



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

25 February 2024

Mass Times

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

43 Taylor Street,
Woolloongabba

Friday: 9:00am Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

81 Mowbray Terrace,
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
*Ann Rawlings and Pauline
Burnett*. May they rest in peace.

Please remember the sick
*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan
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 telephone 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

How Did We Ever Survive?

In the real estate section of last weekend's Australian newspaper, a spectacular modern-looking house boasted having six bedrooms and eight, yes eight, bathrooms, which I presume also means eight toilets. There were a number of other attractive features like the media room, a dedicated breakfast room, a four-oven kitchen, one of which was only for steaming while another was for warming plates. There was a children's breakout space and adult's relaxation lounge, a butler's pantry, ducted air conditioning throughout and a reading room. Of course, the usual in-ground pool and five car garage completed the description of what was rightly fully called "a contemporary mansion".

Whether its experience or just living within my means, but my first thoughts were how large a family gets to live in a house like this, then a little later on, who would have to clean all those bathrooms. Clearly this house is not the biggest or the best on the market, as we see every week some more extravagant residence, as though there is some realtor's competition to see who can outdo the next door neighbours, in style, expanse and expense.

It put me in mind of my own childhood home that certainly had eight beds, spread over three bedrooms, one containing three beds, which we called "the sleep-out". Of course, as the favoured child and only son, I got my own room, which I always had to surrender when guests came to stay. Those guests, who seemed to visit all too frequently, also had to share the one, count it, one shower, sink and toilet. We had no roster or prior reservation system, but just first there gets it. Our media room was also called the lounge room, the rumpus room and the homework room. Air conditioning was window open or open fire lit. The children's breakout space was the back lawn with an inflatable wading pool, while my parents clearly never needed a relaxation lounge since we were perfectly behaved children. Why did they need to relax? The breakfast room doubled as the lunch and dining room as well. The one television screen had three channels which started broadcasting at 4pm each day and was possibly 20 inches wide.

On our birthday we were allowed to choose the programme that the rest of the family were forced to watch. Such an honour. Such power. We had one telephone for which we had to ask permission to use and our number had only three digits. We had one camera brought out on special occasions and Dad had a very substantial radio that was only ever used for the Saturday race results, as I recall. That was pretty much the extent of our technical equipment. We had a slow combustion stove with a cast iron kettle permanently on the boil that Mum assured everyone maintained a more consistent temperature than the electric ones.

Now before you think I am going to pretend I had a deprived childhood or that we were a poor struggling family, I have to admit that by the living standards of the time we were considered "comfortable". We never wanted for the essentials or pleasure, we didn't feel we were crowded. It was simply that we didn't know all the family home comforts of today were even invented. I loved our house and was so proud to show my friends how we lived. It was just another time with other expectations. Being sent to your room was actually a punishment then, because there was nothing there to distract you and the isolation from what might have been happening outside was the purpose of the lesson. The dinner table seated eight and I cannot recall a weekday meal when we were not expected to be all seated around it. Dinner in front of the telly was sometimes allowed on Fridays, the meal was fish fingers or curried eggs (remember Fridays in a Catholic household). Where was the sacrifice in that?

Of course, now that we know what is available even in the most modest of dwellings these days, I do think that we are always looking for distractions that can fill every waking moment. Lavish is the new comfortable, excess is the new adequate and space is seen as a way to distance ourselves from others rather than connecting. It's an absolute miracle we ever survived to know what we missed out on.

Fr Peter Dillon



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Tue 27 Feb: St Gregory of Narek

Fri 1 Mar: Autumn Ember Day

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!!!**



A VOCATION VIEW: If you need an example of how someone responds to a vocational call, look at Abraham—called in old age to leave his country, father a child, and then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or contact 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane.

