



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



CHRIST THE KING

26 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

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 of Remembrance will remain at the front door until Advent.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your people in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. May I be an instrument of your Peace.

Fr Peter's Message

Five of the Best

I am one of those very fortunate people who from the very first time I learnt my ABCs (and the other 23 letters), I have enjoyed the way that these letters connect with each other to form words, and then sentences and then paragraphs. In other words, I have always enjoyed reading. I am in awe of the way so many gifted people are able to draw word pictures, so that I can broaden my own experience of life and the world.

Ever since I happened upon the wondrous Enid Blyton's *Famous Five* and *Secret Seven* adventures, did I understand that if we can't have the range of escapades ourselves, we can live them vicariously through others. Perhaps it's because I have a rather vivid imagination that I have been able to immerse myself in what is taking place on the written page. I feel very blessed that this love of words and their possibilities has never left me, such that if I'm reading books in my room or listening to them while I drive, I can be transported to places and experiences that thrill, challenge, frustrate and excite me – sometimes in the one book. To this end I thought I would like to share my five favourite books of '23. By favourite, I mean memorable, and by five I mean the ones which rose to the top of the list of the 33 three books I have read or simply applied the "50 page" rule. This list does not include some excellent books that I refer to as "spiritual reading" or work-related books. These will get a mention in a later post.

Without doubt, my number one book was *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams. Transporting us to rural Ireland in the 1950s where a teenager called No, short for Noel, comes to live with his grandparents in a small village without electricity called FaHa. As he reflects on this time, now as an old man, he recalls the wonder of religion, village life and the rich wisdom and wit of this precious time, as the villagers decide if the electricity I going to be connected. A time that will never be repeated. (I have bought ten copies of this book to give to fellow readers and have only one copy left, hidden where it will never be found, even by me.)

The next one was *The Echo Chamber* by John Boyne. Another Irish writer, but a complete opposite to my previous selection. A well-positioned family of imperfect people all get caught up in the perils of social media in different and hilarious ways, too outlandish to summarize, but an absolute joy to follow the travails of this over-privileged and extremely politically-incorrect group of people. It strengthen my resolve never to be on Facebook.

In need of something that could transport me to another time, I found the prequel to my favourite book of all time, *Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett. (a big call, I know). This house-brick 800 pager, titled *The Evening and the Morning*, set in the Middle Ages introduces us to a young boat builder, a Norman noble woman and a very capable monk who through a range of events triumph over enormous adversity to bring about significant change in the lives of those in their care. (I'm a sucker for a happy ending). *Continued p.2*



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Friday: St Andrew

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was:

Lyn Horner

Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw simply need to speak with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church at Mass on Saturday evening.

Proceeds of the lucky number draw go to support the St Vincent de Paul and other social needs in the Parish.

GOOD LUCK!!!

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

Lulu Harlow

daughter of Isabella and Luke into our faith Community. Please keep Lulu in your prayers.

Your Prayers

Please keep

Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahon
In your prayers.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST LUKE'S, BURANDA

Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm followed by drinks and nibbles at St Luke's the Green

Christmas Day Mass at 8am

Fr Peter's Message (Continued)

Still Life by Sarah Winman follows some truly loyal friends through post-World War II Italy who discover the richness of art, the joy of dinners with friends and the wonder of non-judgmental support, as they find their way to reconnections later in life. No friendship is wasted was the lesson I took from the book. It was my surprise find for the year containing my favourite sentence of the year "My mother was the knot that stopped the unraveling in our family".

I'm now going to cheat a bit when I said five books, (I'm a reader, not a mathematician) and admit to reading all 8 books by English author Mick Herron, who authored the **Slow Horses** series. A group of misfits and dropouts from British MI5, now banished to work out of Slough House, who succeed in solving the mysteries that have eluded the big wigs of British Intelligence. While some of the language is a bit strong, the relationship of these troubled souls under the leadership of a most unpleasant boss, fed my love of a thriller with a good peppering of wit.

I think I hear you wondering how I found the time to read so many books over the year, but can I remind you that there is some reward for single people who have no children, plus the fact that I have finally removed the television from my bedroom. Time can be found for the important things.

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.

Scripture Group

A Reminder that the Scripture group will not meet in December or January. First meeting in the new year will be **13 February, 2024**.

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

Upcoming Highlights....

Brendan Toohey Concert at St Luke's Church, Buranda on Thursday the 28th of December at 2:00 pm

Brendan Toohey is a very highly qualified clarinetist and saxophone musician having gained a Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours from the Queensland Conservatorium and a Master of Arts from Monash University. If you'd like to attend, please let the **Parish Office know on 0467 775 862 by the 18th December** to help with the catering of afternoon tea after the performance.

CHRISTMAS MASSES in KPEB Parish



- Christmas Eve: 5pm Mass at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point (Carols at 4.30pm)
- Children are welcome to come dressed as a Nativity character
- Please join us for refreshments after Mass
- Christmas Day: 9am Mass at St Benedict's East Brisbane

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: **Ezekiel 34:11-12; 15-17**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6,** **R see V.1**

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want..



SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first -fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:31-46**

He will take his seat on his throne of glory and he will separate men one from another.

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

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.

Angels in the heights adoring,
You behold God face to face;
Saints triumphant now adoring,
Gathered in from ev'ry race:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Blessings on him
Who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
Of our father David!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Refrain:

*Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.*

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life.

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps;
A light for my path of life.

COMMUNION

Like a Shepherd

Refrain:

*Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
And gathers the lambs in his arms,
Holding them carefully close to his heart,
Leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord,
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them,
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened
And take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

RECESSIONAL

Hail Redeemer, King Divine!

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:

*Angels, saints and nations sing:
'Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.'*

Shepherd-King, from mountains steep,
Homeward bring the wand'ring sheep;
Shelter in one royal fold
States and nations, new and old.

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