



# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

18 February 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 recently  
deceased — *Dan Heenan and  
Pauline Burnett.*

Please remember the sick—  
*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan  
and 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 relation-  
ships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander peoples to this country and  
commit ourselves to the ongoing jour-  
ney of reconciliation.

## Fr Peter's Message

### Leave Them Wondering

On a recent radio talk back show a number of callers rang saying how much they appreciated the sometimes spontaneous complements paid to them, often by strangers. One lady said how her day was made by a woman next to her at the petrol station telling what a cheerful smile she had. Another was complemented on her professional phone manner by a customer. All the callers seemed surprised that people could make such a difference to their day simply by hearing pleasant things about themselves. They were equally surprised that people could receive such encouraging words from complete strangers, people who had nothing to gain from the encounter.

Something has happened in our society that has made us suspicious of kindness and courtesy. We have become attuned to looking for the "small print", the "hidden costs" that may catch us out or leave us out of pocket. Why is it that our first thought is, "Why are they saying that and what is it going to cost me in the end."

It is a sad day when we find it odd to offer or receive some words of appreciation from one another without being a little suspicious of the motives. It is even sadder to worry about offering a complement for fear that it may be misconstrued or dismissed. We have become a suspicious society these days assuming that any kind act has an ulterior motive, believing that nothing comes for free, even uplifting words of encouragement or appreciation. Perhaps we have forgotten how to receive things graciously or have lost the belief that we are sometimes worthy of praise.

Of course we have no control over how people perceive our words or actions, and we would be wise to be circumspect in a society that is not as purely intentioned as we would hope, but something as inexpensive and nobly aimed as an unsolicited complement, both given and received, might just be the tonic to brighten miserable day or cheer up a lonely individual.

We might all wish to be better able to bring healing to the afflicted and contentment to the broken hearted. Why not start with something to warm the spirit of a stranger? Practice it in Church this weekend. It doesn't need to be forced, unrealistic or excessive. It's not up to you how your thoughtfulness will be received, but at the very least you might leave them wondering.

**Fr Peter Dillon (Adm)**



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# Around our Parishes

## Feast Days

Wed 21 Feb: St Peter Damian

Thu 22 Feb: Chair of St Peter

Fri 23 Feb: St Polycarp

## 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!!!**



## A VOCATION VIEW:

Lent: the springtime of the soul. It is a time to make a new covenant with God and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your desert and discover your calling. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or please telephone the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or visit [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

**TWO MINUTE HOMILY** by priests from across the Brisbane Archdiocese. You are able to watch this week's homily at —

<https://shorturl.at/dotuG>



This Lent, Caritas Australia will ask us to consider several stories of vulnerability and hope in action. We will meet some extraordinary women: Leaia from Samoa, Ronita from the Philippines and Memory from Malawi. In many situations around the world, women are the heart of the community. You can help improve lives for some of the most vulnerable communities on earth through your donations. **Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes and give generously.**

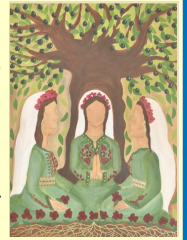
## What's happening ....

**LITURGY IN FOCUS** Lecture and Discussion Series. Join Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents **LIVING LITURGY: BEING SENT OUT ON MISSION TO THE WORLD**. 13 March 7pm-8.45pm Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre (beside the Cathedral). For more information and to register, visit Richard Leonard ([weebly.com](http://weebly.com))



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be celebrated at Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba on Friday 1 March at 10am, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. This year the prayers were prepared by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. All welcome.



**LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP** is meeting Tuesday at 7pm, St Benedict's Church at East Brisbane. Our first group get together last week was well received with an increase in numbers. The input from everyone was thoughtful and encouraging. We invite you to come along. It's the best hour you'll spend in the peaceful space with is St. Benedict's.

*Catherine*

**BAPTISM** - This Sunday we welcome to our faith community through the waters of Baptism, **Carter, Mason, Alison, Pheone and Ryan**. May the Lord bless and bond them tight in the love of Jesus Christ.



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalms 24 - The Earth is the Lord's  
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara MacIver - soprano  
Sofia Troncoso - soprano  
Andrew Goodwin - tenor  
David Greco - baritone  
St Stephen's Schola  
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website  
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

## ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL

An evening of Music and Reflection to launch the **MASS OF THE ASCENSION** 6pm Wednesday 8 May 2024. This liturgy will bring together a new composition of the Eucharist, other songs and pieces of music which seek to do just this: to name God in song in ways that help us to pray; to voice God in ways the generations of the future might resonate with. For details - [xaviercentre@acu.edu.au](mailto:xaviercentre@acu.edu.au)

**OLD CHURCHES TOGETHER** - online ZOOM workshop series **"RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"**. Gain tools and insight and empower yourself. Three Wednesday evenings, 21 February, 28 February and 6 March. 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Register via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/COJMX> For further information please call 33669 6792.

**LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
will be held every Friday evening during Lent,  
7:00pm at Sts Peter & Paul's Bulimba



**Purple** Purple or violet is the prescribed liturgical colour for Lent. It should be a sombre blue-violet shade in contrast to the lighter purple of Advent. The aim is to visually evoke a mood of simplicity and austerity, so adding symbols to purple hangings is unnecessary and distracting. The colour on its own is the symbol. Some may remember when the 4th Sunday of Lent was called Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday and rose coloured vestments were worn. It was one day of rejoicing in the middle of the sombre season of Lent. With our present understanding of lent, it makes no sense to differentiate the 4th Sunday. All Sundays are days of festivity in any case!

# The Order of the Mass

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.    **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.      **Lord, have mercy.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9

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



## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:4

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

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.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

## 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

"Lent is a time of restraint and simplicity in the life of the Church.

It is recommended that music is kept to a minimum."

*[Brisbane Liturgy]*

Therefore on Sundays we will acknowledge the Lenten solemnity  
by omitting the Recessional Hymn.

This will encourage us all to leave the Church reflectively, in the spirit of Lent.

## ENTRANCE

### Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

*Tune: All People that on earth do dwell*

Again we keep this solemn fast,  
a gift of faith from ages past,  
this Lent which binds us lovingly  
to faith and hope and charity.

We pray, O blessed Three in One,  
our God while endless ages run,  
that this, our Lent of forty days,  
may bring us growth and give you praise.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



No one lives on bread alone  
But on every word that comes  
From the mouth of God.

## OFFERTORY

*Silent Music*

## COMMUNION

### Eat This Bread

*Refrain:*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,  
The true bread sent from the Father.

Anyone who eats this bread,  
Will live for ever.

If you believe and eat this bread,  
You will have eternal life.

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## RECESSIONAL

*Silent Reflection*



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