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Brisbane Archdiocese. You are able to watch this week's homily at —

<https://shorturl.at/dotuG>



This Lent we meet Ronita who lives with her husband and two children in Manila. With the help of FCJ learning programs (Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines) she has overcome obstacles to enjoy better employment prospects and a brighter future for her family. You can help improve the lives of people living in vulnerable communities through your donations. **Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of envelopes and give generously.**

What's happening

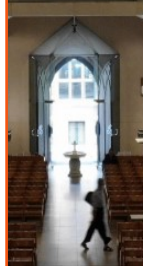
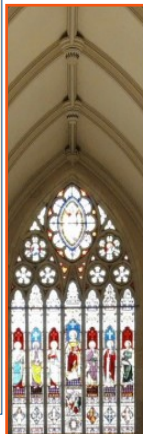
LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP is meeting Tuesday at 7pm in St Benedict's Church at East Brisbane. The group this year has increased in numbers and the input from everyone was thoughtful and encouraging. We invite you to come along and join us as part of your journey towards Easter. Even if you can only attend for one or two sessions, you would be very welcome. *Catherine*



The first Friday of March is designated "**Autumn Ember Day**" in the Australian liturgical calendar. In 2008 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that the Australian Church should observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) each year as special days of prayer and penance. The aim of Ember Days is to connect our prayers for favourable weather and good harvests with our responsibility to care for the earth as stewards of the world's resources. Fasting and abstaining from meat encourage us to be restrained in our exploitation of natural resources. A day of penance expresses our solidarity with those who are disadvantaged, especially those who suffer through famine and the inequitable distribution of the world's goods.



LITURGY IN FOCUS Lecture and Discussion Series. Join Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents **LIVING LITURGY: BEING SENT OUT ON MISSION TO THE WORLD**. 13 March 7pm Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre (beside the Cathedral). Details - Richard Leonard (weebly.com)



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen
The Queensland Symphony Orchestra
 conducted by **Umberto Clerici**
 will perform concerts in the Cathedral
 Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm
 Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm
 Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's
 Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427
 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara Maclver - soprano
 Sofia Troncoso - soprano
 Andrew Goodwin - tenor
 David Greco - baritone
 St Stephen's Schola
 Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024-special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

Enrolment Information Evening
 MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024 6.00PM
 REGISTER NOW jta.link/SJC
 St James College, Brisbane
 201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill Q 4000
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ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL

Launch of the **MASS OF THE ASCENSION** 6pm with music and reflection 8 May. This liturgy will bring together a new composition of the Eucharist, other songs and pieces of music which seek to do just this: to name God in song in ways that help us to pray. For details - xaviercentre@acu.edu.au

LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held every Friday evening during Lent, 7:00pm at Sts Peter & Paul's Bulimba

CROSS — No other sign so clearly symbolises Christianity as the cross. This puzzled many people at the time of the early church because they saw the cross in a totally different light. Crucifixion was the cruellest means used by the Romans to execute criminals; it symbolised hatred, despair, pain and degradation. Jesus' resurrection from the dead meant that the cross took on a completely new meaning for his followers; it became a symbol of victory over death and salvation from sin. Besides being a primary symbol of Christianity, the cross is a central object in our liturgy. During Lent the cross leads the procession of psalms on Psalm Sunday, is the focus of Stations of the Cross devotions, and is venerated on Good Friday.



The Order of the Mass

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115:10, 15-19

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

"Lent is a time of restraint and simplicity in the life of the Church.

It is recommended that music is kept to a minimum."

[Brisbane Liturgy]

Therefore on Sundays we will acknowledge the Lenten solemnity
by omitting the Recessional Hymn.

This will encourage us all to leave the Church reflectively, in the spirit of Lent.

ENTRANCE

From Ashes to the Living Font

Tune: O God our Help in Ages Past

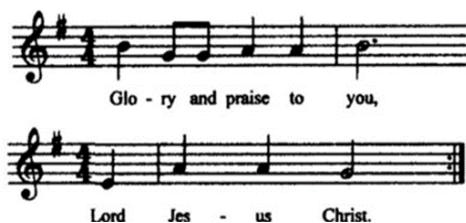
From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey Lord,
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed
By your most holy word.

From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

Through fasting, prayer and charity
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to way of truth
And turning us from sin.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



From the shining cloud,
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

OFFERTORY

Silent Music

COMMUNION

May This Lenten Discipline

Antiphon:

May this Lenten discipline,
Which we undertake with love,
Turn our minds to things above.

As we keep this Lent with prayer
And from pleasures are withdrawn,
Minds and bodies we prepare
For the joy of Easter dawn.

Now we fast that we may feast
Where the Lord of life presides;
May our hunger be increased
For the bread which he provides.

Sin has sundered us from God,
Selfish we have grown and cold,
Foolish were the ways we trod,
Evil habits keep their hold.

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Silent Reflection



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