



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

14 April 2024

Mass Times

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

43 Taylor Street,
Woolloongabba

Friday: 9:00am Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

81 Mowbray Terrace,
East Brisbane

Wednesday: 8:00am Mass

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

26-36 Leopard Street,
Kangaroo Point

Sunday: 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation: *By appointment*

Your Prayers

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Stewart Flatley, Jacqueline Gregory*. May they rest in peace.

Please remember the sick *Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Jeanette McMahon*

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the **Fourth Sunday** following the 9:00am Mass at *St Joseph's Kangaroo Point*.

Preparation is held on the **Third Sunday** at *Sts Peter and Paul's Bulimba*

Please telephone the parish office for further details

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Fr Peter's Message

While not everyone is interested in statistics, they can sometimes tell us where we have come from and where we might be headed. The following statistics, recently gathered by the Vatican, while not too complex, do give us some information as to where our church is trending. Of course, numbers do not tell the whole story, but they certainly suggest where we should be putting in greater efforts and where we seem to be making improvements. Needless to say, we still need to keep our foot on the peddle (the accelerator, not the brake). I will soon try to distil the statistics for our Archdiocese, which is more significant, particularly as we are in the planning stages of the Archdiocesan Synod to be held later this year.

Over the past 12 months, the number of baptised Catholics has increased globally, rising from 1.376 billion in 2021, to 1.390 billion in 2022, with a relative increase of 1.0 per cent.

The year 2022 marked a further decrease in the number of priests compared to the previous year, continuing a downward trend since 2012.

The global number of priests in the world in 2022, compared to that of 2021, decreased by 142 priests, going from 407,872 to 407,730. The number of permanent deacons increased in 2022 by 2 per cent compared to a year earlier, going from 49,176 to 50,150 deacons.

The number of non-priest professed religious men fell from 49,774 religious men in 2021 to 49,414 in 2022.

Professed religious women exceeded the number of priests across the world by almost 47 per cent but are in sharp decline. Globally, they went from 608,958 professed women in 2021 to 599,228 in 2022, with a relative decline of 1.6 per cent.

The decline in priestly vocations since 2012 continued over the 2021-2022 period.

In 2022, men preparing for the priesthood numbered 108,481, 1.3 per cent fewer than the previous year.

Fr Peter Dillon,, Administrator



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Around our Parishes

What's happening

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Marion Kelly**

Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw simply need to speak with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church at Mass on Saturday evening.

Proceeds of the lucky number draw go to support the St Vincent de Paul and other social needs in the Parish. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

VOCATION VIEW:



What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray—Lord Jesus, make your word plain and set our hearts on fire with love when you speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of your love. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or please contact 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com. Follow us on @vocationbrisbane.

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from the Brisbane Archdiocese. You are able to watch this week's homily at — <https://shorturl.at/dotuG>

Collection Changes for Kangaroo Point/ East Brisbane parish.

At the last combined meeting of the parish pastoral and finance council it was decided that since the traditional two collections were now combined, it seemed sensible to have just the one collection at Mass. Of the weekly collection an 18% levy is given to the Archdiocese, while the remainder is available for the support of the clergy and the operation and maintenance of the parish. It is hoped that parishioners will take this opportunity to consider their weekly contribution, and hopefully maintain their generous contribution whenever possible. For those of you who would prefer to use a Direct Debit arrangement, where your weekly amount can come directly from your bank account, then we have the necessary forms available at the welcome desk in the front of both our parish churches.

Thanking you in anticipation of your contribution.

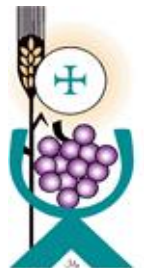
PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP—(NOW MONTHLY) Following our parish group reflections over the last six weeks during Lent, we are happy to let you know we will continue meeting on a monthly basis. We look at the Gospel and share our thoughts and prayerful companionship with other parishioners. The next meeting is Tuesday 30 April at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—FIRST COMMUNION

We invite you to take part in our preparation program for First Holy Communion. This generally occurs for children at 9 years of age or who are currently in Year 4 and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It will begin with the parents' sessions which will be held in the parish of Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba on either Wednesday 24 April (at 7.30 pm) or on Friday 26 April (at 9.30 am). The children's enrolment in the sacramental preparation occurs over four weeks and takes place in the home with the aid of the sacramental resources which we will provide. There will be a special Celebration of God's Mercy to prepare your children for their first communion. It is a key part of the sacramental preparation for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and you should plan to be present.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point on the Feast of The Most Holy Trinity, Sunday 26 May at 9am.



SAFEGUARDING NEWS - *The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The protection of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. The Archdiocese also adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.*

We are pleased to announce that Conor Finn has taken on the parish role of Local Safeguarding Representative. Conor's role is to champion safeguarding practices and assist in creating safe environments and activities within the parish, parish ministries and our faith community, including assessing activities for safeguarding related risks, particularly those involving children and adults-at-risk. Conor can be contacted via his details displayed at the churches or through the parish office with any concerns.

THANK YOU TO CONOR FOR TAKING ON THIS IMPORTANT ROLE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD continues in the Coolock Room at St Joseph's during the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. Thank you to our volunteers who lead this session. You are encouraged to send your children along to hear the Word of God adapted to their level of understanding. Children's Liturgy next on 5 May 2024

The Order of the Mass

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

t was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting, Amen.

Hymns

Buranda Parish

ENTRANCE

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia,

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

Make our hearts burn with love

When you speak.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY

Quiet Music



COMMUNION

Our Supper Invitation

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means;
Walk while there's time.

Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment
To good friends of mine.

Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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RECESSIONAL

Glory Be to God in Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven,
Peace to those who love you well;
On the earth let all your people
Speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's king;
Hear our joyful adoration
And accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
Now with God in triumph seated
For your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
In the glory of the Father
With the Spirit: Three in One!

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