and which were silently listened upon by intelligence officers...somewhere, shrouded in mystery.

His image it is not dissimilar to the image the first reading paints today when God, shrouded in mystery, says to Moses "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings".

God is invisible to us, but we are not invisible to God. Whether it is in the darkness of the cosmos or within the darkness of the human heart, God is near and "gazes into the depths" (Dan 3:54). God hears the anxieties, the stifled tears, the ground teeth, the wincings,

the suppressed sighs, the voiceless cries.

As for the Israelites and so for us, God does not offer a quick fix. Rather he invites us on a journey through the dark. It is a way *through* the wilderness and that Way is Jesus Christ. That Way will take us out of the darkness of Egypt, through the darkness of the desert, and, at some point, into the dark clouds atop Sinai, before we reach the Promised Land.

In recent times, we seem to have gone from darkness to darkness: COVID, trade-wars, real wars, disrupted trade, disrupted work and now a possibly new virus on the horizon. Lent too is a darkness, but it is one of the darkness's of Sinai. The struggle "ascending" Lent, through prayer and fasting, opens onto the encounter with God which sends us back down into the year with vision and strength.

My friends, let us keep on in the "work" of Lent so that our faith, our minds and our hearts will be strengthened for what lies ahead in life and that we may not end up – in the words of St. Paul today – as "corpses [littering] the desert".

*God bless, Fr. Francis*



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### Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish

**Parish Priest:** Bishop Ken Howell  
**Administrator:** Fr Anthony Mellor  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr Thomas Ismoyo, Fr Francis Fernandes  
**Parish Administration:** Catherine Goldsworthy, Patricia Pryor  
**Parish Office Hours:** Wed 8.30am - 4.00pm  
81 Mowbray Terrace, East Brisbane  
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**W:** [www.catholicparishebkt.org.au](http://www.catholicparishebkt.org.au)  
Local Safeguarding Rep: Mrs Catherine Goldsworthy

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

26-36 Leopard St, Kangaroo Point QLD 4168  
**P:** 07 3391 5397 | **F:** (07) 3391 5186  
**E:** [pkangaroot@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pkangaroot@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
**Principal:** Mrs Nicole Cole; Mrs Jayne Solomon APRE  
**School Secretaries:** Ms Marina Barrett & Mrs Sabrina Hawe  
**W:** [www.stjosephskpt.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjosephskpt.qld.edu.au)

**ALL KIDS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE  
AND BE SAFE AT THIS CHURCH. STOPline 1300304550**

**Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) 26 March**

**Music**

**Altar Servers - 27 March**

**Commentator**

**Readers**

**Holy Communion Ministers**

**St Joseph’s**

**St Benedict’s/St Joseph’s**

C Erbetto

L Horner, I Sowerby

Priest

Michelle

Aengus, Rory

**Roster – St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) 27 March**

**Readers**

**Holy Communion Ministers**

**Opener**

**Piety Stall**

**Counters**

J Frare, C Finn

Priest

N Prove, Lauren M

Phyllis M, Rose K

**Planned Giving**  
D/D \$325.00  
Loose/Env  
\$588.50

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**Wed** - St Turibius of Mogrovejo

**Thu** - St Oscar Romero

**Fri** - The Annunciation of the Lord

**Visit our parish WEBSITE at**

<http://catholicparishebkt.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 LATEST ONLINE HEADLINES**

Building begins for Vietnamese Catholic Community, founded on the witness of martyrs

The joy of hobbits is found in the story of Christ

Have your voice heard for Synod of Bishops before submissions close

This Lent, let us show unity with Ukraine through prayer, fasting for peace

Q&A – Bishop Tim Norton’s vestment designer opens up on First Nations’ expression

‘It is hell; please tell the world’ – testimony from Pauline Fathers evacuated from Mariupol

**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 #15**

**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!**

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.

**MASS THIS WEEK AT ST BENEDICT’S**

Wednesday 23rd March - 9.00am

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**BAPTISMS** We welcomed to our faith community, **Eamon Bougoure**, son of Krysten & Nathaniel and **George and Florence Orton**, children of Emma & Benjamin, who were Baptised last weekend at St Joseph’s.

*Feast of St Joseph*

*This Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, we recognise the Feast Day of one of our Parish’s patron saints at our 9am Mass.*

*The KPEB Parish Pastoral Council invite all parish-ioners to join us for morning tea following Mass.*



**SYNOD OF BISHOPS** People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**THE PARISH LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP** continues each Wednesday at 7.00pm in St Benedict’s Church and will continue weekly until 6 April. The group supports each individual’s faith journey through Lent and encourages participants to engage in informal reflective conversations about the meaning of Lent and the journey to Easter. Please consider coming along, even if it is for only one or two weeks. **It has been great to see the increased numbers this year.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

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**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** for children 8years and older will be celebrated on October 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Preparation will begin during August. Full details will be available in early May.

*You will need a copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate as part of the enrolment, so please have this ready.*

**First Holy Communion** for children who have already been Confirmed will be celebrated towards the middle of the year. Full details of the preparation and celebration will be available next week.

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**POSITION VACANT** at Toowong Catholic Parish. The position would involve coordination of the Sacramental Program and some special events such as Easter and Christmas. Permanent part time position working 20 hours p/w which would include covering the office on a Monday during work hours. Go to the Archdiocesan website for **further details.**

**HEALING MASS BARDON** Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, 1st April, at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP, Sacred Heart Parish, Booval will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)



‘Easter Isn’t Just One Day – He is Alive!’ Keep any eye out for our great kids activity book. We hope to be able to give them to the children in our parish on Palm Sunday. An excellent resource from Evangelisation Brisbane and fun for kids big and small.