

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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Pentecost**Year B****19th May 2024****Dear Parishioners,**

Happy Pentecost and may the Holy Spirit stir each of us to engage and rekindle our faith – I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will channel energy and resources to foster our great Parish to be a vibrant and welcoming centre of evangelisation, where mercy, trust, and the love of Jesus abounds.

We all have a special calling or mission: each and every one of us, from the young to the aged, female, and male We are all drawn to a way of life that gives us a sense of purpose. Some people feel called to raise a family, to become an educator, a social worker, an engineer, a scientist, a doctor, a nurse, a lawyer, an electrician, a carpenter, a police officer, an employee of the Church, an accountant, a politician, a priest, a musician, or an artist. It takes time to discern our calling in life. We need to observe and work with others to get a sense of what we would like to become. Our calling in life is not about ourselves; it is connected to a universal vision of a world in which all people can live and work together in love and peace. Inherent in our calling is a common desire to serve people, to improve the quality of life, and to teach others what we have learned.

After Jesus rose from the dead and before he ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a mission to carry out. Their mission was to be a sign of Jesus' presence in the world, to gather people together into one family, and to teach them how to love one another. At baptism, we received the same mission. God's mission must be reflected in our lives and in our work. We have been called in the risen Jesus to be God's presence, to build community, to love and serve others.

May our Parish be a Church where everyone feels welcomed and a strong sense of belonging that includes their ethnicity, culture, background, individuality, those who are struggling with their faith, or relationship with God. Celebrating the cultures of our Parish is a way to highlight that we are brothers and sisters – companions on the journey of faith.

Happy Pentecost and please allow the Holy Spirit to stir your faith today and always. Pax et bonum,

Stephen ofm**MICHAEL TRAN - ORDINATION**

Michael has extended an invitation to all Parishioners to attend his Ordination on Friday 7th June at 7.00pm in St. Stephen's Cathedral. We will publish the livestream link in the coming weeks. The next day he will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Mary's at 10.00am to which we can fill the Church to show our support for him.

We are suggesting 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 the Mass on Saturday. 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. There will be plenty of room for Parishioners, so please keep the date!

PARISH CALENDAR**THIS WEEKEND****NEXT WEEK**

Fri 17	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – IPSWICH SHOW HOLIDAY 9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights NO YOUTH DUE TO SHOW HOLIDAY	Mon 20	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
Sat 18	4:00pm Setup for Pentecost, Parish Centre Oval (behind presbytery) 4:30pm Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 6:30pm Pentecost Rehearsal, St. Mary's Church 6:00pm Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights	Tues 21	9:00am Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Sun 19	8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood 10:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend (PENTECOST) 11:15am Pentecost Celebrations, Parish Centre Oval 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend	Wed 22	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office 5:00pm Pentecost Follow-up Meeting, Parish Office, Woodend
		Thur 23	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
		Fri 24	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
		Sat 25 – 8.00am Mass, St Michael's Church, Pine Mountain	



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PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Carmelita Briones Suyat, Michael Badke, Neal Perrett, Peter Trewick, and Margaret Witherspoon.

Anniversaries: Jose Balajadia and those in our Book of Life.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Memorial Gardens Update – Fundraising for 2 garden planters for the new Parish Centre continues. To date we have raised \$2,490 of our \$4,500 goal. The planters will break up the bitumen and block wall, adding some colour to our landscape and will make our 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



Plaques for Existing Boxes – Our Garden Planter Boxes will be blessed by Fr. Stephen following the 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd June.

The blessing will commence approximately 10:00am, and we invite all parishioners to come along as we bless our planters!

New Parish Centre Progress – The roof went on last weekend, and the internal sheeting is well underway. Over the next few weeks, the fencing will go up around the perimeter, and we will also be fixing the bitumen surrounding the building. We anticipate that the Parish Centre will be finished late June, early July.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

'*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.

SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Most Holy Trinity – Yr B

1st Reading	Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40
Psalm	32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R.v.12
2nd Reading	Romans 8:14-17
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

CELEBRATIONS AFTER MICHAEL TRAN'S FIRST MASS

On Saturday 8 June at 10.00am St Mary's Church, soon to be 'Fr. Michael Tran', will celebrate his first Mass and our Parish is excited to celebrate with him, his family, and friends (us).

