



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

21 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 on the **fourth Sunday** following the 9:00am Mass at *St Joseph's Kangaroo Point*. Preparation is held on the **third Sunday** at *Sts Peter and Paul's Bulimba*

Please phone the parish office for further details

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Fr Peter's Message

From My Mouth to God's Ear

I've always liked the Jewish expression of support for someone who asks a friend for a prayerful intercession: *'From my mouth to God's ear.'* It creates an intimate image of whispering something personal and important to God. I can almost see God bending to listen in a parental pose, pleased to be included in the chain of support. Ironically the need to pray has never been more evident while the forms and nature of prayer has never been more diverse. As we become more exposed to the prayerful and submissive gestures of those who follow the Muslim faith, kneeling with foreheads pressed to the floor facing the East, we of the Christian tradition could do well to look again not just at what we pray for and about, but how we position ourselves for prayer. Although we know we can pray at anytime, place and situation, when we gather in community we adhere to a common practice so as not to distinguish or isolate ourselves from others in the community.

From our childhood days we were taught to join our hands when praying. Yet you will notice that during the prayers of the Mass the priest opens his hands and stretches them out. Both ways are good and have their place. But what do the different gestures mean?

To join one's hands means that for a while we stop our normal activities and take time out to pray to God. This is more suited to private prayer. To pray with one's hands open is more suited to public prayer. To pray like this is to acknowledge to God and to ourselves that we are poor and that we need God to fill our emptiness.

The gesture of praying with open hands is a sermon in itself. The gesture is as old as the Bible itself, and although it is not a common practice in Australia, it is becoming more popular in certain communities, particularly with children praying the Our Father.

When the priest says the prayers of the Mass with outstretched hands, he is not praying in his own name but in the name of the worshipping community. Even if you don't feel comfortable praying this way yourselves, you could try to have the same attitude before God as the gesture suggests – an attitude of humility and trust.

Perhaps the most important perspective is that we should pray honestly and often. Like the development of any great friendship, our relationship with God needs to be fostered by sincere conversation, not simply a recitation of someone else's words (although traditional prayers can bring great comfort when our own words desert us), but words from our heart, that won't surprise or disappoint God, but may open us to new opportunities to hear God through our voice. Speaking with God each day will offer a familiarity that will bring the presence of God to every situation. I am quite sure that God must get a little frustrated at only being remembered at the difficult and demanding times of our life. Our prayers of celebration and gratitude will surely bring God the same joy that they bring us.



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Wed: St Francis de Sales
Thur: The Conversion of St Paul
Fri: Australia Day

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

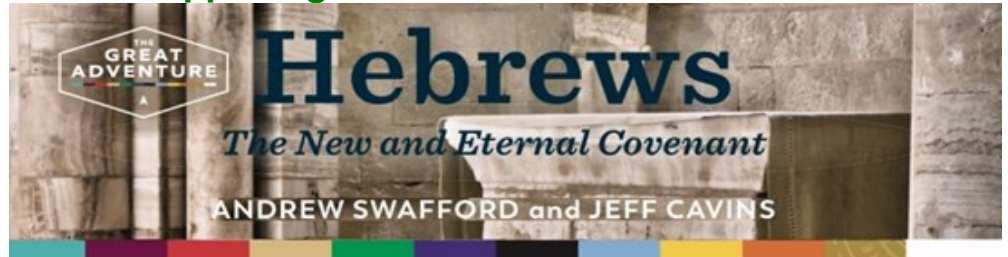
The winner of last week's lucky number was: **Helen Caswell**.

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!!!

What's happening



The BRISBANE EAST DEANERY will begin **Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant** – an 8-week study by Dr Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins in the **week commencing the 22 JANUARY** with daytime sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, ending the week of Friday 22nd March. This study will highlight the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants and give participants an appreciation of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. **Please contact Louise 0456 700 040 as soon as possible for further details.**

ALPHA LAUNCH 2024. Are you someone aged 18-25 who is curious about life, purpose and faith? Then ALPHA Young Adult is the program for you. Our Lady of Graces, Carina are currently preparing for ALPHA and invite you to join for food, fellowship, discussions and questions. First session is Thursday 18 January from 6pm-8.30pm in the parish library. For further information, contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au



A VOCATION

VIEW: Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him

to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, "Come, follow me". Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or please telephone the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or visit www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for January 2024 –

Prayer for Christian Unity

Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

What do you call a cow after she gives birth?

Decaffinated

Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday
1st February 2024

9.30am -1:00pm
Hanly Room,
Francis Rush Centre.

Refreshments provided.

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen



RSVP: 25 Jan 2024 ☎ 3324 3030 ✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

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: 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah:
'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and
preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and
went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the
Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond
compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah
went on into the city, making a day's journey. He
preached in these words, 'Only forty days more
and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the
people of Nineveh believed in God; they
proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the
greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil
behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on
them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have
wives should live as though they had none, and those
who mourn should live as though they had nothing to
mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as
though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose
life is buying things should live as though they had
nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with
the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this
because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.
There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time
has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at
hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw
Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake –
for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow
me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once
they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee
and his brother John; they too were in their boat,
mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving
their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he
employed, they went after him.

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

City of God

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

CHORUS

*Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free.

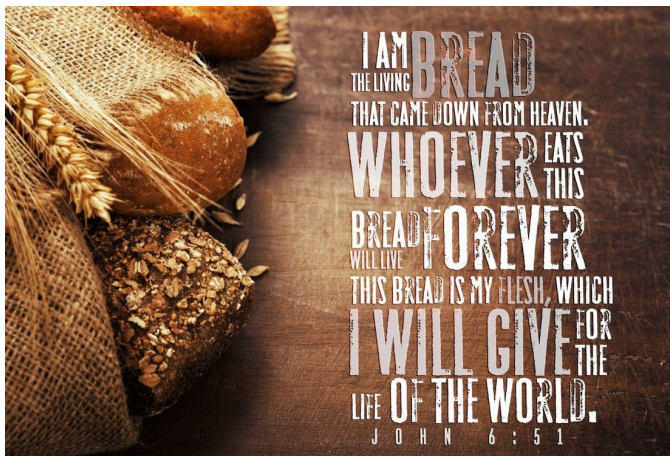
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
The kingdom of God is near:
Believe the Good News.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

Silent Music



COMMUNION

Bread of Life, Hope for the World

Refrain:

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ our brother:
Feed us now, give us life,
Lead us to one another.

The bread we break and share
Was scattered once as grain:
Just as now it is gathered,
Make your people one.

We eat this living bread,
We drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world,
Source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity,
In love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you,
God of all who live.

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RECESSIONAL

Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!

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