

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
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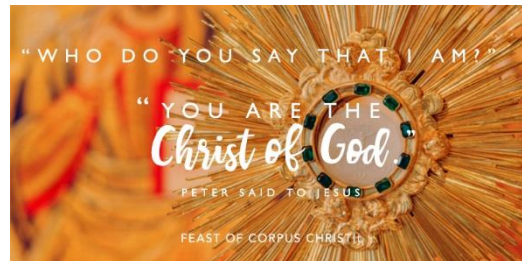
Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

Year B

2nd June 2024

Dear Parishioners,

We are a people who ritualise life's important events: next week the ritual of Ordination for Michael Tran will be a wonderful occasion; the ritual of gathering for Mass this weekend should, I hope, refresh your faith; the ritual of your morning cuppa will give you energy and so on Then of course we insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top when Queensland wins the series. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.



Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God, who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering - sacrificial blood - is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood - the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine - They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink. So, how does your life witness the true presence of Christ to those you encounter each day? I pray you realise that each of us are transformed along with the bread and wine at Mass – we become or have the potential to become a force for change in our world.

At Mass this weekend we allow ourselves to be strengthened in the Body of Christ: how will your life (today) witness the true presence of Christ to those you encounter this week? May your Team win Origin this week, and may the Eucharist be your 'origin' of prayer! Pax et bonum,

Stephen ofm

SACRISTANS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - This weekend on Corpus Christi we give thanks and bless the ministries of our Sacristans and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion around our Churches. The parish is very grateful for their ministry. If you would like to help in any of these ministries, please see one of the priests.

"Gracious God, your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts. Bless our brothers and sisters who serve this community through their liturgical ministry. Strengthen their faith that they may bring the Good News of Christ to the wider community through lives of loving service. Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEK	
Fri 31	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights	Mon 03	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
	6:30pm Primary School Youth, St. Mary's Primary U/cover Area 6:30pm High School Youth, St. Mary's College Hall	Tues 04	9:00am Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Sat 01	4:30pm Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt	Wed 05	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, No Mass, St. Brigid's, Rosewood
	4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 6:00pm Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights		10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office 6:30pm Info Night Sacrament of Eucharist, St. Mary's Church
Sun 02	7:30am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich	Thur 06	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich (with school)
	8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood 9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 10:30am Baptisms, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend	Fri 07	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 6:30pm Primary School Youth, St. Mary's Primary U/cover Area 6:30pm High School Youth, St. Mary's College Hall 7:00pm Michael Tran Ordination, St. Stephen's Cathedral



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PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Fr. Jim Smith, Andrew (Andy) Brennan, Nicolaas Van Duin, Helena Bennetts, Fay Spillane, Jeanette Borger.

Anniversaries: Janika Nelson Perera, Clarrie Kopelke, Carmel McLean, Barry Gee, Susan Maguire, Patricia Erhardt, Graham and Brian Lawton, Jose Balajadia, for those in our Book of Life.

FUNERAL

FR. JIM SMITH

St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Monday 10th June, 10:30am



Fr Smith was ordained a priest at St Mary's Church, Ipswich, on August 9, 1973.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Memorial Gardens Update – We have reached our goal again! Thank you to those who have helped us raise the much-needed funds, and a special thank you to the family who made a significant donation last week to get us across the line! Our Parish Centre planter boxes are due to be installed around 14th June. We are excited for this new addition to the precinct!



Plaques for Existing Boxes – Our Garden Planter Boxes will be blessed by Fr. Stephen following the 9am Mass this Sunday, 2nd June. The blessing will commence approximately 10:00am, and we invite all parishioners to come along as we bless our planters!

St. Mary's Church Carpark & Surrounds – A reminder to all parishioners and visitors when driving and parking on properties around our churches, **particularly St. Mary's**. Please use the designated parking spaces. If there are no spaces when you arrive, please be mindful of where you are parking and ensure there is sufficient space between vehicles and walkways. The immediate perimeter of St. Mary's Church is for pedestrian access and not vehicles, so please **do not park your vehicle up against the church walls, it is not safe and is pedestrian space.**

Over the last several weeks people have been parked in, and over Easter we had to make an announcement during one of our liturgies as someone had parked in front of the disabled park and the parishioner had a medical incident and couldn't leave. If you do have issues finding a park, please speak with Fr. Stephen or the Parish Office and we will look at ways to navigate this sensibly and pastorally.

We are a welcoming church, and we want to ensure people can park safely when they arrive for Mass. Everyone is responsible for maintaining safety on our church sites, so before you turn the engine off, check where you are and make sure it is a suitable and safe location!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The theme of this year's appeal is "Working Homeless" focusing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being employed.

Members from the St Mary's, St Barbara's and St Joseph's conferences have seen quite a few people this year in this situation or in danger of becoming homeless due to large rental increases and the spiralling cost of living.

Our members also see a significant increase in demand for help in the winter months and rely on generous donations from the community to support their work.

The SVDP WINTER APPEAL will be held next weekend 8th / 9th June. Envelopes are available for donations.

These can be placed in the collection basket or returned by post. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please support the work of the Society in our local area by giving generously.

SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm	130
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35

St. Francis encouraged all of us to see the humble goodness of God in the Eucharist, and to "pour out our hearts" to him in gratitude. St. Francis encouraged all of us to see the humble goodness of God in the Eucharist, and to "pour out our hearts" to him in gratitude. In all of this, Francis does nothing more than express orthodox Catholic faith in the Real Presence, but his sense of this presence is characteristically lively, concrete, and even intimate. For Francis, his Lord and brother Jesus came to him personally whenever he received Communion. This is a reality that can only be grasped by the grace of the Spirit, which is love.

