

# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 January, 2024

## **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*. Preparation is held on the **second Saturday** of the month at *St Lukes Buranda*, at 10.30am.

## Catholic Leader

Our churches will no longer be receiving Catholic Leaders to sell. However, you can still receive the leader straight to your front door by subscribing. Call The Catholic Leader team on 3324 3555.

## Fr Peter's Message

## **Making the Year New**

Sometimes it is wishful thinking, to hope that when the clock turns midnight on December 31st that all the concerns and issues of 2023 will fly out the door and we won't have to worry about them again. If only . . . In reality, we know that the calendar does not determine what happens to life's concerns and dilemmas. That being said, there are ways of looking at the New Year with a new heart and energy, such that we might be able to more clearly face these concerns rather than just drag them into 2024.

Firstly, it is important to know the difference between worry and understanding. Instead of just burdening ourselves with the worry of a thing, try to understand what is at the heart of the problem. Why am I actually worrying about this issue? Has it become a habit? Ask the opinion of another, feel certain that some change is necessary, assess whether you have the courage to do what is required and then just do it. If it is done with a sense of justice and humility, then it will be right, even if it doesn't resolve exactly as you had planned.

Secondly, genuinely decide what is "baggage" and what is "necessity" in your life. Far too many of us spend a lot of energy thinking we should do something when, in fact, we are doing it out of guilt or expectation from others. Don't get trapped into thinking that just because you've always done it this way, that there is only one way of doing it. Live a little bit on the edge – you won't fall off.

Most importantly, put some balance in your life. Speed up and slow down, laugh and cry, talk and keep silent, say yes and no, rest and run about madly, eat and diet. If you try a little of both you may find out that you are good at them.

Above all don't 'talk' about good intentions — 'do' good intentions. That hope that you would get to Sunday Mass more often, will only work if you plan your life to include it. Move some other activities around and make a space for Mass. Make a family announcement that as a Catholic family we are going to step up to our commitments and no longer say "We should go more often" — just do it. Don't wonder if this is the year that you are going to put your name down on the ministry roster at Church. This is the year that it is going to happen. We don't want you wondering if you would have been a good reader or Minster of Communion. Don't be the one who sits there and let's everyone else wait on you. It is not a theatre where we wait to be entertained and fed, it's a self-serve encounter with God who best helps those who help themselves and others.

Don't hesitate, do it quickly, it's almost Easter.

Fr Peter Dillon





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# **Around our Parishes**

## **Feast Days**

Mon: The Baptism of the

## Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: John Wessell.

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!!!** 

## Scripture Group

A Reminder that the Scripture group will **not** meet in January.

The first meeting for this 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.



## Time to Step Up

With the number of ministries connected with every Sunday Mass, it's understandable that some people are not always able to find a replacement at short notice, should they be unable to attend the Mass.

Therefore, we are again appealing for parishioners to consider taking on a liturgical ministry at whichever church you attend. Coaching is always available.

In particular, musicians (especially organists or keyboard players), cantors, readers and ministers of Holy Communion are always needed.

It would also be helpful if anyone was prepared to launder the various linens that are used at each Mass, as well as decorating the church for the various seasonal celebrations.

The ministry of altar serving is a great opportunity for young people of any age or gender to take an active role in the life of the parish. (Minimum requirement - having received First Communion).

Please consider.

## God's Co-Workers

As the calendar year begins, I invite you to consider in what ways you contribute to the life of our parish, by way of Giving, Praying, & Serving. Although it is a relatively new term in the Catholic community, through our Baptism we are all called to be "stewards" of God's generosity. In other words, how do we care for, develop, and share God's generosity to the world, or at least, our small corner of that world.

As stewards, Christian disciples must embrace the fact we are no less than God's co-workers and that our trust needs to be grounded in Him and His grace.

All too often when we are asked to give generously, we are inclined to think of paying God back or settling the score, when in fact what we should be doing is just recognising that the gift of God's love is given to us without measure or calculation and that each of us has been given a particular and unique share in God's work of creation, redemption, and sanctification. How we respond to those gifts should not be a "have to" but a "want to".

As we consider our yearly contribution to the parish, please ensure that you do so responsibly, realistically and thoughtfully.

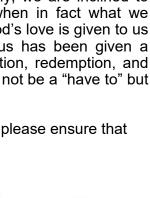
## What's happening ....

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 Liturgy will begin this Sunday 7 January, 2024!



## 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 60: 1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come

the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

## **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

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**.

dead.

#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the World.

# **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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