



Catholic Parishes Kangaroo Point East Brisbane and Buranda Newsletter



Easter—Sunday of the Resurrection (Year B)

31 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 *Stewart Flatley,*
Jacqueline Gregory.
May they rest in peace.

Please remember the sick
Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan,
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

PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

When British journalist, social commentator and convert to Catholicism, Malcolm Muggeridge, was nearing his own death, he wrote about how comforting were Jesus' words "I am the Resurrection". He referred to these words as an "outrageous claim", not because he didn't believe them, but he was indicating that to people who knew nothing of Jesus' life and message, this concept would sound so incredible and radical.

Most people have no difficulty believing that a good and righteous man named Jesus lived and had a deep and lasting effect on those who heard him.

Similarly, people have no trouble believing that he was wrongly accused and he became a political scapegoat for both the Jews and the Romans, but when it comes to 'resurrection', people hesitate and caution themselves against accepting something so confronting.

Is there really something more than the physical existence that we know? If I believe that death is not the end, what difference does this make to the way I live?

They really are words which bring with them an outstanding opportunity and challenge. Generations following on from those who first heard these words have grappled with both their meaning and application. They are words, which if true, have the power to completely change the direction and intentions of a person's life. They are words which could overturn the values of people who only accept a secular world and crush the ambitions of those who only follow the attraction of material gain.

It was Christ's own belief in these words, "I am the Resurrection", that gave him the wisdom and courage to stand before Pilate and survive his trial of humiliation. The words gave him the strength to endure his agonising suffering and death. Yet these words were not simply said to give Jesus courage. They were meant for those who needed what the words offered, not simply a validation of the life and horrible death of Jesus, but that goodness and truth would endure, far beyond the historical Jesus. Today, Easter celebrates, not the ugliness of his suffering and death and what people did to him, but the enduring and compelling power of his life and love, which invites us to forever know ourselves as believers in the one who invited us to be resurrection people. Now is the time to ask the question again.

What difference does it make to the way I live that Jesus was raised from the dead and that we shall do the same? Do you genuinely believe it or are you just hedging your bets?

Fr Peter Dillon (Administrator)



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Around our Parishes

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: Wes Williams

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: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus.

Go forth to announce to the world—Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia! Please pray for vocations. Contact contact 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com or scan the QR code. 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>



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PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP— (MONTHLY) Following our reflections during Lent, we will now continue meeting on a monthly basis. We look at the Gospel and share our thoughts and prayerful companionship with each other. The next meeting is Tuesday 30 April at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Order of the Mass

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL — (Vigil)

Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

GOSPEL — (Sunday of the Resurrection)

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

