

**REGULAR WEEKEND MASS LOCATIONS**

**St. Mary's Church, Woodend**  
 1B Elizabeth Street, Woodend 4305.  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Leichhardt**  
 22 Old Toowoomba Road, Leichhardt 4305.  
**St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich**  
 42 Pine Mountain Road, North Ipswich 4305.  
**St. Brigid's Church Hall, Rosewood**  
 Railway Street, Rosewood 4340.  
**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, E/Heights**  
 33A Robertson Road, Eastern Heights 4305.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Parish Office Hours**  
 Monday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm  
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**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Minje Kim  
**Operations Manager:** Benjamin Leschke

**Easter Sunday**

**Year B**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

Dear followers of Christ,

We, who journeyed with our Lord through the forty days of Lent, just reached the point of victory at which our Lord presents himself to us as the Risen Christ. Today and in the days to come, we see "Happy Easter" signs in shopping centres, train stations, and various other places, for Easter Sunday signals a time of joy and hope. Our hope today is not solely rooted in Jesus' return from the area of death but also in his call for us to embrace the resurrection life, where all that we have lost is restored.



Resurrection implies a sense of restoration. The Risen Christ restored what his disciples had lost. When Jesus was arrested, his disciple lost a sense of peace, the motivation to proclaim Jesus's message of love and first and foremostly their identity as followers of Christ. None of them stayed with Jesus, instead they fled. Even Thomas doubted the real presence of the Risen Christ. Yet, through the power of resurrection, Jesus restored Thomas's and the other disciples confidence, a sense of certainty and the true identity as genuine followers of God. From then on, they were emboldened, unafraid in the Risen Christ. This is the life of resurrection into which we are called today.

On this Easter Sunday, let us humbly ask our Risen Christ to restore what we truly need for the journey ahead—the Easter journey of 2024. Perhaps we require strength, confidence, or motivation, based on our past experiences. The Risen Christ returns to us to hear our needs. Let us be honest with him, that we may be fully immersed in the life of resurrection, where our sole necessities are the love and hope of Christ.

**Happy Easter! Fr Minje**

**PASCHAL CANDLE 2024**

This year's Paschal Candle highlights the mission of the SYNODAL CHURCH, to journey together as a people of God deeply rooted in Tradition and with our hearts and minds focused on listening to what the Spirit of God is saying in our times. The blue depicts the breath of the spirit giving life to every decision and action of the Church and of our lives.



**NEWS FOR ALL OF PARISH**

**NO MASS - MONDAY** (1<sup>st</sup> April) or **TUESDAY** (2<sup>nd</sup> April).  
**WEEKDAY MASS ROSEWOOD** – There will be no Wednesday Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> April.  
**YOUTH** - will return 26<sup>th</sup> of April! (After Easter Break)  
**ATRIUM** – Recommences the week of 13<sup>th</sup> May. May we contemplate our Good Shepherd's great love for us. May we celebrate the joy of His resurrection. May our children always proclaim with joy, God's love for all humanity.  
**JUNIOR CHOIR** – Recommencing Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**THIS WEEKEND**

	10:00am Stations of the Cross, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 10:00am Stations of the Cross, St Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Fri 29</b>	10:00am Stations of the Cross, St Boniface Church, Marburg 3:00pm The Passion, St Mary's Church, Woodend 3:00pm The Passion, St Brigid's, Rosewood
<b>Sat 30</b>	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Easter Vigil, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Sun 31</b>	7:30am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich 8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood 9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>Mon 01</b>	NO Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Tues 02</b>	NO Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
<b>Wed 03</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Stations, St Mary's No Mass, Rosary 8:30am St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am, Prayer Group, Parish Office
<b>Thur 04</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Fri 05</b>	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights



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## PARISH PRAYERS



**Anniversaries:** Peter Olsen, Luigi Re, Maria Castelli Re, Malcolm Miller, Maria Erna Banawa, Iris Hunter, Graham & Brian Lawton, members of the Lawton & McAnalen families, Vincent Elmore, June Brown, McCann & Crowe families, Clare Taylor, Mavis Green and past family members, Maureen Trewick, Harry & Dorothy Matthias, and those in our Book of Life.

## OPERATIONS UPDATE

**Memorial Gardens Update** – Fundraising for 2 garden planters for the new Parish Centre is underway. The planters will break up the bitumen and block wall, adding some colour to our landscape and will make the Parish Centre more inviting.

Those who wish to contribute to planter boxes are invited to make their contribution via the link below, or by placing your gift in an envelope marked 'gardens' on the collection plate.

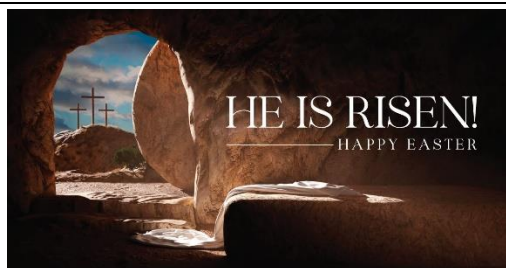
[www.bit.ly/ipswichfundraise](http://www.bit.ly/ipswichfundraise)

**Our goal is to raise \$4,500** to ensure we cover the cost of all garden boxes and plants/materials. We invite everyone to be part of this important initiative to dress up our new Parish Centre, which is due to be finished in approximately June this year.



Benjamin

## SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY



### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter – Yr B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Acts 4.32-35
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 118
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 John 5.1-6
<b>Gospel</b>	John 20.19-31

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Two weeks ago we held an Information Evening for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and are taking enrolments.

We now invite those parents whose children are baptised and in grade 4 or above, to come to an **Information Evening (First Eucharist)** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Church from 7pm. Children who celebrated Confirmation in the Parish in 2023 are automatically enrolled into the program. As we have changed the way the program is facilitated, parents are asked to attend the Information Evening on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Parent  
Information  
Night

This year's First Eucharist program will be a single all day workshop on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, and celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Feast - Body and Blood of Christ).

The Sacrament of Eucharist is open to children who are baptised and in grade 4 or above. Children from each of the Parish Primary Schools and other (Government and Private) Schools in Ipswich (in grade 4 or above) are invited to participate. If you need assistance please contact the parish office [ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au)

**INFORMATION EVENING LINK (RSVP NOW) - [bit.ly/43yM5Xa](http://bit.ly/43yM5Xa)**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024

Baptised children in grade 3 or above  
(Information Night has already occurred)

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- 15/04/2024** Enrolments close
- 21/04/2024** Sunday - Formation Workshop (St. Mary's Church)  
Further details available following enrolment
- 10/05/2024** Friday Evening - Celebrating the Sacrament  
Liturgy time to be advised when enrolments close



### SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST IN 2024

Baptised children in grade 4 or above  
(Information Night 17<sup>th</sup> April - see above)

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- 08/05/2024** Enrolments close
- 12/05/2024** Sunday - Formation Workshop (St. Mary's Church)  
Further details available following enrolment
- 01/06/2024** Sat & Sunday (Feast of Body & Blood of Christ)
- 02/06/2024** Liturgy times to be advised when enrolments close

