



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14 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.

This weekend we welcome

Clark David Cook and Parker Michael Cook

Sons of David and Sandra Cook into our faith Community. Please keep Clark and Parker in your prayers.

Fr Peter's Message

Exercising the Spirit

January is certainly the month for those interested in keeping fit, with our parks and footpaths full of good-intentioned people compensating for some over indulging at Christmas and New Year. Keeping body and mind fit and healthy is certainly an excellent way of maintaining a positive and energetic approach to the working year and its' uncertain events and opportunities. Are any of your New Year intentions connected to your faith life and our relationship with God or are they simply to do with creature habits that could do with some attention?

If only we applied some of the same care to our spiritual life as we do to our physical life, we really could call ourselves complete people, fully alive. Like all wellbeing, our faith requires discipline and exercise, but for many people, the tasks they set themselves, while well intentioned, are often short-lived and ill prepared.

Keeping ourselves energised spiritually is not simply about "going to Church", which can be an excellent way of feeding our spiritual hunger, but can become mundane and repetitive, if we don't prepare our souls to receive what prayer and the sacraments really offer.

Some preparatory exercises can be as simple as making a list of the people and issues we pray for and asking ourselves why are these people and concerns important to us. Perhaps a hand written note (emails have become too easy and impersonal) to distant family or friends who may be on the "we only see them at weddings and funerals" list. The donation of the cost of a weekly home cooked meal, say \$5, to a charity or worthwhile cause, and then going without that meal as a reminder of our authority to bring about some change in the lives of others. Taking the initiative to greet the stranger, rather than waiting for others to speak to us first.

When prayer gets a little stale or uninspired, then reading the insights of spiritual writers or theologians can head us in exciting and challenging directions, yet undiscovered in our own spiritual journey. Reading and learning about the sacraments and their rich meaning can prepare us to see treasures where we previously saw a bland space. Learning and understanding our faith is not simply something we do at school, and then hope that that should be sufficient to carry us through our life's experiences.

There are hundreds of different ways to shake up and wake up a tired and unmotivated faith life, but they all involve strong intention and a readiness to turn that intention into action. No one gets fit by thinking or talking about exercise. They get up and do it. This is an excellent time for us to start acting on our beliefs not just talking about how some day we must really get into it.

Fr Peter Dillon



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Wednesday: St Anthony

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

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

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!!!

The Epiphany Blessing

Marking Homes with Blessed Chalk for the New Year.

The ancient custom of marking the door of the home with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of the family. Chalk is first blessed in the parish church as Masses for Epiphany and then people are invited to take some home and to mark the lintel of their front door as follows:

20 C+M+B 24

The letters C, M and B stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words *Christus Mansionem Benedict* (*May Christ bless this Abode*).

What's happening

St Luke's—Buranda News

FAREWELL After the 8.00am Mass last Sunday 7 January, the Parish farewelled **Fr Stephen Camiolo**, with a morning tea and presentation in the St Luke's Retirement Village Common Room. More than 60 per cent of the congregation attended along with other residents.

WELCOME to **Fr Fadi Salame**, who, along with his other duties, will preside at Mass at St Luke's on Sundays at 8.00am and on Fridays at 9.00am.

On Saturday 6 January, **Mrs Marie Rosbrook** of St Luke's Aged Care was farewelled at Requiem Mass celebrated at St Luke's. May she rest in peace.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK is celebrated at St Luke's during Mass on the **first Friday of each month**. The next Anointing will be on **Friday 2 February at 9.00am**. **ALL** are welcome.

Thank You!

Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Support and Friendship.

St Luke's, St Benedict's and St Joseph's Catholic Parishes

As I embark on a new chapter in my journey, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for the incredible support, encouragement, and friendship you have extended to me over the past year.

To the numerous volunteers and there are so many of you who dedicate your time and effort week in and week out, your commitment to our community has been truly inspiring. Your unwavering dedication has not only made time with you all a vibrant and welcoming place but has also created a sense of belonging that I will always cherish.

Leaving our three communities is bittersweet for me, as the memories we have shared and the bonds we have formed are truly special. I am grateful for the warmth and kindness that define these parishes and for the countless moments of joy and connection that have enriched my life.

As I step into this new appointment, I carry with me the lessons, love, and support that you have generously given. I am confident that the foundation of compassion and community you've built will continue to thrive and bring blessings to all who are part of St Luke's, St Benedict's and St Joseph's.

May God's grace continue to shine upon each and every one of you, guiding you in your endeavours and filling your lives with joy, peace, and fulfilment. I am forever grateful for the time we have spent together, and I look forward to carrying the spirit of our parishes with me in my future endeavours.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest regards,

Fr Stephen Camiolo

Prayer for Peace in your home:

God of Mercy, fill our home with the light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-19 R. vv 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord. I come to do your will.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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.

Hymns

Buranda Parish

ENTRANCE

Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord, of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

Quiet Music

COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;
You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

*And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world;
And if you eat of this bread,
You shall live forever,
You shall live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come into the world.

RECESSIONAL

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
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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