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

Maree and Yvonne will be coordinating the function but need others to help in many ways. Please, please, phone or email the Parish Office with your name and contact number and how you think you can help, and they will get back to you. Thank you in anticipation of being over-run with offers of help. Remember many hands make light work....



Maree & Yvonne

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

DID YOU KNOW OUR PARISH HAS AROUND 300 VOLUNTEERS?

AoB - Volunteer Enquiry

The form will take approximately 2 minutes to complete.

* Required

Your Parish

Please select your parish from the list below.

1. Parish Name *

Ipswich Parish

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Managing volunteer enquiries is a lot of work, and is often managed by our roster coordinators, priests, and Parish Office staff. If we are being honest, sometimes enquiries get lost. To assist with volunteer enquiries, we have developed an online volunteer form which is being shared with all parishes across the Archdiocese.

If you don't have a computer, just call the Parish Office and we will complete the form for you. It is that simple. The form is for new volunteer enquiries, existing volunteers who may want to change ministries, and volunteers who may want a break for a while or withdraw from volunteering altogether. Click the link below, select '**Ipswich Parish**' from the list, and the rest is really straight forward!

The link to the form is – <https://forms.office.com/r/dJ2yuxeY8z>

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST IN 2024

Baptised children in grade 4 or above

Parent Info Night – 5th June 6:30pm, St. Mary's, Church

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



ENROLMENT LINK - [ipswichcatholic.com/children](https://www.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)

SESSIONS FOR TERM TWO HAVE COMMENCED

ATRIUM NEWS (Infant and Toddler Atrium)

Monday afternoon from 3-30 – 4-30pm - Sessions for Kindy, Preps and Year One children are held in a room under St Mary's Primary School Early Years classrooms.

Tuesday afternoon from 3-30 – 5-00pm - Sessions for Primary School children grade 2 to 6 are held the same room under St Mary's Primary School.



Wednesday from 9-00am - Sessions for the 0-3 years (infants and toddlers) are held at Leichhardt in a building right next door to Immaculate Heart Primary School, Old Toowoomba Road, One Mile.

This week we celebrated Pentecost and focussed on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The rest of the term the children will be a sharing of the Kingdom of God parables and miracles of Jesus. For more information regarding this ministry for young children and families please contact the Parish Office or go to the parish website www.ipswichcatholic.com

CONNECT YOUTH

NO FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH THIS WEEK – IPPY SHOW HOLIDAY

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.

Stewart England

SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND. . . (Acts 2: 1-21)

It was one of those days where leaves are thrashed from tree branches writhing under a racing sky, and my childhood friend playing outdoors with me wondered: does the wind ever stop blowing? And does it stop somewhere, he asked again, or just keep going around and around the world? Back then I said I didn't know but now I know there came a day when a wind began in a certain house that filled with a light like flame, and that wind had the roar of justice, and that wind had the rush of love, and that wind had the whisper of peace and compassion, and it carried the words of hope and joy to an anxious and needy world, and it was gentle enough to touch the wounded soul and strong enough to stir the ever seeking hearts of women and men, young and old, from city to distant shores, and it pulled down walls of distrust and fear and threw open doors of possibility, and oaks of hatred have bent in its path and palisades of pain have fallen to its strength and new life has spread like scattered seed and yes, my friend, that wind circles the world and no, it has never stopped blowing.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Celebrating the Cultures within the Ipswich Catholic Community

A very special thank you to all the volunteers, and groups that helped put together our celebration of Pentecost this weekend. Each year hundreds of hours of time are put into preparing for Pentecost. We hope everyone feels the presence of the Holy Spirit in our wonderful and diverse community!



Email Communication - Please add mail@flocknote.com to your safe sender list in your email app. A quick link to help can be found here - <https://bit.ly/3N6QtGp> Your email carrier (e.g.: Telstra) can also assist with this.

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. This year several shifts will be rostered at each of the three gates. Once again funds raised will go to St Brigid's Restoration. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office. **This is a great fundraiser!**

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. [Acts 2:2-4](#)



ST BRIGID'S P&F PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRI 24 MAY - 6.45 PM

<p>\$15</p> <p>ADULTS ONLY</p> <p>(Tables of 8)</p>	<p>FOOD TRUCKS</p> <p>5PM - 6.30PM</p> <p>OR BYO</p>
	<p>FRACTURED WOOD BBQ & CHICHI'S ICECREAM</p>

PRIZES | RAFFLES

Tickets Online Only at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRJMN>

All profits will subsidise school sports transport