



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

31 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

Your Prayers

We ask you to pray for fellow parishioners:

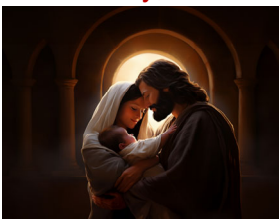
Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahon.

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*.

Office Closure

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 23 December, 2023 till 8 January, 2024.



Fr Peter's Message

A Space for All

Following last's weeks festivities for Christmas in our parish churches, I now know why I enjoy the season so much. To be in safe places, where families gather along with single people, young and not-so-young singing hymns and sharing greetings, is an important reminder that even though many people in our world are suffering under some horrific living conditions, people who value peace and try to place no judgment on the lives and lifestyles of others can celebrate God's many blessings to us. We are such a community, and we should never take it for granted.

I am so very grateful to all those generous people who prepared our places of worship for those who make the annual pilgrimage to Christmas Mass. Those of you who are regularly involved in the life of the parish seemed so enthusiastic in your welcome to our visitors, with the hope that visitors may soon be regular companions on a faith journey.

To the readers, the musicians, the cantors, the welcomers, the Eucharistic ministers, the altar servers, the sacristans, those who prepared the treats and gifts and the hundreds of people who made our time together so memorable, my deep appreciation for making our community a place where Jesus would feel at home.

Fr. Peter

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

On Sunday 31st December we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family, of course, refers to Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Many people in today's world can relate to the trials and anxieties experienced by the Holy Family. An emperor's edict compelled Mary and Joseph to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem; a king's cruelty forced the family to flee into Egypt; fear of Herod's successor made them move from Judaea and settle in Galilee. Mary and Joseph experienced the anguish of their son's disappearance for three days in a strange and bustling city. Through these difficult and stressful times, the Holy Family placed themselves in God's hands and followed where God called them to go.

The Son of God experienced all human conditions, including being subjected to the rulers of this world and the perils of human existence. Despite this, in fact because of it, he accomplished the will of his Father and the work of salvation. In the same way, it is not by fleeing reality that we find God. God is to be found in the ups and down, the joys and sorrows, of family life.



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Hymns

Buranda Parish

ENTRANCE

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he has gone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the past God spoke to our fathers
Through the prophets,
Now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For yourself best Gift Divine!
To this world so freely giv'n;
Word Incarnate, God's design,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

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.

RECESSIONAL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald Angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise.
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald Angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald Angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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