



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 November, 2023

Mass Times

ST LUKE'S CHURCH
43 Taylor St, Woolloongabba
Friday: 9.00am Mass
Sunday: 8.00am Mass

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH
81 Mowbray Tce, 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

Book of Remembrance for the Month of Holy Souls

You are invited to enter the names of your deceased loved ones and friends who have gone before us, and whom you wish to be remembered during Mass. The book of Remembrance will remain at the front door until Advent.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your people in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. May I be an instrument of your Peace.

Pastor's Post

Hide & Seek

One of the most comforting books of my seminary life had the provoking title of "Would You Still Love Me If You Really Knew Me?" by John Powell S.J. It would probably be viewed these days as a 'pop psychology book' of the 70's, but at that time, for a gangly and insecure adolescent, it was a journal of great comfort, particularly when the book drew all who read it to the conclusion that no matter how hard we tried to hide from God, we were constantly found and loved back to acceptance of self.

When I ponder the actions and interventions of God in my life and what I observe as God's action in the lives of others, one thing that is very clear is that God has a mixed bag to work with. None of us stand before God totally ready, willing and able, while we also recognise that certain portions of our memories are best left locked and hidden. Like the child playing hide and seek, we hope that if we close our eyes then no one can see us. We naively think that if we don't surface our fears or regrets then they never really existed.

But God's Spirit is relentless and moves where it wills. It is a breath that fills our tired lungs or a breeze that refreshes us and occasionally, it is a wind that pushes us to go where we would never go on our own. It is at those times we can experience that secret delight and relief of knowing that not even our hidden past is an obstacle for God. Somebody truly loves me and will not be put off by knowing who I am.

We sometimes even have the sensation that God is chasing us and we have to admit that we spend a deal of energy running and hiding. I guess such an instinct for survival is not totally irrational, since we really know what God can do when we are captured or rather captivated by the Spirit. Once found by God and made aware of what God's offers, only the strongest will can deny and resist.

Given the choice between courage and caution, miracles and mediocrity, too often we choose the safer path – out of fear if nothing else. We do the childlike thing and hide or flee. Not from danger, but from commitment, involvement and relationship with God.

There must be something about the locked heart that God finds so alluring. I wish I knew which wise person said "Love is greater than hatred. Forgiveness is greater than sin. And God is ultimately greater than anything that opposes God". There it is in a few lines. Our God will always hunt us down and will not allow our fears to stand in the way..

Fr Peter

INVITATION TO WITNESSES OF FAITH TOUR THIS NOVEMBER

ACN will be touring around Australia and NZ with International Guests for our 2023 Witnesses of Faith Tour. The guests include: His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church - Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem, and all the East Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Northern Nigeria. The event will be held in **Brisbane on Friday 24th of November, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Australian Catholic University, Banyo Campus.** Find out more and or register you interest at www.aidtochurch.org/2023-tour



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Tues: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed: St Cecilia
Fri: Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Isobel Sowerby**

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.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held in the parish on the **second Saturday** each month at *St Lukes* at 10.30am and the **fourth Sunday** following the 9.00am mass at *St Joseph's Kangaroo Point*. Preparation is held on the **second Saturday** of the month at *St Lukes Buranda*, at 10.30am.

This weekend we welcome

Jared Dela Pena

son of Gizelle and Gerald into our faith Community. Please keep Jared in your prayers.

Your Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are unwell especially:

Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahon.

We pray also for our recently departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

What's happening

Scripture Group The Scripture Group meets at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month at **7pm**. (Next meeting is this Wednesday **22nd November**) everyone welcome to attend. **Please note: The group will not meet in December or January.** First meeting in the new year will be 13 February, 2024.

Children's Liturgy, Children's liturgy led by Jayne Camuglia assisted by other accredited parents will be held in the **The Coolock Room**, at St Joseph's at the 9.00am Mass on the **first Sunday of each month**. You are encouraged to send your child along to hear the word of God adapted to their level of understanding. *The next Children's liturgy will be Dec 3.*

Upcoming Highlights....

Women's Retreat. An opportunity to reflect upon the God who constantly chooses to come to us in loving relationship. Hosted and facilitated by : Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries. **Friday: 15 December, 2023 at 6.00pm to Sunday 17 December, 2023 at 3.00pm** at **Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre**. To register or enquire: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283.

Volunteers Needed—St Vincent's Hospital

St Vincent's Brisbane is in need of Eucharistic Ministers and Volunteers for its Pastoral Care Department. Shifts would only be 1-2 hours per week. If you can help please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Hansen on maureen.hansen@svha.org.au

Queensland Irish Choir - A Celtic Christmas Celebration

The **Queensland Irish Choir** presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Chermshire-Kedron Community Church, Gympie Rd, Kedron on **Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 2 pm**. Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Celtic song and music. The Choir will present a number of well-known Christmas carols and hymns. Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained online <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTCA> or at the door. **Enquiries 0493 455 487**

2023 Advent Resource for Adults

It can be hard to find time to pause and sit with God in the busy lead up to Christmas, which is why Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team has produced this year's Advent Resource with busy individuals in mind. Each of the 22-day reflections take as little as five minutes to complete, helping you to carve out time to reflect, pray and prepare your hearts for Christmas. Purchase here: <https://tinyurl.com/adventresource2023>



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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: **Proverbs: 31:10-13; 19-20; 30-31**

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 127:1-5 R. v.1**

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you,
brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know
very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come
like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying,
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly
happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a
pregnant woman; and there will be no way for
anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for
that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all
sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to
the night or to darkness, so we should not go on
sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide
awake and sober.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21**

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Hymns

Buranda Parish

ENTRANCE

City of God

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:

*Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us
Has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
My branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

We Are Many Parts

Refrain:

*We are many parts, we are all one body,
And the gifts we have
We are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one indeed;
One, the love that we share,
One, our hope in despair,
One, the cross that we bear.*

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world.

COMMUNION

In Faith and Hope and Love

Refrain:

*In faith and hope and love
With joyful trust we move
Towards our Father's home above.*

Christ, our star, our map our road
To the Father's high abode.

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.

RECESSIONAL

Blest Are They

Blest are they who show mercy,
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God!

Refrain:

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours in the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, who seek peace,
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
The glory of God is theirs.

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