



# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

3 March 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

### Can't Live Without Them

For some time now Archbishop Coleridge has been reminding us that parish life in the future will not be able to operate as we presently do. He frequently speaks about the need for us to look at new forms of leadership, presumably lay leaders, since all the ordained ones are being fully utilised. While traditionally we have come to see ecclesial leadership as jobs occupied by priests, religious men and women and certainly paid laity, there are only a few functions that they laity cannot fulfil. In my youth almost all Catholic institutions, like parishes, hospitals and schools, while employing qualified lay staff, always had an ordained or consecrated person as the administrator/ leader, not always trained for the task, but possessing other essential qualities, dedication and inexpensive. Well, clearly that pool is drying up very quickly, and so it has become necessary for us to look to other forms of leadership if we are to maintain our presence in these important functions of Church life.

When it comes to parish life, we would be hard pressed to function without volunteers. Those generous people who range from those who form the "priceless capital" of social and charitable networks, to the many behind-the-scenes people who prepare others for the sacraments and initiation into the Catholic Christian faith, who sing and play music, who read and welcome, and clean churches and serve at liturgies, and who generally maintain the day to day operations of parish life. Even though most people are pressed for time, hold two jobs and form households where both parents work, there are tried and true ways to involve more and more of these blessed people in limited, but significant ways.

One of the wonderful consequences that comes from this form of volunteerism is that we have noticed a relatively recent change of mindset. While volunteers used to "help out Father", by taking on some menial tasks, many of these people have now come to understand that they are not strictly volunteers by helping someone out, but they recognise that they are "church" helping themselves out, doing what they do as a baptismal right and responsibility, not just by permission or kindness.

As they come to see what is required and what they can do to be a more involved participant in the life of the church, they are apt to have a sense of ownership whose larger objective is the overall need and benefit to the parish as a whole. Some of these volunteers are seeing in their ministries the essence of what a church can be with their involvement, and many of these unsung heroines and heroes are looking to feed their motivation and inspiration through a better understanding of their faith through the scriptures, the history and teachings of theologians, the structure and hierarchy of the Church and the leadership of Pope Francis. In other words they are moving from doing a job in the parish, to participating in the mission of a Christ-centred community. Relying less on permission from the pastor and more on a personal call and charism. As they come to do more, they seek to know more. It really is church in action.

This understanding has as its foundation in the fact that parishes that are inviting and active, that are open to disclosure, varied shared and collaborative ministries, and above all, where there is a sense of ownership, will experience greater participation and stronger lay contributions. It stands to reason – what people own, they take care of. While for others who use the church as a quick stop service centre or being available if and when they need it, tend to not fully grasp that liturgies are not done for them, but with them.

Meanwhile we should look to the wonderful example of our fellow Catholics who live in the remote parts of Australia, who continue to grow in lay leadership and participation, even though they might have Mass available only a few times a year, they are still very much a Eucharistic people called by their baptism to be servants to each other.

*Fr Peter Dillon*



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# Around our Parishes

## Feast Days

Mon 4 Mar: St Casimir

Thurs 7 Mar: Sts Perpetua and Felicity

Fri 8 Mar: St John of God

Sat 9 Mar: St Frances of Rome

## Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: Bernie Shelton

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:

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or please contact 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://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 Leia who lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law in Samoa. They had no access to clean water but with the help of Caritas a water tank was installed at their home. This has improved their health and living conditions. 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

Thank you to our Parish community for your prayers and loving wishes for our amazing Pauline Burnett, who peacefully closed her eyes, 2 weeks after her endless 100th birthday celebrations.. Pauline loved all those she met and found greatness in everyone. Her generosity of heart and joyful spirit was unique. We will miss her, but comforted knowing she is safely in the arms of her heavenly Father.  
God bless, *Peggy and Jeanette*



## HOLY WEEK

Easter is the most important celebration in the Church's year as it commemorates the very foundations of our Christian faith. Please claim these dates in your calendar .

**Holy Thursday, 28 March, 6pm at St Benedict's and St Luke's**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday, 29 March, 10am at St Benedict's**  
**Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday, 29 March, 3pm at St Joseph's**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**Holy Saturday, 30 March, 5pm at St Benedict's**  
**Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday, 31 March, 8am at St Luke's**  
**Easter Sunday, 31 March, 9am at St Joseph's**  
**Easter Sunday Mass**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

## CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street,  
Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE  
ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM  
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

# 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: Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-11

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in 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

"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

### Seek, O Seek the Lord

*Antiphon:*

Seek, O seek the Lord,  
While he is near;  
Trust him, speak to him in prayer,  
And he will hear.

God, increase in us the life  
That Christ by dying gave us:  
Though we faint in mortal strife  
His blood will save us.

Strengthen in our hearts the love  
We owe to one another;  
How can we love God above  
And not our brother?

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## Gospel Acclamation:



Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
Give me living water,  
That I may never thirst again.

## OFFERTORY

*Silent Music*

## COMMUNION

### Lord, to whom shall we go?

*Refrain:*

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You are our bread, broken and shared.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Yours are the words of life.

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,  
Our pledge of eternal life.

The bread you give is the living bread,  
Your flesh for the life of the world.

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps;  
A light for my path of life.

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## RECESSIONAL

*Silent Reflection*



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