



KANGAROO POINT  
EAST BRISBANE  
CATHOLIC PARISH

St Benedict's  
Centenary  
1917 - 2017  
Celebrating 100  
Years



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 Jan**

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5,10  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 7:29-31  
**Gospel:** Mk 1:14-20

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 Jan**

**First Reading:** Deut 18:15-20  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 7:32-35  
**Gospel:** Mk 1:21-28

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**



**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!

**Alleluia!**

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?  
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR FAMILIES**

**MASS TIMES:**

**St Benedict's Church**

81 Mowbray Tce, East Brisbane

**Saturday:** 6:00 pm Vigil Mass  
**Reconciliation:** 5.30pm

**Tuesday:** 9.00 Mass  
\* Changes will be in newsletter

**St Joseph's Church**

26-36 Leopard St (Anglesey St),  
Kangaroo Point

**Sunday:** 9:00am Mass

SVDP Helpline - 07 30101096  
Furniture Helpline – 1300 551 894

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**We pray for parishioners & friends who are ill.**

*Names of the Sick: due to privacy laws, names of the sick can only appear in the newsletter with the permission of immediate family.*

**We pray for our recently departed, may they rest in peace,**

**For those who anniversaries are at this time, we remember them.**



**Kangaroo Point East Brisbane Parish**

**Parish Priest:** Bishop Ken Howell  
**Administrator:** Fr Peter Brannelly  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr Odinaka Nwadike  
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**Roster – St Benedict’s (Saturday 6:00pm) - 27 Jan**

**Altar Servers 27-28 Jan**



Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	St Benedict’s	St Joseph’s
D Vicenzino	I Sowerby, C Parkes	M Kelly, H Caswell	Needed	Needed

**Roster –St Joseph’s (Sunday 9:00am) - 28 Jan**

Commentator	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers	CLOW	Opener	Piety Stall	Counters
K Biggs	J Wessel, J Lane	C Mihala, K Biggs, T Judkins	Commences 4 Feb	A Rull	C Mihala	Ryan, Terry

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon - St Vincent  
 Wed - St Francis de Sales  
 Thu - The Conversation of St Paul  
 Sat - St Angela Merici

Visit our parish WEBSITE at  
<http://catholicparishebkpt.org.au>  
 Visit the website and subscribe to  
 the weekly newsletter.

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are held in the parish on  
 the **3rd Sunday** of each month at  
 10am. Preparation is held on the  
 1st Wednesday of each month at  
 7pm. Other times by  
 arrangements.

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2  
 TAKE A COPY HOME TODAY**

- \* Young woman walking from Brisbane to Melbourne to tell others what happened when her mother had an abortion
- \* Brisbane priest talks about the day he played Ivan Lendl on centre court at Australian Open
- \* Young Catholic doctor soon to sail solo across Pacific for a cause – to help bridge gap in indigenous literacy
- \* Health scare steers former Catholic school principal into becoming advocate for indigenous education

**LUCKY NUMBERS**

**\$2.00 could win you \$25.**

Support your parish and buy your  
 lucky number from the piety stall.  
 Drawn weekly

Winner I Sowerby #36  
 NUMBERS AVAILABLE!

**Last weekend’s collection  
 \$970.00**

Please consider Planned Giving  
 by Direct Debit. Forms available  
 at the piety stall. Giving by  
 envelopes is still available, contact  
 the parish office if you would like  
 envelopes. Thank you

**Mass at St Benedict’s this week:**

Tuesday 23 Jan @ 9.00am - Bishop Ken  
 Thursday 25 Jan @ 9.00am - Bishop Ken

**Morning Tea** will be held on Tuesday **6th Feb** following the 9am mass at St Benedict’s. This is our first one for 2018, so please come along to welcome the new year and enjoy some good company and a chat.

**Baptism:** We welcome to our faith community, **Charlie Luis Phompida**, son of Tom and Natalie, who will be Baptised at St Benedict’s this weekend.

**Names of our sick:** So that we can keep prayers ongoing for our sick family and friends, could you please assist the office by letting us know if you wish any names to be included in the weekly newsletter. 3391 4663 Thank you

**First Eucharist:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist - the first parent session will be held on Sunday 18 Feb at St Joseph’s Church at 10.30am - 12pm.

**Parish Lenten Group** Please complete the expressions of interest forms (yellow form) located in the piety stall to assist with planning & resources.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** A collection will be taken up after Mass next Sunday. This donation helps the Society provide food, toiletries etc. to the many clients that are visited each week. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

**A message from Fr Odinaka about Altar Serving.**

The Altar Servers Ministry form an extremely important part of the church’s liturgical life, and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. Being a server means serving God and his people at mass. That is what makes serving Mass worth doing, and worth doing well.

Altar Servers support and assist the priest and deacon during the various liturgies and worship services or ceremonies. The server function and role, when conducted with grace and reverence, add significantly to the sacredness of the rituals and help the assembly participate more fully and more prayerfully.

**Unfortunately, our parish is in desperate need of servers**, and we humbly request parents to please encourage their children who have completed **Year 3 and above and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.**

Altar servers are needed in our parish communities for Masses, especially weekend masses as well as occasionally special liturgies and prayer services. As we request sign-ups for new servers, we also announce the upcoming **Altar Servers training** is scheduled to be held on **Saturday 10 Feb - 7.00pm - 8.00pm** and **Sunday 11 Feb - 10.00am - 11.00am**. New servers can sign-up by completing the form in the piety stall or by contacting the parish office [kpoint@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kpoint@bne.catholic.net.au) or 3391 4663 Thanks for your assistance.

**Odinaka**

**Children’s Liturgy  
 commences on  
 Sunday 4th Feb.**

“Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the Angels serve.”



**Saint Agnes of Rome  
 Feast day is 21st January  
 Patron saint of engaged couples**