



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 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

All Saints Day

Mass for All Saints Day will be held at 8.00am at St Benedict's on 1 November, 2023.

There is no Mass scheduled for All Souls Day, however, our neighbouring Parishes have masses on at these times:

- Bulimba — Sts Peter and Paul Church, Cnr Main Avenue and Riding Rd, Balmoral at 9.00am.
- Cathedral of St Stephen at 8.00am; 10.00am and 12.30pm.
- South Brisbane — St Mary's, Merryvale Street, South Brisbane at 7.00am.

Scripture Group

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

Fr Peter's Message

I found the following article this week by Sr Nina Benedictka Krapic and I thought it worth sharing these statistics with you.

As every year, in view of World Mission Sunday taking place this year on 22 October, the Vatican's Fides news agency has released a report offering a detailed panorama of the statistics of the universal Church across the globe.

The report compared the numbers on the day of 31 December 2021 to the previous year on 31 December 2020.

There were 1.375 billion Catholics in the world, representing an overall increase of 16.24 million Catholics compared to the end of 2020.

The increase affects all continents, except Europe. As in the past, increases were registered above all in Africa and in the Americas.

The global percentage of Catholics decreased slightly to 17.67%.

Falling number of bishops, priests, religious

The number of bishops and priests is also decreasing. There are 5,340 in the world, mostly Diocesan, with Religious Bishops decreasing as well.

The total number of Priests in the world decreased to around 407,872, a drop in 2,347 priests.

The continent which registered the largest decrease was again Europe, with 3,632 fewer priests. Increases were registered in Africa and in Asia (1,518 and 719, respectively).

As the number of priests decreases, the number of Catholics per priest in the world increased, so in average there are 3,373 Catholics for every priest in the world, a rise of 59 people per priest.

However, the number of permanent deacons continues to increase all over the world, to 49,176.

Regarding women religious, there has been an overall decrease, with 10,588 fewer nuns. Here too Europe recorded the largest drop in consecrated women (7,804 fewer religious women).

Catholic schools and other services

In the field of education, the Catholic Church runs more than 74,368 kindergartens with 7,565 million pupils, as well as 100,939 primary schools with 34.7 million students, and 49,868 secondary schools with 19.48 million pupils.

Charity and healthcare centres run in the world by the Church include 5,405 hospitals and 15,276 homes for the elderly, chronically ill or people with a disability.

The Number of orphanages counts over 9,703, mainly in Asia (3,230).

There are also 10,567 creches, 10,604 marriage counselling centres, 3,287 social rehabilitation centres, and 35,529 other kinds of institutes.



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Wednesday: ALL SAINTS
Thursday: ALL SOULS
Saturday: St Charles
Borromeo

Parish Council Morning Tea 5 November, 2023

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to join them for morning tea at St Joseph's Church after the 9.00am mass on 5 November, 2023. This is an opportunity for us to meet any new parishioners in the Parish and renew old acquaintances.



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

Hugo Suell

son of Josie and Chris into our faith Community. Please keep Hugo 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.

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was:

Isobel Sowerby

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. You are encouraged to send your child along to hear the word of God adapted to their level of understanding.

Upcoming Highlights....

Guided Men's Retreat. Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team is excited to host a three-day guided retreat for men this November: '*Awake, Attentive, Called*'. The weekend-long retreat will provide opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, as well as time to explore the breathtaking grounds and outdoor meditation activities of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Participants will also get the chance to meet other men walking the faith journey and take part in occasional group discussions. Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. **Dates: 6:00pm Friday 24 November to 12:00pm Sunday 26 November 2023.** Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston). Cost: Live in individual - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation); live out individual - \$230 (includes morning teas, lunch and dinners). **RSVP: Monday 20 November 2023**, register online at tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023.

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.

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APPRECIATION
OF THANKS

You are invited to a celebration of music from Brisbane Catholic schools, parishes and communities.

2 PM TO 4 PM
SATURDAY 18 NOV 2023
CHURCH OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES -
111 YALLAMBEE ROAD, JINDALEE



It has come to our attention that some mobile phones have received a text claiming to be Fr Peter and asking for assistance. **PLEASE DO NOT REPLY** to these texts. Fr Peter would never ask for assistance via text. If you receive a text from anyone saying they are Fr Peter and asking for monetary assistance, **PLEASE DELETE IMMEDIATELY** and block the number.

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: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity".

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps: 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2 (R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

Seek, O Seek the Lord

Antiphon:

*Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;
Trust him, speak to him in prayer,
And he will hear.*

Strengthen in our hearts the love
We owe to one another;
How can we love God above
And not our brother?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them
And we will come to them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

Gather Us In

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

COMMUNION

Love Is His Word

Love is his word love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his news, love is his name.
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin,
Love, only love is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law,
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love is his law.

RECESSIONAL

Go Now, You Are Sent Forth

Go now, you are sent forth
To live what you proclaim,
To show the world you follow Christ,
In fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
As God's ambassador,
By serving Him in those we meet,
We love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help His kingdom come
In everything you do.

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