



# Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17 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 the recently deceased.

May they rest in peace.

Please remember the sick  
*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan,  
Jeanette McMahon, Stewart Flatley*

## 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

### The Discipline of Discernment.

Like most of the wisdom that eventually comes to us in life, it usually arrives after the time when we needed it most, and it can take us a very long time to fully appreciate and incorporate the truths that you heard from others many years ago, but we resisted until we tested it against our own experience. We might have avoided a lot of mistakes and heartache if only we had listened to what we heard from caring parents and teachers, but of course, we knew better, we had to find out for ourselves. Sometimes painful, but necessary in order for it to become our own wisdom.

One of the hardest lessons I have had to learn over the years is the discipline of discernment. Stopping and looking and listening, rather than diving in without assessing what is required and what might be the cost. With so many voices and ideas bombarding us from all quarters, how are we able to discern what will work, which ones contain the most truth, which ones want the best for all concerned or which voice is so convincing that it drowns out all others? Some of those voices speak with such strength and conviction, that we are lured into accepting them, often because we have no argument to contradict them at the time. Later, with some time and thought, we realise that we may have gone against our own convictions or values, having been captivated by words and ideas that momentarily dazzled us.

I am often greeted by parishioners who want to win me over to various inspirations they have received. My first reaction is about how pleased I am that someone has taken upon themselves to think about how they might best serve the parish. They have stepped up and taken a share in the ministerial life of the parish. Then, with wild excitement, they report what needs to be done here in the parish, often immediately and only by me, the pastor. As much as I might wince at having to possibly implement another program or ministry in the parish, it is clearly part of my role as pastor to listen and then discern the value of what is being suggested. Will this really help? What will be the reaction? Will this unite or divide the community?

What I do understand is that any church leader, be it deacon, priest, bishop or pastoral minister, is no more likely to have bright ideas than anyone else. In fact many of the very successful activities in our parish and others, have come from lay people who brought their secular experiences to an ecclesial setting and certain initiatives have gone from strength to strength. God clearly gives inspiration without preference. But as the appointed and canonical leader of the parish, I have the job of discerning what is the best or most applicable for the whole community, and it is not as easy as it sometimes looks.

We should not be surprised to read in the Acts of the Apostles that when they had to discern what was going to benefit that whole community, and who it was that would implement these actions, they decided it was easier to draw lots. Saint Paul knew first hand that the church was a very complicated entity, which is why he had to keep sending letters back to the communities he founded, usually giving them strong advice and clear direction. I wonder how he would have coped if he also had to deal with carparks, schools, property insurance and workplace, health and safety as well as keeping the various communities focused on the Good News.?

So how does a leader decide and discern? The first task of course is to listen, then look at the situations from various perspectives. To seek out what might solve our immediate problems or keep us out of trouble or whatever needs attending to at the moment. My hope is that when we can rid ourselves of any immediate distractions then we are better placed to do what is the real concern of the parish; to evangelise our people. Most of all I am listening for the ideas that will keep us journeying together and enthusiastic about how we get to where we are heading.

I am certain that over the years I have dismissed some suggestions that might have been very effective, similarly there are others that I have supported that had a very short span of life. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. My great hope is that no great damage was done to any individual or the parish generally in the process. Meanwhile I will continue to listen and assess when people come forward with projects for the enrichments of our church, hoping that I will discern when the Spirit is speaking loudest.

*Fr Peter Dillon*



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# Around our Parishes

## Feast Days

**Mon 18 Mar:** St Patrick  
**Tues 19 Mar:** St Joseph

## Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: Tania Navratil  
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:**



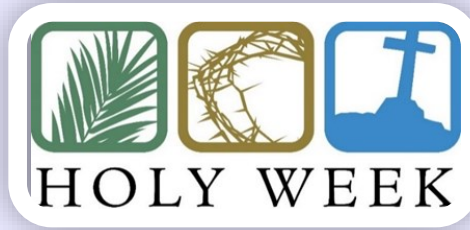
Unless a seed dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.' Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or please contact 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

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



As Holy Week approaches we hope you are feeling inspired and supported to raise money for Caritas Australia, the aid agency of the Australian Catholic Church working to eradicate poverty and injustice. Did you know 90% of countries have at least one law that discriminates against women? 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 and St Luke'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 this week as we continue to look at the Gospel and how it speaks to us. We will gather at St Benedict's Church East Brisbane on **Tuesday 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.

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

## 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, Kangaroo Point  
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

# 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

(R) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.

Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

## GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

## 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

### Grant to Us, O Lord

*Refrain:*

*Grant to us, O Lord,  
A heart renewed;  
Recreate in us your own Spirit Lord.*

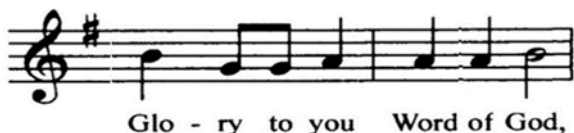
Behold, the days are coming,  
Says the Lord our God,  
When I will make a new covenant  
With the house of Israel.

Deep within their being  
I will implant my law;  
I will write it in their hearts.

I will be their God  
And they shall be my people.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
And where I am, my servant will also be.

## OFFERTORY

*Silent Music*

## COMMUNION

### We Remember

*Refrain:*

*We remember how you loved us to your death,  
And still we celebrate,  
for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you  
When you come, in your glory, Lord,  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

Here, a million wounded souls  
Are yearning just to touch you and be healed;  
Gather all your people,  
And hold them to your heart.

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"  
To all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart;  
Peace beyond all telling,  
And freedom from all fear.

See the Face of Christ revealed  
In ev'ry person standing by your side;  
Gift to one another,  
And temples of your love.

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## RECESSIONAL

*Silent Reflection*



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