



# Newsletter



## Catholic Parishes

Kangaroo Point • East Brisbane • Buranda

The Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

12 May 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 those whose anniversary occur at this time

*John McIntosh, Tony Kelly*

Please remember the sick

*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan,*

*Jeanette McMahon, Betty Bourke.*

### 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

#### A Friend Indeed

One of the valuable aspects of getting older (*and there aren't all that many*), is distilling what is really important and what things are of significant value. With more time to contemplate these things over the past few months, I have decided that two things I value more now than I ever did as a younger person are: health and friends. In the past I have taken both these treasures very much for granted, assuming that things will progress through life without change in quantity and quality. Perhaps it's the folly of youth to believe what is will always be, or maybe it's the burden of aging to realise that nothing is as constant as change. It's rather interested how closely the two gifts, health and friendship are so closely connected. The better quality in one influences the other, while each needs the other to improve.

An acquaintance recently remarked that since they didn't have enough time to spend with people they liked, they wondered why they bothered with people they didn't like. If only to be that fortunate or deluded. Now while that is hardly a Christian attitude, it did get me thinking about how nurturing I am with those rare finds I call 'true friends', how do I nourish those connections that have gone beyond fair weather or do I just presume that they will always be there, when and what I need them for. That, to me, that sounds more like an insurance policy than a friendship.

How a long-standing friendship developed is a curious thing, but I won't bother to question it, other than to think that is might be yet another of those graces that God seems to shower on us all. We sometimes assume that all companions we meet on the journey of life are all going to be friends, but I'm referring to something much more intimate. Something akin to the relationship that Jesus had with his immediate disciples. A relationship that doesn't place unrealistic expectations on each other, and can withstand challenges and the odd misunderstanding, and certainly does not waver in the face of loving truthfulness. Friendship certainly does mean having to say you are sorry, but the shame of having to ask is far outweighed by the need for forgiveness. It is too valuable to be lost by pride.

All these musings came together when I read a poem by the poet Dorothy Retsloff, who offered the following gem:

#### A Friend is a Person -

*Who will help you in the hour of sickness;*

*Who will lend you a dollar without deducting the interest;*

*Who will help you up hill when you are sliding down;*

*Who will defend you in the hour when others speak evil of you;*

*Who will believe in your innocence until you admit your guilt;*

*Who will say behind your back what they say to your face;*

*Who will shake hands with you wherever they meet you, even though you wear patches; and*

*Who will do all these things without expecting anything in return.*

If you have found one, hold on to them tightly, not for fear of losing them, but for the comfort that they bring.

Fr Peter Dillon,, Administrator



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# Around our Parishes

## What's happening ....

### Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **MARY SMITH**  
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:



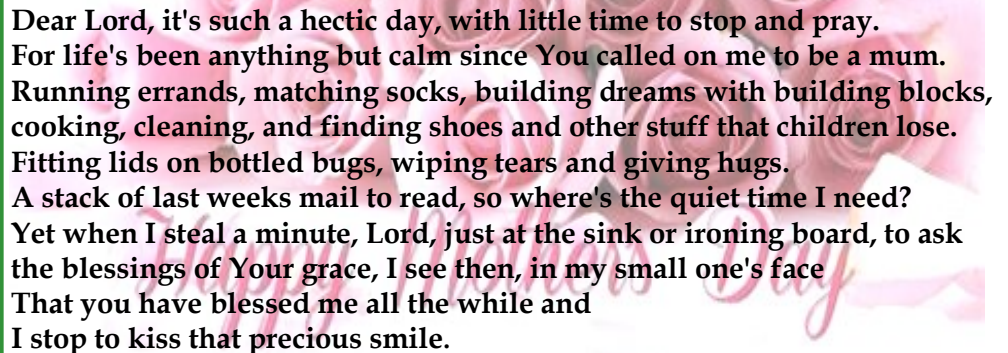
Jesus said to his disciples, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation'. There are still dark aspects to our world and neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel', 'I am with you'. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code, phone 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://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>

### PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP (NOW MONTHLY)

The next meeting is **Tuesday 28 May** at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Today we celebrate Mothers everywhere and pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother, those who never knew their biological mother and now yearn for her, those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love and the families separated by war or conflict. **Happy Mother's Day to all those women sharing in the role of motherhood. May you be spoiled and filled with happiness.**



Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day, with little time to stop and pray.  
For life's been anything but calm since You called on me to be a mum.  
Running errands, matching socks, building dreams with building blocks,  
cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes and other stuff that children lose.  
Fitting lids on bottled bugs, wiping tears and giving hugs.  
A stack of last weeks mail to read, so where's the quiet time I need?  
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord, just at the sink or ironing board, to ask  
the blessings of Your grace, I see them, in my small one's face  
That you have blessed me all the while and  
I stop to kiss that precious smile.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for FIRST COMMUNION

Just a reminder for families enrolled in the program, the **Celebration of God's Mercy** will take place at 6pm on Thursday 23 May at St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point. Part of the resource pack included a 'Sorry' worksheet which your child will hand to Father Peter on the evening. This celebration of forgiveness will be followed by a rehearsal for the Sacrament of First Communion taking place on Sunday 26 May.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS VIGIL** – May is the month of Mary, Mother of Jesus, Crucified and Risen! How apt it is for us in our needy society that May is also Domestic Violence Awareness month—for learning, prayer and action. Up to 29 April, 26 women in Australia including six from Queensland have died due to domestic violence incidents. In response to this issue, you are invited to attend a **Candlelight Vigil on Friday 31 May at 6pm** at Regina Caeli Catholic Parish, 81 Waverley Road, Camp Hill. Their hope is for our Catholic communities to grow in how we recognise, learn about and hold in prayer all affected by this issue.



**ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC KIDS DAY: CAMP HILL** is a special event for **primary school aged children**. The day is filled with fun, games, activities and engaging messages and prayers designed to give children a positive and powerful experience of the

Catholic faith. The program runs from **10am-3pm on Sunday 9 June at St Thomas' Camp Hill**. Morning Tea is included. The day is facilitated by a team from the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Children and Families team and a team from the Camp Hill parish. For further details visit [tickets.org.au](http://tickets.org.au) - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations

**Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba Parish Social Justice Committee** invite you to take part in a **Refugee Advocacy Skills Workshop**  
*Presented by Rebecca Lim – Migration and Community Engagement Practitioner and Educator*

**Saturday 18 May 6.30pm** for 6.45pm start  
Venue: Sts Peter and Paul's parish hall,  
25 Main Avenue, Bulimba

Learn from first hand examples about the different ways in which community members can advocate for and support refugees and people seeking asylum. Understand better the practical challenges faced by refugees who have come to Australia.

Admission is free – bookings essential at  
[www.trybooking.com/CQWEN](http://www.trybooking.com/CQWEN)

# The Order of the Mass

## **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## **FIRST READING:** Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

## **SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:17-23

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

## **GOSPEL:** Mark 16:15-20

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

## **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

## ENTRANCE

### A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

The holy apostolic band,  
Up on the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
And with the virgin mother see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
"This is the Saviour!" thus they say,  
"This is his glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Go and teach all people my gospel  
I am with you always,  
Until the end of the world.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## OFFERTORY

*Quiet Music*

## COMMUNION

### LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

CHORUS

*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.

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

In my father's house there are many rooms,  
And I go to prepare you a home.

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## RECESSIONAL

### GO TELL EVERYONE

God's spirit is in my heart.  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see, and set the  
downtrodden free,  
and go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of  
God has come,  
and go tell everyone the news that God's kingdom  
has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.

Don't carry a load in your pack,  
You don't need two shirts on your back.  
A workman can earn his own keep,  
Can earn his own keep.

Don't worry what you have to say  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's spirit will speak in your heart  
Will speak in your heart.

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