



# Newsletter



## Catholic Parishes

Kangaroo Point • East Brisbane • Buranda

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

3 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

In some of my idle moments, of which there are very few, I feel brave enough to tackle some of the bigger questions that keep being put into the "too hard" basket. And the one I had a go at recently was: Why do so few people go to church today? Some people might say that Churches are emptying because they were too progressive, too sold-out to the culture, too devoid of old, timeless truth. While others say that the churches are emptying because they are too slow to change, too caught up in old traditions that no longer make sense.

Some person of insight said to me once that basically people treat their churches exactly the way they treat their own families; they want them around, but they don't go home to visit them all that much. It got me thinking that people aren't leaving their churches, they just aren't going to them – and that is a difference that needs to be understood.

There is a difference between leaving a family and just not showing up regularly for its celebrations. This distinction in fact needs to shape the way we answer a number of important questions: Who belongs to the church? What makes a practising Catholic? When is someone's relationship with the church mortally terminated? What does it mean to be outside the church? As well, this distinction impacts on the question as to who is entitled to receive the rites of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and Catholic burial.

People are treating their churches just like they treat their families. Isn't that as it should be? Theologically the church is family – it's not like family, it is family. A good ecclesiology then has to look to family life to properly understand itself (the reverse of course is also true). Thus, inside of our families: Who is in and who is out? When does someone cease being a "practicing" member of a family? Does someone cease to be a member of a family because he or she doesn't come home much anymore? Do you refuse to give a wedding for a son or daughter just because he or she, caught up in youth and self-interest, hasn't come home the last couple of years for Easter and Christmas? Not exactly abstract questions!

Many families have children and siblings who for various reasons, at this stage of their lives, largely use the family for their own needs and convenience. They want the family around, but on their terms. They want the family for valued contact at key moments (weddings, births of children, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, and so on) but they don't want a relationship to it that is really committed and regular. A lot of families are like that. They understand this, accept it, swallow hard sometimes, and remain a family despite it. In any extended family, it's natural that, while everyone is a member of the family, there will be different levels of participation. Some will give more, others will take more. Some, by virtue of maturity, will carry most of the burden – they will arrange the dinners, pay for them, keep inviting the others, do most of the work, and take on the task of trying to preserve the family bond and ethos. Others, because of youthful restlessness, immaturity, self-interest, confusion, peer-pressure, laziness, anger, whatever, will carry less, take the family for granted, and buy in largely on their own terms.

That describes most families and is also a pretty accurate description of most churches. There are different levels of participation and maturity, but there is only one church and that church, like any family, survives precisely because some members are willing to carry more of the burden than others. Those others, however, except for more exceptional circumstances, do not cease being members of the family. They ride on the grace of the others, literally. It's how family works; how grace works; how church works.

Church must be understood as family: Certain things can put you out of the family, true. However, in most families, simple immaturity, hurt, confusion, distraction, laziness, youthful sexual restlessness, and self-preoccupation – the reasons why most people who do not go to church stay away – do not mortally sever your connection. You remain a family member. You don't cease being "a practising member" of the family because for a time you aren't home very much. Families understand this. Ecclesial family, church, I believe, needs to be just as understanding.

Now that I've finally solved that problem – it's on to the next big issue.

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: **HELEN CASWELL**

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:



God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you". The world needs people striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code or please contact 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on [@vocationbrisbane](https://www.instagram.com/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.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

**2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024**

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

[corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://corpuschristibrisbane.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.

## Mother's Day Morning Tea

To all our Mums, Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, Steps, MILs, Godmothers, Special Stand-in Role Models and Mentor Gals

Please join us for Morning Tea in Coolock Room after 9am Mass @ St Joseph's KP on Sunday 12 May

### 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 1  
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 10:25-26, 34-35,

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

## **SECOND READING:** 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## **GOSPEL:** John 15:9-17

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;

I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask in my name.

What I command you  
is to love one another.'

## **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

### GLORY & PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*CHORUS*    *Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.*

In his wisdom he strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
Our God is waiting to save,  
always ready to seek the lost,  
To answer those who pray.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them,  
And we will come to them.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## OFFERTORY

*Quiet Music*

## COMMUNION

### LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us your humble dwelling,  
All your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, source of all compassion,  
Love unbounded, love all pure;  
Visit us with your salvation,  
Let your love in us endure.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more your temples leave.  
Lord, we would be always blessing,  
Serve you as your hosts above,  
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,  
Glory in your precious love.

Finish then your new creation,  
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;  
Let us see your great salvation  
Perfectly in you restored.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we sing before the almighty  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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## RECESSIONAL

### FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT'S POWER

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord the infant  
church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today no less your power  
of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity  
may be our great desire:  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call, and  
readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace in your strong  
care all those of every race:  
Like wind and fire with life among us move till we are  
known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

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