



Newsletter



Catholic Parishes

Kangaroo Point • East Brisbane • Buranda

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

28 April 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 *Jeanette Heymen*.

May she rest in peace.

Please remember the sick

*Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan,
Jeanette McMahan, 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

Buy Less, Appreciate More

'The human animal is a beast that dies and if he's got money, he buys and buys and buys and I think the reason he buys everything he can buy is that in the back of his mind he has the crazy hope that one of his purchases will be everlasting life - which it can never be'

– Tennessee Williams from *Cat on A Hot Tin Roof*.

Recently a friend expressed amazement when I revealed that my mobile phone was almost 8 years old. When I asked why he thought I needed a new one he replied, "These things are not built to last". He then went on to inform me that most electrical devices, and in fact most furniture and household items all have a limited life span, which apparently is why they are less expensive and therefore less robust than their ancestors. I suspect this has a lot to do with the way the economy and manufacturing is geared these days. If things are meant not to last then people buy these items more frequently and hence more products need to be produced, thus keeping the manufacturing industry rolling along. That's my simple economic theory, anyway. I recalled then a time when my grandparents purchased a HMV 'Puresound' Stereogram, as it was called in the day. It was a magnificent piece of furniture. It seemed to be encased in more wood than the house in which it had pride of place. Neighbours would visit just to see it, and if they were lucky would get to hear one or two tracks of "My Fair Lady" which was the latest musical of the day. 'Puresound' may have been a bit of an exaggeration, but it certainly was a whole new experience for the listener of the day. It was eventually bequeathed to my parents, who tried in vain to pass it on to one of their children, who by this time had lost any appreciation for this large beast of a machine, which of course only played records, and which fortunately by that time had been superseded by the cassette and the compact disc. How history can laugh at us, now that the cassette and the CD have been passed over by downloadable music streaming services (look it up) and, you guessed it, the return of the vinyl record.

All that story is by way of explanation of why I am mystified that we think we need to replace items regularly, as though there is some societal rule that says anything consumable has a use-by date, or can be considered "unfashionable" if we have had it for more than five years. Open any daily newspaper and ask yourself why we have so many catalogues of TVs, refrigerators, sound systems and mobile phones attempting to convince us that whatever device we now have, no matter how recently we bought it, is no longer sufficient for our present needs. Exactly how many pixels do I need on my phone camera, and why do I need to record every waking moment, only to be deleted months later when I run out of space for the next lot of useless pictures?

I realise that we live in a society bound to consumption. Until the restrictions of the last 18 months, I was one of the worst offenders, until I realised that if something is not broken don't replace it, or better still, why not see if it can be fixed, which might keep a few more people employed in these uncertain times. Perhaps because of expense, or simply because we had a different value system in my youth, we only replaced an item after every repair option had been tried. We had a rattan-sided lounge suite that had been reupholstered four times before it was eventually tossed, not because it was broken, but "it no longer suited the décor" apparently.

While I would hate to be known as a "flat-earther", I do think we frequently use purchasing to ease our boredom, instead of turning that discomfort into valuing a little more the things we already have. Do we have the inner fortitude to not buy anything new until we have worn every item of clothing we own, walk in every shoe in our cupboard, read every book we own and wait until the TV, the mobile phone and all other appliances are near death before we go out and buy a "spare"? If that is all too difficult, just value the stuff you already have, and not think ourselves as being poor if we don't have the latest, the largest, and the loudest appliance money can buy.

Fr Peter Dillon,, Administrator



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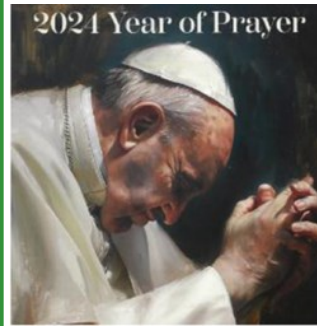
Around our Parishes

What's happening

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **JULIE JOUGHIN**
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!!!**



YEAR OF PRAYER— Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to celebrate a Year of Prayer to prepare for next year's Year of Jubilee.

"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope".

We are being called to go deeper into the experience of listening to God, speaking to God, being one with God in silence.

As a way of deepening our experience of prayer, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has written a prayer that comes from his own listening to God. The Archdiocese has produced this onto prayer cards which are available at the church doors or by visiting evangelisationbrisbane.org.au

VOCATION VIEW:



Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We

need more faith-filled, prayerful, and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One Again. How about you? Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or please contact 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study by Jeff Cavins in the **week starting the 3rd of June** with daytime sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, and will run for **8 weeks**. Through the fourteen narrative books of the Bible, this foundational study traces Salvation History from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Louise Simento at 0456 700 040.

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



CIRCLES OF LIFE QLD 2024 Brisbane Women's Forum – With the theme of Celebrating Women and ten years of Circles of Life QLD, please join on Saturday 18 May from 12pm at Lourdes Hill College, Good Samaritan Centre. Guest speaker is Jenny Woodward, with a panel of guests. Tickets are limited. Please visit www.trybooking.com/CPQGD to book. Includes entertainment, light lunch, tea, coffee and dessert.

PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP (NOW MONTHLY)

The next meeting is **Tuesday 30 April** at St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.



ANOINTING MASS is celebrated on the first Friday of the month at St Luke's, Buranda at 9am. Anointing of the Sick is a source of healing, with the sacrament for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. All welcome.

Collection Changes for Kangaroo Point/ East Brisbane parish.

At the last combined meeting of the parish pastoral and finance council it was decided that since the traditional two collections were now combined, it seemed sensible to have just the one collection at Mass. Of the weekly collection an 18% levy is given to the Archdiocese, while the remainder is available for the support of the clergy and the operation and maintenance of the parish. It is hoped that parishioners will take this opportunity to consider their weekly contribution, and hopefully maintain their generous contribution whenever possible. For those of you who would prefer to use a Direct Debit arrangement, where your weekly amount can come directly from your bank account, then we have the necessary forms available at the welcome desk in the front of both our parish churches or email the parish office.

Thanking you in anticipation of your contribution.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD continues in the Coolock Room at St Joseph's during the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. Thank you to our volunteers who lead this session. You are encouraged to send your children along to hear the Word of God adapted to their level of understanding. Children's Liturgy next on 5 May 2024

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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
- he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

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

SING A NEW SONG

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

Rise, O children, from your sleep.
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,
I know my Saviour lives.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Live in me and let me live in you,
Says the Lord;
My branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

OFFERTORY

Quiet Music

COMMUNION

WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE

*Where there is charity and love,
there the love of God abides.*

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

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RECESSIONAL

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Who with your grace our hearts possess,
Alleluia, alleluia!
That we may give you all our days
The willing tribute of our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to you, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
Alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father equal praise,
And Spirit blest, our songs we raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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