MUSIC NEWS

JUNIOR CHOIR - On Sunday, members of the ICC Junior Choir led the music at the 9:00am Mass at St. Mary's. The children have been learning the Mass setting, a psalm, and hymns that our congregation is familiar with.

We have also learned some hymns written especially for young people, which we have shared and taught our community.

We welcome any new members who would like to become involved in this wonderful ministry. We practice on Tuesdays at St. Mary's from 3:30pm until 4:15pm.

For more information, contact Kathy at music@ipswichcatholic.au



ATTENTION ALL SINGERS: Please join in the choir for Michael Tran's First Mass on Saturday, 8th June at 10am. At Michael's request, we will be singing upstairs, there will be one choir practise; Tuesday, 4th June at 6.15-7.30pm in St Mary's. Please bring your Catholic Worship Book II.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS



SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST IN 2024

Baptised children in grade 4 or above

Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

This Wednesday 5th June 6:30pm, St. Mary's, Church

Register - <https://bit.ly/43yM5Xa>

ENROLMENT LINK - ipswichcatholic.com/children

08/07/2024 Enrolments close
14/07/2024 Sunday - Formation Workshop (St. Mary's Church)
 Further details available following enrolment

3rd August Celebrating the Sacrament at Weekend Masses
4th August

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (ATRIUM)

This week we begin the Liturgical season of Ordinary Time or as we explain in the Atrium, the time when we listen to the many scripture events regarding the ministry of Jesus.

The youngest children will be presented with the Kingdom Parables – Mustard Seed and Pearl of Great Price. Some of the older children on a Tuesday have commenced a Bible study on Moses as well as looking at some of the signs and gestures we see while celebrating Mass.

Our 0-3 years group on a Wednesday continue to engage in the various activities we offer. There is always lots of painting, pasting, drawing, along with the introduction of the scriptures such as The Good Shepherd, The Mustard Seed and Jesus' Resurrection using materials that assist in the telling of the story. For more information regarding the Atrium head to the Parish Website www.ipswichcatholic.com
 Bernadette McAndrew



CONNECT YOUTH



Ignite Conference is a conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. There is something for everyone at Ignite Conference, from explosive rallies, inspiring workshops and powerful sacraments. You will be able to meet Jesus in so many ways. Ignite Conference isn't just for youth, it is for all ages, there are opportunities for primary school aged children, high schoolers, young adults, and mature age adults. For more information follow this link: <https://igniteconference.com.au>. If you wish to attend Ignite Conference 2024 with

the Ipswich Catholic Community, please email ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au by the 21st of June.

REFLECTION

The Feast of Corpus Christi significantly influences young Catholics by emphasising the real presence of Christ. As the 'source and summit' of Catholic worship, this Feast Day deepens the devotion and understanding of the Mass and strengthens communal identity, offering a sense of belonging in our world. Reflecting on the Eucharist promotes personal and spiritual growth, inviting young believers to a closer relationship with God and inspiring a lifelong faith journey. This Feast Day is a great day of celebration for our young people so they can renew their commitment to faith, our community and to their relationship with Jesus.

Stewart England

ROSEWOOD SHOW - Each year volunteers help at the gates for the Rosewood Show, giving us an opportunity to raise some funds for the parish. The Rosewood Show is on Friday 28th June & Saturday 29th June. Volunteers are needed to assist with entrance and check-in. To date we have had only 1 person come forward. Please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office or via this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/9fuiEUqkRZ>

This is a great fundraising opportunity so please help us!

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS – Thursday 6th 9am with the primary school. All are welcome!

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

INVITES YOU

TO CELEBRATE

THE ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE



BRADLEY GRAEME DAVIES

and

MICHAEL MY VAN TRAN

**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
ELIZABETH STREET, BRISBANE**

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024

7PM

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

RSVP: FRIDAY 31 May 2024

[Click here to register your attendance](#)

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

MICHAEL MY VAN TRAN

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, IPSWICH

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE, 10AM

CELEBRATIONS AFTER MICHAEL TRAN'S FIRST MASS

We are providing refreshments after Mass and would love some help from Parishioners. Michael has asked for some Vietnamese food and a BBQ.



If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Michael, we will present him with some money towards Vestments from the Parishioners, others might like to contribute to the brunch after his Thanksgiving Mass. We are asking that people 'bring a plate' of cakes etc; a BBQ will be offered (at Michael's request) and some Vietnamese food will be available from a caterer.

Any contribution to either the gift and or the brunch will be greatly received. Please 'pop an envelope' on the plate at Mass over the coming weeks, marked either "gift for Michael" or "catering" - thank-you. As a Parish we look forward to celebrating with Michael.

OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE - *'In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop'* is an official Australian National Pilgrimage prepared by the [Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart](#). In 2024, the pilgrimage will be led by a Sister of Saint Joseph and the inaugural Director of the [Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre](#), East Melbourne.

Title: In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. Dates: Tuesday 15 October 2024 to Saturday 26 October 2024. Registration: For [brochure](#), application form and enquiries, visit the [MMP website](#). Please have a look at the brochure and express your interest to the Parish Office.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL 2024 - We face a significant challenge with the introduction of this Bill by the Queensland Government, which proposes stringent restrictions on religious freedoms. This bill could greatly impact our ability to operate in alignment with our faith values. Key Concerns: Restrictive employment standards for religious organisations, Invasive secular definitions of 'genuine occupational requirements', and Disproportionate limitations on our religious practices.

WE NEED YOUR ACTION

Get Informed: Review the legislation explanation summary and/or the detailed submission on the bill provided by our Joint Faiths Working Group. <https://bit.ly/44R0n6d>

Contact Your MP: Voice your concerns to ensure our religious freedoms are protected. When MPs receive dozens of letters on an issue, they realise how important it is.