



# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

10 December, 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

## Your Prayers

We ask you to pray for fellow parishioners:

*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Pauline Burnett, and Jeanette McMahon.*

## 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*.

## Christmas Ministries

If you are able to assist in any way over the Christmas Masses, please put your name on the form located in the piety stall or email the parish office. There are many ways to be involved as a volunteer. Thank you.

## Fr Peter's Message

### Prayer for Old Age

Lord, Thou knowest better than I myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all; but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains; they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people; and give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

## SVDP CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The members of the St Vincent de Paul Society wish to express our thanks to the parishioners from St Benedict's, St Luke's and St Joseph's for your generous support in providing food items or cash for our annual Giving Trees located at the three churches. We will be receiving food items/cash up to the weekend ending on Sunday 17 December. We anticipate providing about 35 food hampers to various individuals and families. Many thanks to the families from St Joseph's Catholic School for continued support. Please keep the people we serve as Vincentians in your prayers. To the parishioners from the three churches we trust the Christmas season will bring peace and joy to you and your families.



## Christmas Mass Times

Kangaroo Point East Brisbane  
Christmas Eve: 5pm at St Joseph's (Carols at 4:30pm)

*Children are welcome to come dressed as a Nativity character.*

*Please join us for refreshments after Mass.*

Christmas Day: 9.00am  
at St Benedict's, East Brisbane



St Luke's Buranda  
Christmas Eve at 5.00pm  
*Followed by drinks and nibbles at St Luke's Green*  
Christmas Day Mass at 8.00am



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# Around our Parishes

## Feast Days

Wed: St Lucy  
Thurs: St John of the Cross

## Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Isobel Sowerby**.

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!!!**

## SPRING CLEAN ST JOSEPH'S

We would like to give the church a spring clean before Christmas Mass. If you can stay following Mass on Sunday 17th December for an hour, we would appreciate any help we can get. Please bring along your own dusting cloths, vacuum (there is one in the church) bucket, and any cleaning aides you think might assist. We can pitch in following the mass and get it done in an hour. Thank you for any assistance you can give, we know how busy this time of year can be. .

## 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sunday Advent

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too.

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



## THE ADVENT WREATH

Many homes, businesses and churches use the Advent wreath as a symbol of this season.

The Advent wreath is of ancient origin and relates to celebrations of the winter solstice when European days are shortest and gloomiest. Because people

longed for the return of the sun's light and life, they suspended wagon wheels, decorated with greenery and candles, in their celebration halls. There they waited for their sun gods to return.

Around 200 years ago, the Advent wreath became customary in German homes and public buildings. It made its way into the church and has become a popular symbol of the passing of time during Advent.

The circle of the wreath, without and beginning or an end, symbolises God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity. The evergreen leaves represented growth and hopes of eternal life. The symbol of evergreens is rather lost in our part of the world, so Australian gum leaves, nuts and flowers are sometimes substituted.

The four candles mark the four Sundays before Christmas, with one more candle lit each Sunday during Advent. Traditionally three candles are purple with the candle for the third Sunday being rose, but it's the increase in light as more candles are lit that is the focus, not the colour of the candles themselves.

Sometimes a 'Christmas candle' is placed in the centre of the wreath on Christmas Eve. This candle should be lit throughout the Christmas season. Its visual link with the Paschal candle helps connect the celebration of Christ's birth with its fulfilment in the Easter mystery.



## 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.

## Upcoming Highlights....

**Brendan Toohey Concert at St Luke's Church, Buranda on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 pm.**

Brendan Toohey is a very highly qualified clarinettist 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 18<sup>th</sup> December** to help with the catering of afternoon tea after the performance.

## 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.

# 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: **Isaiah 40: 1-5; 9-11**

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 84. 9-14. R. V.8**

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

## SECOND READING: **2 Peter 3:8-14**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

## GOSPEL: **Mark 1:1-8**

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

## 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

When we eat this Bread and Drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



# Hymns

Buranda Parish

## ENTRANCE

### Prepare The Way

There was a man of God  
whose name was John,  
He came to speak for the light,  
The voice of one in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

*Chorus:*

*Prepare the way of the Lord  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Mountains and hills  
Shall be brought to the ground,  
The winding paths be straightened  
And all on earth shall see his face:  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

He's the lamb of God  
And you must follow him  
Who takes the sin of the world,  
For he has come to give you life.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Make straight his paths:  
All people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## OFFERTORY

### Quiet Music

## COMMUNION

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
never more your temples leave.  
Lord, we would be always blessing,  
serve you as your hosts above,  
pray, and praise you without ceasing,  
glory in your precious love.

Finish then your new creation,  
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;  
Let us see your great salvation  
Perfectly in you restored.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we sing before the almighty  
Lost in wonder, love and praise

## RECESSIONAL

### On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Tune: All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin,  
Make straight the way for God within;  
And let each heart prepare a home  
Where such a mighty guest may come.

To heal the sick, stretch out your hand  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth and let your light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

To God the Son all glory be  
Whose advent sets your people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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