



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

3 December, 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

SPRING CLEAN ST JOSEPH'S

We would like to give the church a spring clean before Christmas Mass. If you can stay following Mass on Sunday 17th December for an hour, we would appreciate any help we can get. Please bring along your own dusting cloths, vacuum (there is one in the church) bucket, and any cleaning aides you think might assist. We can pitch in following the mass and get it done in an hour. Thank you for any assistance you can give, we know how busy this time of year can be. .

Your Prayers

Your prayers are also asked for:

*Michael Mulligan,
Pauline Burnett, and
Jeanette McMahon*

Fr Peter's Message

The Weight of Waiting

Over the next few weeks of the Advent and Christmas season, we will strive to grow spiritually as we try to contend with a variety of forces that distract us from our union with God and our unity with one another. Consumerism has the effect of filling our lives with material matters, leaving little room for divine things. Excessive busyness puts us in a hurried mode, making contemplation and prayer very difficult. Add to this list the struggle to make a daily living, the conflicts of our personal relationships, and that ever present disease of narcissism and we know that Advent will demand intense effort and more than a modicum of grace. It has been said that the shortest recorded length of time is the time between the light in front of you turning green and when the car behind you sounding its horn. A slight exaggeration, but the point is made. We are not good at sitting still and letting things unfold in their own time.

Whether we believe that time is money or we have been conditioned to keep moving in case we stop permanently, waiting patiently is something we are finding harder and harder to do in a world that requires immediate decisions and reactions. We live in an 'instant' world where we can own now and pay later, where the next one is free if the ordered food takes more than a short period of time, where Internet access allows us to plug into the World Wide Web in seconds, and if we are lucky enough, we can scratch some instant cash! The examples go on and on. These things in themselves are not wrong, but they do make Advent a difficult season for us to enter.

Advent is all about waiting. Firstly, waiting for a future that is not marked on a calendar nor can it be calculated in terms of days, months and years, but neither is it illusory. It is this future that we are drawn to this week as we listen to the prophet Isaiah as he tells us there will come a day when the whole world shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Can we submit ourselves to becoming what God wants for us?

Yet our waiting is never passive. The gospel of this week reminds us to "repent", not because we have a tricky God who will catch us napping, but because we share in the responsibility of this future with God. We need to be on our guard, always ready to possibilities of furthering the reign of God in our day. We wait for the final coming in confidence because we know that once God did become flesh and dwelt with us and that God continues to be present in our every day.

Fr Peter



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Thursday: St Ambrose
Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Marie G**

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!!!

What's happening

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.

Upcoming Highlights....

Brendan Toohey Concert at St Luke's Church, Buranda on Thursday 28th December at 2:00 pm.

Brendan Toohey is a very highly qualified clarinettist and saxophone musician having gained a Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours from the Queensland Conservatorium and a Master of Arts from Monash University. if you'd like to attend, please let the **Parish Office know on 0467 775 862 by 18th December** to help with the catering of afternoon tea after the performance.

Scripture Group

A Reminder that the Scripture group will *not* meet in December or January. First meeting in the new year will be **13 February, 2024.**

The Scripture Group meets at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month at **7pm** everyone welcome to

Christmas Ministries

If you are able to assist in any way over the Christmas Masses, please put your name on the form located in the piety stall or email the parish office. There are many ways to be involved as a volunteer. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times

Kangaroo Point East Brisbane
Christmas Eve: 5pm at St Joseph's (Carols at 4:30pm)

Children are welcome to come dressed as a Nativity character.

Please join us for refreshments after Mass.

Christmas Day: 9.00am
at St Benedict's, East Brisbane



St Luke's Buranda
Christmas Eve at 5.00pm

Followed by drinks and nibbles at St Luke's Green
Christmas Day Mass at 8.00am

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: **Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1. 3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R, v,4**

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9.**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:31-46**

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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

When we eat this Bread and Drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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.
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

A Trusting Psalm

Refrain:

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
This love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in God.

COMMUNION

Bread of Life, Hope of the World

Refrain:

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ our brother:
Feed us now, give us life,
Lead us to one another.*

We eat this living bread,
We drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world,
Source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity,
In love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you,
God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace,
You are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people,
Poured in endless love. .

RECESSIONAL

Come, O long expected Jesus

Tune: Firmly I Believe and Truly

Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free,
From our fear and sins release us
In your heart our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope to all you shall impart;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born, your people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now your gracious kingdom bring.

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