



# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

4 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 fellow parishioners:

*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahon.*

## Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the **fourth Sunday** following the 9:00am Mass at *St Joseph's Kangaroo Point*. Baptism Preparation is held on the **third Sunday** at *Sts Peter and Paul's Bulimba*

**Please phone 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

### And This is My Gift

If we made an inventory of all the various talents of the people attending Mass this weekend I'm sure we would be overwhelmed with range of gifted people and the rich opportunities that would be open to us as a community. The communities that St. Paul wrote to were small enough for each person to be aware of the abilities of others who shared their faith in the message of Jesus. They knew who were the good orators or writers, who were the talented teachers and readers, singers and welcomers. When they knew the gifts of the individual they could then be confident that the community richness lay in the combination of all those talents. In those times, your place among the people of God was dependent upon your preparedness to share your gifts with the Church.

Renowned Scripture scholar, Jerome Murphy O'Connor has suggested that when people sought to belong to the communities of Corinth or Ephesus they may have been asked questions like "In what way will our community be enriched by your presence among us?" or "What can you offer to us that we need you as part of our Church?" While that may sound a bit harsh, the church at the time of Paul was not about having the biggest numbers or the loudest voice, but rather the most committed of believers, prepared to back up their faith in God with the gift of themselves and their talents.

For Paul the church was not a 'club' that sought to offer its members the best deal. It was not for the church community to lure people to join up with offers of short services and comfortable seats. It was, and still, is the collection of God's talented and gifted individuals, each with their own distinct abilities, to be used to complement one another, for the good of the community, for the building of God's kingdom on earth.

The dilemma for us in this fast moving and mobile society is that we have so few opportunities to discover what each other's gifts really are. In the mad rush to "fit" Mass into our full work and social schedule it is usually only by word of mouth that we find out if someone has a gift for music, of finances, or teaching, or art or hospitality or care of the sick and aged, or carpentry, historical research and the list can go on. All these gifts would be very valuable for the life and growth of our parish. Of course the usual response is "Nobody ever asked me", whereas the real response perhaps should be "I never offered".

The essence of being a good steward is to return to God something in return for what we have been given. This can take the form of talents or resources, all of which are essential for our Church community. Like the people of Corinth and Ephesus, can we honestly say that my faith community is all the richer for my presence.

*Father Peter Dillon Adm*



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# Around our Parishes

## Feast Days

Mon: St Agatha  
Tue: St Paul Miki and Companions  
Sat: St Scholastica

## Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Marrion (No.14)**

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:

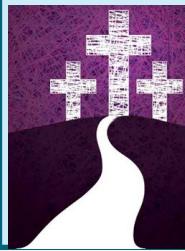


The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicts the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond? Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or please contact 1300 133 544 or visit [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com). Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

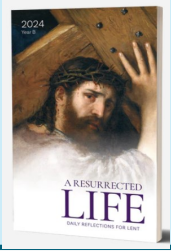
## Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the First Sunday in February each year. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. This year, Word of God Sunday's theme is "Remain in my Word" (*John 8,31*). Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis explains the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

## What's happening ....



The **Lenten Scripture Group** will begin on **Tuesday 13 February** and will meet every Tuesday evening of Lent at 7pm, St Benedict's Church at East Brisbane. We will use the Lenten resource "A Resurrected Life." These books can be purchased for \$6. Everybody welcome.



## Ash Wednesday

**14 February** is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season. That day is designated by the Church as days of **fast and abstinence**, as is Good Friday. In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat. The practice of fasting and abstinence aims at leading us to interior conversion by making us more disciplined and more charitable. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, this practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert. **The ashes** that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and remind us of the need to repent our failings.

## MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

<b>St Benedict's, East Brisbane</b>	<b>8am Mass</b>
<b>St Luke's, Buranda</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>
<b>St Peter &amp; Paul's, Bulimba</b>	<b>7pm Mass</b>



**CLEMENTE** - free university program offered to people who have experienced hardship and would like the opportunity to improve their skills in a highly supportive and gentle learning environment. Clemente is an organisation based on a partnership between Vinnies, ACU and the Sisters of Mercy. Students study a Certificate of Liberal Arts to build communication skills including writing, speaking, and presenting, critical thinking and self-organisation skills. Our 2024 program offers two options: **Creative writing -Wednesday at Common ground South Brisbane or Australian Indigenous People: past and present – Thursday at ACU campus at Banyo.** There is No COST to students. HECS fees are waived and free lunch is provided. Resources are provided including computer access etc. Volunteer Learning Partners provide individual assistance students in all aspects of study. To apply you must be able to: Commit to 4 hours each week, able to write a paragraph and commit to the 14 week program. You can apply if you: speak English as a second language or missed education due to hardship or are returning to study, or are a refugee or asylum seeker, or you are a year 12 student who is seeking an alternative pathway. For more information, please contact Alicia Beetles, education officer at Vinnies Qld (0419 502 531) or [education@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:education@svdpqld.org.au)

**FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER DURING LENT** — Pope Francis has asked that we dedicate 2024 to **PRAYER**, in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. Let's help ourselves for living our prayer life! You are invited to Regina Caeli Church, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill for the six Friday evenings, prior to Passion (Palm) Sunday. Each gathering will focus on the next week's Gospel using a range of great prayer traditions we have received from both the scriptures and great saints including St Benedict, St Ignatius of Loyola and St Francis of Assisi. You'll be very welcome! There is plenty of space on site for parking.  
**Place: Regina Caeli Church, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill.**  
**When: Fridays during Lent Time: 6:00pm - 6:40pm.**

**ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL** - Evening of Music and Reflection to launch the **MASS OF THE ASCENSION**. 6pm Wednesday 8 May 2024. This evening brings 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 more information contact [xaviercentre@acu.edu.au](mailto:xaviercentre@acu.edu.au)

# The Order of the Mass

## GLORIA (when spoken)

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:

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7*

Job began to speak:  
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than  
pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have  
passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Psalms 146:1-6*

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the  
broken-hearted.



## SECOND READING:

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

## GOSPEL:

*Mark 1:29-39*

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

## 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

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
For God is your health and salvation!  
All you who hear:  
Now to his altar draw near,  
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
Come now in praises before him!  
Let the "Amen!"  
Sound from his people again,  
Now as we worship before him.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



## OFFERTORY

*Quiet Music*

## COMMUNION

### Lord, to whom shall we go?

*Refrain:*

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You are our bread, broken and shared.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Yours are the words of life.

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,  
Our pledge of eternal life.

The bread you give is the living bread,  
Your flesh for the life of the world.

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps;  
A light for my path of life.

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## RECESSIONAL

### Christ Be Our Light!

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Refrain:*

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

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