Newsletter







30 June 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Shirley Goldsworthy, Peggy Jenkins, Eddie Parker and John Christafi 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.



MORE THAN A HOUSE

I once had to spend a night sleeping in a bus shelter in Berlin in February, after arriving very late while on a backpacking trip of Europe. Never again, I vowed. However I can never truthfully say I've experienced "homelessness", and I do have to admit although I have lived in some relatively grand abodes in my time as a priest (and before) I've never fully appreciated the significance of a safe and comfortable living arrangement in the way that I live, work and relate to others in the community. The following article by Father Andrew Hamilton SJ shook me into rethinking how I take my many privileges for granted, and caused me to reassess my understanding of what it means to be without a place to call "home".

There are many reasons why it is so hard to find a place in which to live. They include a change in attitude, encouraged by government policy, from seeing homes as shelter to seeing them as wealth. People take out heavy loans to buy houses, which in turn raises prices. At the same time governments that once took responsibility for housing people with little or no income have stopped building new houses and have even sold existing stock. When immigration resumes we can expect even greater pressure on shelter and on rental prices.

It is easy to view homelessness from a distance as only a failure of economic policy and of the political responsibility to deliver material goods. A home, however, is more than a house. It connotes connections that are central to humanity. Left without a home people are deprived of more than bricks and mortar. They are diminished in their humanity. This can be seen if we look at some of the associations of home.

A larger view of a home sees it first of all as a shelter. Whether a tent for nomads or a palace for kings it protects us from wind, rain and sun, from wild animals and from robbers. It is a source of security. Without this intermediary between ourselves and the world of the stranger we are left insecure and exposed.

A home also connects us to a place. For Indigenous Australians home is the particular area of land with its distinctive features to which they belong. For others a home defines the piece of earth on which it is built as our own and so connects us with the environment in which we live. It anchors us to place. Without it we are rootless, wanderers.

A home is also a place of connection to neighbours, shops, schools and society. It gives us an address that links us to government and enables us to relate to society. At a deeper level a stable home connects us with our personal and family history. It holds the symbols of earlier homes and of the significant persons and events in our lives. For that reason leaving home can be experienced as nostalgia - an ache for home.

Finally a home connotes a kind of possession, whether formalised in purchase, loan, rent or other forms of agreement. It supposes a stable, if temporary, relationship between the home and the people who live in it. This enables them to decorate the house, attend to the garden, and put their own face on the home. Possession, of course, can also corrupt into greed, that sees the home purely in terms of money value or status, and in which the only salient relationship is to self.

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Around our Parishes

What's happening

Parish Lucky Number (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: LYN HORNER 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, 'Do not fear, only believe.' Do we believe that God will answer our prayers for more priests and consecrated religious for our Church? Pray, believing that your prayers will be answered. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find our more or call 1300 133 544 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 will next meet on Tuesday 30 July in St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm. We invite you along to this small faith sharing group, where each person can grow in their own faith journey. ALL WELCOME



Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

Looking ahead.....

4 July

Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils meet at 6.30pm

5 July Anointing Mass at St Luke's, Buranda at 9am

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Children's Liturgy of the Word—during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's 13/14 July

St Vincent de Paul WINTER APPEAL-across all Masses



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL-13/14 JULY 2024

The annual Vinnies winter appeal will take place across all three churches including St Joseph's, St Benedict's and St Luke's during the **Masses on the weekend of 13/14 July.** This is the only appeal that seeks your support as members of the parish in the form of cash donations. (The other appeal conducted by the Society in the parish is the annual Christmas hamper appeal).

Parishioners can be confident that all cash collected during the winter appeal will be utilised to meet the ongoing demand for assistance that is provided by our local conference members. Unfortunately our conference does not yet have the capacity to receive donations through credit card facility, but we recognise this will eventually be necessary in the future. Conference members will be on hand at each of the three churches over that weekend to assist with any inquiries from parishioners.

Since the start of the year our members have undertaken 180 visits providing help to 349 people and delivering assistance that totals approx. \$17,000. This assistance includes emergency food parcels, clothing vouchers to purchase items of clothing from local Vinnies stores, whitegoods (including 10 fridges/washing machines) and financial assistance with rental costs, medications and Go Cards.

We wish to offer our thanks to those parishioners who contact us with donations of blankets, bed linen, bath towels and the like. Please continue to remember your local Vinnies store when you are disposing of unwanted clothing, household items and furniture.

For those parishioners who may be absence from the weekend Masses but would still like to contribute, you may do so via direct transfer as follows -

Account Name: BSB: Account Number: St Benedict's/St Joseph's SVDP 064-786 100026599

CHILDEN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered in the Coolock Room at St Joseph's on Sunday 7 July during the 9am Mass. Thank you to our small, but dedicated team of volunteers who lead this session. You are encouraged to send your child/ren along to hear the Word of God adapted to their level of understanding.

ANOINTING of the SICK will be celebrated with Mass at 9am on the first Friday of the month at St Luke's, Buranda. Anointing of the Sick is a source of healing, with the sacrament for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or age. All welcome to join next Friday, 5 July 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: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature;

it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43 Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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 CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

COMMUNION

WE REMEMBER

We remember how you loved us to your death, And still we celebrate, for you are with us here; And we believe that we will see you when you come, In your glory, Lord, We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning Just to touch you and be healed; Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.

Christ, the Father's great "Amen" To all the hopes and dreams of every heart; Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.

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<u>RECESSIONAL</u> CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night. CHORUS

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing! For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; We are daughters of day. The one who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be A light for his people to set their hearts free.

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