



# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 OCTOBER, 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: 9.00am Mass**  
**Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
26-36 Leopard Street,  
Kangaroo Point  
**Sunday: 9.00am Mass**

Reconciliation: By appointment

## Fr Peter's Message

### Doing God's Will

For as long as I have been seriously paying attention to what my faith has asked of me (sorry to admit that has not been all my life), I have been told that all we need to do is simply – Do God's Will. Sounds simple enough, but it takes a great deal of discernment to negotiate the difference between God's will and mine. Is God's will just to love God and neighbours as much as we love ourselves? Is it giving to those in need, selling all you own and giving it to the poor, turning the other cheek to those who harm you? How about honouring our father and mother and not taking the Lord's name in vain? I could go on with listing the Ten Commandments and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It can sound like a very demanding and confusing list of requirements, supported by the Gospels as the instruction book.

This 'Will of God' does beg a few questions like: "What's in it for us?" And equally: "What's in it for God?" Valid questions for people genuinely prepared to seek some answers.

Recently during a retreat last year, I came across the writings of Saint Cyprian, a pagan convert who went on to become bishop of Carthage in the 3rd Century, who provided, what I think is an excellent summary of the will of God. He put it this way:

*"Humility in our daily lives, an unwavering faith, a sense of modesty in our conversation, justice in acts, mercy in deeds, discipline, refusal to harm others, a readiness to suffer harm, peacefulness with our brothers and sisters, a whole hearted love of the Lord, loving in him what is of the Father, fearing him because he is God, preferring nothing to Him who preferred nothing to us, clinging tenaciously to his love, standing by his cross with loyalty and courage whenever there is any conflict with his name and honour, manifesting in our speech the constancy of our profession and under torture confidence for the fight, and in dying the endurance for which we will be crowned – this is what it means to do the will of the Father."*

Clearly there are some tough goals in his reflections, but I found his writing to be a helpful examination of conscience, when we adapt them to our lives in this present time. Suggestions about a *modesty in our speech* is something that comes to mind as a very contemporary issue, particularly when every day in any street, on the television, on the sporting ground, we hear language that, until recently was only used by criminals and bikies, and it doesn't sound any better when it comes from them. People of any age or gender seem to think that words we used to refer to as "coarse" are now thrown about with no concern as to who hears them.

Similarly *refusal to harm others*, does not necessarily mean physical harm, which may heal much quicker than the abusive relationships meted out most often to children and woman by spouses claiming to love, honour and respect the very people they treat so cruelly. While *standing by his cross with loyalty and courage* embracing our faith proudly in a time when it is less confronting to keep quiet when others seek to belittle our participation in a faith community. (Continued P2)



### CHANGES TO MASS TIMES

Commencing  
**Saturday 7 October, 2023**  
**(next Sunday)**

the Vigil Mass at  
St Benedict's Church,  
East Brisbane will be  
celebrated at **5.00pm**

**Please also note ....**

Commencing  
**Wednesday 4 October, 2023**  
**(this coming Wednesday)**

the Morning Mass at  
St Benedict's Church  
East Brisbane will be  
celebrated at **8.00am**



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# Around our Parishes

## Feast Days

Monday:	Guardian Angels
Wednesday:	St Francis of Assisi
Saturday:	Our Lady of the Rosary

## Sacramental Program

Confirmation will be on Wednesday **11 October at 6pm** in **St Joseph's Church.**

Parent/caregiver/ child Preparation sessions are on:

**Sunday 10 Sept at 2pm**  
**Sunday 8 Oct at 2pm**  
(including rehearsal).

These sessions will be held at St Joseph's Church.

## 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.

## Your Prayers

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

*Mary Miller, Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahon.*

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

## Fr Peter's Message (Continued)

Of course doing the will of God makes no sense whatsoever, until we appreciate why God has a will at all. Why would God wish us to follow any to follow a particular path in life if it wasn't for our benefit? If God is love personified, then what does God do with all that love? Surely we're not following this mystical will only to find out that life was just as fulfilling without it. That no path is as meaningful as this path. Give it a try for a while and see if life gets any better.

### What's happening ....

**Position Available – Administration Officer.** A part time (15 flexible working hours per week) position in the Parish Office is available. Please contact the Parish Office or Ian Naylor (HR) on 3324 3451 or [ian.naylor@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ian.naylor@bne.catholic.net.au) for any enquiries.

**Scripture Group** meets at St Benedict's Church East Brisbane on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month at **7pm**. Everyone welcome to attend.

**Children's Liturgy** commences on **Sunday 8 October**. Children's liturgy will be led by Jayne Camuglia who will be assisted by other accredited parents at St Joseph's at 9.00am Mass. This will be held in the **The Coolock Room**, at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to send your child along to hear the word of God adapted to their level of understanding.

### Upcoming Highlights....

**Anointing Mass** will be held on Friday **6 October at 9.00am** at St Luke's Church, Buranda.

**St Joseph's Parish and School Mass.** You are invited to the St Joseph's parish and School Mass on **Sunday 15th October, at 9.00am**. Venue is St Joseph's Church, Kangaroo Point. Sausage sizzle will follow!!

### Other News/Information from the Archdiocese ...

**Celebrating 150 Years of Weddings at the Cathedral.** All couples who have been married in the Cathedral of St Stephen are invited to a Mass celebrating 150 years of Weddings. A special focus will also be placed on those celebrating a Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) but anyone married in the Cathedral or the Chapel is invited. **30 September at 11.30am** followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

**Women of the Way Retreat – 13-15 October.** Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge? Treat yourself to some quality time with God. **BOOK NOW.** Theme: *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord.* Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Road, Dakabin. Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational Teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship. For more info contact Rosa Montegrando – 0400 755 516 or email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com)

This weekend we recognise the contributions of older persons as we celebrate the **International Day of Older Persons**. This day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution, wisdom, dignity and needs of the senior members of our parish and rededicate our efforts to ensure their well-being and inclusion.

### Parish Phone Number

For all telephone communication with our Parishes, please use the mobile number **0467 775 862.**



# The Order of the Mass

## **FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 18: 25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps: 24; 4-9; R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

## **SECOND READING:** Philippians 2:1-5

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 21:28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## **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.**

## **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

### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Tune: Song of Joy*

Restless souls, why do you scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why do you wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
If our love were but more simple  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be illumined  
By the goodness of the Lord.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own,  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## OFFERTORY

### The Fullness of God!

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give! May your hidden self grow strong! And may you live strong in faith and built on love until you know how high and long, how wide and deep the full-ness of God.

Know the way you learnt from Christ: to live life anew! Let your heart be drawn to Him; let Christ renew the hope in you to grow into ... Good-ness and Truth! And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God!

### Final Phrase

And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God!

## COMMUNION

### I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
Unless the Father beckons.

### Refrain:

*And I will rise you up,  
And I will rise you up,  
And I will rise you up, on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world;  
And if you eat of this bread,  
You shall live forever,  
You shall live forever.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
You shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe  
That you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
Who has come into the world.

## RECESSIONAL

### Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

### Refrain:

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!

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