



# KANGAROO POINT EAST BRISBANE CATHOLIC PARISH



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Is 22:19-23  
**Second Reading:** Rom 11:33-36  
**Gospel:** Mt 16:13-20

**First Reading:** Jer 20:7-9  
**Second Reading:** Rom 12:1-2  
**Gospel:** Mt 16:21-27

### Responsorial Psalm

### Gospel Acclamation

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### 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, Michael Mulligan,  
Pauline Burnett &  
Elizabeth Flamsteed**

We pray for our recently departed, especially **Fionn David O'Neill**, may they rest in peace.

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

**Local Safeguarding Rep (LSR)**

Mrs Catherine Goldsworthy

### I Really Should, But . . . . .

I think I could write a book, not a large book, just listing the reasons people tell me why they can't manage to get to Mass ("as often as I should"). It has become something of an art form, often very creative and colourful, told with such intensity and earnestness that every so often, I actually believe that they believe what they are saying.

Unfortunately for these people, over the past 40 I have heard nearly every explanation that can be thought up. From the simple and most popular, "I can't seem to find a Mass time that suits me" and "The weekend is the only time I get for a break" to "There is something in your Church that makes me sneeze" and "I haven't been able to understand Mass since they changed from Latin". These excuses seem more a defence of a position or a justification for not doing something that they know they really should be doing. What's the big deal? It's not like we are going to the dentist – and we have to pay for that.

What is so difficult about going to Mass on Sunday? What is it about the dozen or so Masses in three varied locations in our local Catholic community (Buranda, East Brisbane, Kangaroo Point, Fortitude Valley St. Stephen's Cathedral) that is such a demanding exercise that only about 9% of the baptised Catholics in our local parishes attend? Throw in the visitors from other parishes and localities on any given Sunday and it could well be around 8-9%. Sure, attending Mass requires some preparation.

Warming up the vehicle and leaving the comfort of home, getting dressed in something a little bit special, finding a park, then finding the right seat among the hundreds on offer. It also means that we may have to be in the presence of other people and maybe even acknowledging their presence, but so does shopping and sport and the movies, all of which seem to have no trouble gathering a good crowd on a Sunday. So why is it that the acknowledged baptismal commitment to our faith is the first to go when choices have to be made?

I suspect one major reason is that we have all become victims of the need to be entertained and stimulated by every experience we have. If it doesn't excite me in the first five minutes it doesn't register in my "Must Do" list. We demand a myriad of choices when it comes to television channels, music options on radio and laptops, 30 different forms of sport and innumerable shopping opportunities. We have created a formula for picking the experience that offers highest satisfaction for the least amount of effort, which can spell disastrous results for something as reflective and spiritual as responsive and committed as Sunday Eucharist. For some people the choices are just too hard, so they opt for that which is the least demanding. No points for guessing what the first to go is.

Before you say "Why is he writing this for us? We're already here." Just remember you are the Church's best advertisement. You are supposed to be the living example of why coming to church makes a difference.

## Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish

**Administrator:** Fr Peter Dillon  
**Priest in Residence:** Fr Stephen Camiolo  
**Parish Administration:** Mrs Catherine Goldsworthy  
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## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

26-36 Leopard St, Kangaroo Point QLD 4168  
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**Principal:** Mrs Nicole Cole; **APRE** Mrs Bianca Murphy  
**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**

<b>St Benedict's (Sat 6.00pm) 2nd Sept</b>	
<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>
B Navratil	R Crouch, C Crouch

**Planned Giving**  
D/D \$655.00  
Loose/Envelopes  
\$750.40

**STOpline - Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

STOpline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures.  
Disclosures can be made anonymously.  
P: 1300 304 550 E:AOB@stoline.com.au

<b>St Joseph's (Sun 9.00am) 3rd Sept</b>			
<b>Readers</b>	<b>Opener</b>	<b>Piety Stall</b>	<b>Counters</b>
J Wessel, K Biggs	Ryan D	Lauren M	counters needed

**FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK**

Mon - St Augustine  
Tue - The Passion of St John the Baptist

**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 the 2nd Saturday each month at St Lukes at 10.30am, and the 4th Sunday following the 9.00am mass at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point.

Preparation is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at St Lukes Buranda at 10.30am.

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER LATEST ONLINE HEADLINES**

St Ignatius School commissions First Nations mural for their 120th anniversary

Why the Queenship of Mary matters to us all today

Q&A – What is an epiclesis?

Vinnies backs Bishops' 'new engagement' with First Nations peoples

**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**

**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! LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.**

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.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday - 30th Aug - St Benedict's 9am**

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*Fr. Peter Dillon PP*

**BAPTISM** We welcome to our faith community, **Rei Kawaguchi**, son of Kelly and Ayato, who was Baptised this weekend at St Benedict's.



**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF WEDDINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL** All couples who have been married in the Cathedral of St Stephen are invited to a special Mass celebrating over 150 years of Weddings. A special focus will also be placed on those celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) but of course anyone married in the Cathedral or the Chapel is invited to participate. **30<sup>th</sup> September** Mass at 11.30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

**WOMEN OF THE WAY RETREAT** Would you like to take time out to reflect and recharge? **13-15 Oct.** Treat yourself to some quality time with God. Book now for The Women on the Way Retreat. For further info please email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com) or 0400 755 516.

**MULTICULTURAL MASS** Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass. The Mass will be held on **Sunday 24th September** in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow. When: 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September at the Cathedral of St Stephen. RSVP: [app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23). All are invited and all are welcome!

**PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** A joint meeting will be held this Wednesday, 30th August at 6.30pm in the Coolock Room at St Joseph's.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**Confirmation** will be on Wednesday 11 October at 6pm in St Joseph's Church.

Parent/caregiver/child Preparation sessions are on Sunday **10 Sept** at 2pm and Sunday **8 October** at 2pm (including rehearsal). These sessions will be held at St Joseph's church.

*Enrolment forms are available at the piety stall.*

**POSITION - ADMINISTRATION OFFICER** Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and St Luke's Buranda Catholic Parishes. P/T 15 flexible hours per week. Please contact the parish office or Ian Naylor (HR Business Partner) at 0733243451 or [ian.naylor@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ian.naylor@bne.catholic.net.au) for any enquiries.

**PAST MOTHERS' OF GREGORY TERRACE** students are warmly invited to a Mass and Morning Tea to be held at 10.30am on Sunday 10 Sept in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill. \$25 per head which includes a light lunch. For more info or to RSVP please contact Anna Wright via email at [TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au](mailto:TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au) or call on 0458 153 103

**COLLECTION COUNTERS** Currently we have only two groups of two people to count the weekend collections. We are seeking interest from parishioners who may have the time to join the roster. If we had 3 more volunteers, the commitment would be one Sunday a month. Collection counters are required to have a Police check every 3 years and Safeguarding Training (which is done online). Please contact Catherine in the parish office if you are interested. Thanking you

Contact St James College on 3230 8600 or [stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](http://stjamescollege.qld.edu.au) for further information on the enrolment evening.

**PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP** meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at St Benedict's at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome!