



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 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: 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

Fr Peter's Message

Bad News Sells

I'm not sure that reading the newspaper is the best way to start the day. Apart from the recipes and the crossword, nearly everything else is bad news, and it's not only from overseas. Despite our best intentions to be otherwise, we must acknowledge that our country, indeed our world has become a negative and somewhat pessimistic environment. Not, mark you, without good reason.

Family life is splintered, co-habitation and out of marriage births are considered just another life-style, 49,000 divorces in Australia in 2021, pervasive crime, teenage murderers, a cancerous drug culture, - and on and on it goes. Politics, religion and family life are battered, ridiculed and it seems full of scandal.

Economically, our world has 1,945 billionaires controlling assets greater than the combined annual income of countries with 45% of the world's people. An emerging global elite, mostly urban based, is amassing great wealth and power, while more than half of humanity is left out. We still have half the people on the planet with incomes less than \$2 a day – more than a billion people. For poor people in this two-class world, it is a breeding ground for hopelessness, for anger, and frustration. The interesting aside to this is, ask anyone how business is going and they will all say- 'times are tough'. People are finding it almost impossible to say that life is going well, when they really have all they need.

The result of this is an overwhelming foreboding that people are more and more reduced to commodities and a consequent feeling of worthlessness, a loss of a sense of human dignity. Today's children are constantly reminded of their finitude, vulnerability, and dispensability from the beginning. Later they can get body replacement parts and mind altering drugs. When they grow up their jobs will always be in jeopardy as they become pawns in the market place economy. Yes, something is wrong. The social isolation of the suburbs, the solitary households where one in four Australian households consists of one person, is a far cry from the communal ancestral hunter-gatherer forebears. Parents getting up each day and handing their child over to someone they barely know is a far cry from the primitive watchful eyes of grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. Technology appears to have done away with neighbourly interdependence - the telephone, refrigerator, microwavable meals and most of all television and hand held communication devices, not only isolates people for direct human interaction, but also distorts their perceptions of what is real or what is a highly produced TV program. Now how we all feeling?

The issues I have just been naming for you are not new. You have all been aware of them in some form, it's just when they are lumped together, without being seasoned by the positive attitudes and gains that we start to think that the picture looks very bleak. This is why people looked to the first two decades of the new millennium in an almost salvific light. As though a tick of a clock at midnight was going to bring with it a blanket of sensibility and righteousness that will make all paths straight and goodness and peace shall once again reign throughout the land. (Continued P2)



Ministers Needed

We are blessed to have some generous people who have accepted a role of ministry to others, however our parishes are always in need of people who are prepared to be readers, extraordinary ministers of holy communion (both host and chalice), altar servers and collection counters.

At some time, each of us should ask ourselves, *"in what way is my parish enriched by my presence?"*

If you have considered getting more involved in the life of your parish, then please speak to one of the priests after mass on any Sunday or call 0467 775 862 and find our ways you could participate more fully.



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Monday: John Leonardi

Wednesday: John XXIII

Sacrament of Penance for Yr 5 Students

For those children who have completed their Confirmation and First Holy Communion and are in year 5 or older. The Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance will begin on **Sunday the 22nd of October at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Kangaroo Point**. There is a process of preparing the children to celebrate the sacrament with individual Rite of Reconciliation. If you wish your child to be enrolled in the Sacrament of Penance please email the **Parish Office at kpoint@bne.catholic.net.au** and they will send you the form to complete.

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

Mateo Blackburn

son of Sandra and James into our faith Community. Please keep Mateo in your prayers.

Your Prayers

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

Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahan.

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

Fr Peter's Message (Continued)

It has come as something of a surprise to discover that the great life quest for most people is not money or comfort, but happiness and security. Contented family life and good health have replaced the great goals of possessions and power. The great irony is that the more we search for these new goals, the more stressed and overworked we become. Never before has our world had such unhappy and unfulfilled inhabitants, despite all the learnings and technology that is supposed to be providing for our every need. McDonalds and Microsoft have not managed to convince us that life is a party.

The problem for most of us in this age of redefinition is that our level of anxiety hovers below the threshold of major crises. We are made uncomfortable by the tension between the patterns of the past and the discontinuities of the present. We still find ourselves trying to fit uncomfortable new experiences into the framework of comfortable old spaces.

There is no simple fix, but we could start by deciding that we won't be controlled by other people's bad news. Most of us try to live by the good news from our faith that says, "I am with you always" and "with God on our side what can be against us?". As Jesus says quite clearly in John's gospel. "Do not LET your hearts be troubled".

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 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....

Confirmed in their Faith.

On **Wednesday 11 October** we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with 26 young people at St. Joseph's Kangaroo Point.

This is a very significant day for these young people, their families, our parish and indeed the entire people of God, as they publicly confirm their desire to not only belong to the church, but to take an active role in proclaiming the Gospel.

Let us do all we can to assist these newly confirmed to understand their importance to our Church by actively encouraging them and their families to connect with the parish on Sunday and bring us their enthusiasm and energy whenever we gather as the people of God. Hopefully they will be celebrating their First Eucharist with us next year.

Rite of Christian Initiation – RCIA - On Sunday, November 26th at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's we have three people who will become full members of the Parish and the Catholic Church, we are looking for two people who would like to be their sponsors on the morning of the Mass. If you feel you can help this couple could you please call the Parish Office number on 0467 775 862.



The Order of the Mass

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps: 79.9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5.7*

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of
Israel.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you
need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so
much greater than we can understand, will guard
your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that
is true, everything that is noble, everything that is
good and pure, everything that we love and honour,
and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy
of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt
from me and have been taught by me and have
heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will
be with you.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43*

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

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

Lord of Creation, to You be All Praise!

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most- mighty your working,
Most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell.
And yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
Your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
Your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
I call you friends, says the Lord,
Because I have made known to you
Everything I have learnt from my Father.
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

Our Supper Invitation

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means;
Walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

RECESSIONAL

For the Fruits of all Creation

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
For the gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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