



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 November, 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

Book of Remembrance for the Month of Holy Souls

To celebrate 'Life Remembrance Month' during November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed at the front door as you arrive at Church, and then brought to the altar in the procession of the gifts, to be placed on the altar during Mass.

You are invited to enter the names of your deceased loved ones and friends who have gone before us, and whom you wish to be remembered during Mass.

The book will remain in that position until Advent.



Pastor's Post

Age Before Beauty

Our former Archbishop John Bathersby used to frequently remind me that there is no fun in getting old. I'm sure he wasn't the first person to say or think that, but I used to flinch a little when he would say it, thinking that maybe the best parts of my life were over and that everything was downhill from there. While he may have said it, he didn't live like he believed it. He was actually a person who seemed to live a busy and energetic life, but I suspect he was thinking about his beloved pastime of climbing mountains, which became a physical trial for him as his body aged. He claimed that age just snuck up on him when he wasn't paying attention. A concept that I am starting to accept, as the body wears out but the head seems to not take notice.

We can spend too much time envying the young with their boundless energy, ambitious opportunities, their fearless endeavors and easily repaired aches and pains. The thought of going out for entertainment after a busy day at work confounds me. What on earth could anyone do after 9pm that is more satisfying than reading in bed? It has taken me a long time to realise that pining for the old days is such a wasted exercise, while living with the reality of who, what and where I am today, opens up a whole new range of possibilities. I now appreciate that some of the experiences I wished for in my youth, were not nearly as fulfilling as I had imagined, while others that I decided to leave for my senior years, now offer no great appeal.

I've been helped along this path by collecting a number of sage sayings from those who have gone before me and have offered their wisdom to make the aging journey more fulfilling, starting with the oldest from Confucius who said,

"Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant thing. It is true that you are gently shouldered off the stage, but then you are given a comfortable front stall as a spectator"

While Samuel Ullman reminds us that,

"Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul".

It's easy to list the number of things we can't do as easily at 70 as we did at 17, like jogging 5 kilometres or climbing Mount Warning, but we can walk (sometimes quite slowly) around a golf course or spend an afternoon at lawn bowls or a few hours playing bridge or reading a gripping novel, the sorts of activities that young people think are too boring or uninteresting. Believe me, it is possible to raise a sweat tackling a cryptic crossword. Moving the body is always important, but the mind requires equal attention.

Fr Peter



"Take this all of you and drink from it"

Although the Church teaches that Christ is truly present in either the consecrated bread or the wine, it also teaches that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. Drinking from a common cup also signifies our life together in Christ and our commitment both to God and to one another, our commitment to being a community of justice, peace and love.

For those concerned about hygiene, the transmission of a disease has never been traced to the shared communion cup. Chalices are firmly wiped with a clean purifier and rotated after each communicant and washed in hot water and detergent after each Mass. As a matter of common courtesy and hygiene, individuals with any illness or infection that might be contagious should not take the cup.



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St Leo the Great

Saturday: St Martin of Tours

Parish Council Morning Tea This Sunday

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to join them for morning tea at St Joseph's Church after the 9.00am mass in the Coolock Room. 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.

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.

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was:

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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. *Children's church will be held this Sunday 5 November.*

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*'. Participants will 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.

Scripture Group

The Scripture Group meets at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month at **7pm**. (Next meeting is 22nd November) everyone welcome to attend. **Please note: The group will *not* meet in December or January.** First meeting in the new year will be 13 February, 2024.

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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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: **Malachi 1:14 — 2:2. 8-10**

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps: 130**

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING: **Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13**

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 23:1-12**

They do not practise why they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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,

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

Hymns

Buranda Parish

ENTRANCE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
To the throne your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore God's praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favour
To all people in distress;
Praise God, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
You have one teacher; the Lord Jesus Christ!
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
Means a patient, gentle God.
Whose love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins
Have never been,
If we can place our trust in God.

The word of the Lord
Is fire burning strong
And love that never grows weary.
God will seek and save the lost
Until we all return,
So let us place our trust in God.

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COMMUNION

Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
Let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
Let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, - only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

RECESSIONAL

The Summons

Will you come and follow me I
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
And you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me.



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