



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

10 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

Love Does Not Come To An End

By far the most popular scripture reading at weddings is the reading from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, (12:31-13:8) where he speaks about love being patient and kind, never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish. He has a big finish to the text by claiming that love does not come to an end. While we may assume he was not writing this letter to the newly engaged couples from the community in Corinth, his deep insight into the challenges and sacrifices of loving have struck a chord for those about to make the biggest commitment of their lives.

From my observations of celebrating over 1200 weddings in 45 years of priesthood I feel qualified to make the following observations.

- It is virtually impossible to predict the success of a marriage from just a few meetings prior to the wedding. While hindsight might highlight some areas of concern, it is only on the living out of the marriage covenant that the joys and the demands of marriage start to become clear.

- If issues are not addressed before "the big day" they probably won't get addressed until someone is ready to leave the marriage. Decisions by couples made in the first stages of love are not often brave enough to rock the boat. Sometimes the boat needs to rock a bit to test its stability.

- While the bible says we must love our neighbour as our selves, only when we love ourselves will we be able to love other people. Those who are filled with self loathing are not going to be able to love others. They will project those feelings onto others. They will blame and castigate others for what they don't like in themselves. While we understand that the form of self-love is wrong when it leads to selfishness and egotism, there is another form of self-love that is healthy. Essentially we cannot offer warmth to others if our own fireplace is cold and empty. We can only love with the amount of love that is within us.

- Desire is not the same thing as love, it is only a starting point. Those who stop at desire will begin to look elsewhere when they have taken all that they want.

- Giving of self is essential but not when it comes with conditions. When giving is tainted by self interest its rewards will appear shallow and unfulfilling.

- Wise people usually choose to marry people who complement their own gifts and interests. If we seek to change people to become like us, then we end up with a diminished outlook on life. The real interest in a partner is to be found in the things that are different about them, not the same.

- You can't say you totally love someone until you have seen them cry. When we can share sadness then we have truly seen the secret fear of another. It is easy to show the happy fun side to someone, but when we cannot control our emotions with someone then we are well on the way to respecting each other's weaknesses.

Like Saint Paul, I can only speak from seeing, not living a marriage commitment, but like Saint Paul I am convinced that if love is true, honest and offered selflessly, it will not come to an end.

Fr Peter Dillon



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Around our Parishes

Feast Days

Wed 13 Mar: Anniversary of election of Pope Francis (2013)

Sat 16 Mar: Anniversary of dedication Wollongong Cathedral

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: Nick Prove

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!!!**

VOCATION VIEW:



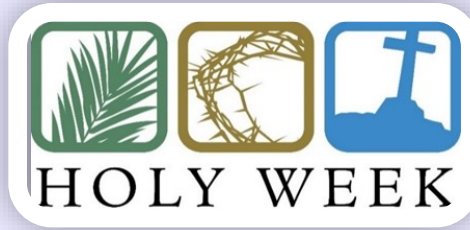
When we are 'born again' in baptism, we become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction – heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or please contact 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane.

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from the Brisbane Archdiocese. You are able to watch this week's homily at — <https://shorturl.at/dotuG>



This Lent we meet 26 year old Memory who lives in southern Malawi. With the support of Caritas she enrolled in at technical college and is now the first female carpenter from her village. She works at Malawi's largest hydroelectric power station and supports her family while inspiring other young women in her community. You can help improve the lives of people living in the most vulnerable communities through your donations. We ask you **please take home a donation box or set of envelopes and give generously.**

What's happening



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

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

LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP - Please join us for the next two weeks as we continue to look at the Gospel and how it speaks to us. We gather at St Benedict's Church East Brisbane on **Tuesday 12th and 19th of March at 7pm**. It's a wonderful time sharing this journey with parishioners and new friends, and we hope you can join us. Everyone is welcome.



ST STEPHEN'S Cathedral Lenten Concerts

Every Thursday at noon.
FREE admission.
14 March –
Dominic Perissinotto (organ)
21 March -
Christopher Trikilis (organ)
Everyone welcome.



Please join our Parish community on
Sunday 17 March @ 9am Mass at St Joseph's
To acknowledge and celebrate
The Feast Day of St Joseph (19 March)

All welcome to join us for Morning Tea in Coolock Room after Mass

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

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Saviour

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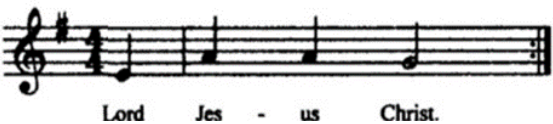
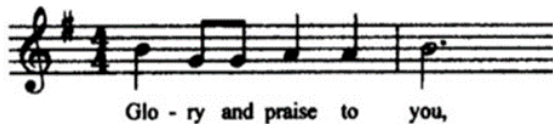
Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word
Who calls us to be servants;
You are the Word whose only law is love;
You are the Word
Made flesh who lives among us:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word
Who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light:
You are the Word
Who brings us through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Gospel Acclamation:



God loved the world so much,
He gave us His only Son,
That all who believe in Him
Might have eternal life.

OFFERTORY

Silent Music

COMMUNION

Love Is His Word

Love is his word love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood,'
Love, only love, is his way.

Love is his name, love is his law,
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love only love, is his law.

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