

**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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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Dear Parishioners,**

Today's readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.



The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn't come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: "In him we were also chosen" (Ephesians 1:11). We are assured that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (Ephesians 1:3).

We don't have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred, violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: "You can do it."

I pray this week that you will experience the 'graciousness' of others and of God!  
 Be good!

**Stephen ofm**

**A Word From Pope Francis**



"The Twelve have the order to "take nothing for their journey except a staff" .... The staff and the sandals are the gear of pilgrims because that is what the messengers of the Kingdom of God are, not omnipotent managers, not irreplaceable officials, not celebrities on tour.... [They are] humble workers of the Kingdom.

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 15, 2018**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEK	
<b>Fri 12</b>	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 5:30pm Connect Youth Leaders Meeting, Parish Office	<b>Mon 15</b>	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Sat 13</b>	4:30pm Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 6:00pm Mass Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights	<b>Tues 16</b>	9:00am Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Francis Room Parish Office
<b>Sun 14</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 9:00am First Eucharist Formation Workshop, St. Mary's Church 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend	<b>Wed 17</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration, St Mary's NO Mass, St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office
		<b>Thurs 18</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
		<b>Fri 12</b>	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 10:00am Roster Coordinator Workshop, Parish Office 6:30pm Connect Primary, St. Mary's Primary School 6:30pm Connect High, St. Mary's College Hall



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## PARISH PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Fr Tim Elliott ofm, Joun M. Bishop, Monica Brown, Joe Matthews, Marjorie Byrne, Barbara Kopelke, Graham Lawton, Brian Lawton, Frank Nolan, Irene Nolan, Fred Wanstall, Noel Long and for those in our Book of Life.



## SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY

Are you (or do you know someone who) is interested in becoming Catholic?

Contact the Parish Office.

[www.ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic](http://www.ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic)



### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Jeremiah 23.1-65
Psalm	23
2nd Reading	Ephesians 2.13-18
Gospel	Mark 6.30-34

### WEEKDAY MASSES WITHIN THE PARISH

for the next three months

Monday: 9:00am St Mary's

Tuesday: 9:00am Immaculate Heart: in School Term, children from the school will attend.

Wednesday: St Mary's: 8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass: in School Term, children will attend.  
9.30am Adoration: quiet time for prayer and reflection till 10.30am.

St Brigid's: *TBC each week*. 9:00am Mass: in School Term, children will attend.

Thursday: 9:00am St Mary's

*Check the newsletter for Mass at St Joseph's 9:00am, every second week, in School Term only and children will attend. This arrangement will be reviewed in 3 months.*

Friday: 9:00am Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS



### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

This Sunday 75 children will participate in a workshop as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep the children and family in your prayers.

Baptised children in grade 4 or above

The children will celebrate the sacrament on the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August.

## CONNECT YOUTH

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9am Mass, St. Mary's Church

Presider – Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Catholic Education Week is from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July. The theme is 'Communities of Faith, Hope & Love'. This is another great celebration by our Parish community and our 6 schools and colleges. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be joining us.

Celebrations will continue with a BBQ after Mass on the Parish Oval behind the Parish Centre.

**EVERYONE FROM ALL OUR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!**



## MINISTRY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN – ATRIUM UPDATE

The Atrium will begin sessions on the week of the 5th August.

We have vacancies for our Monday afternoon (prep and year one age group) and the Wednesday morning group for the infant and toddlers. The Tuesday afternoon group for the primary school age children is full, but you can place your child's name on a waiting list. This term we will focus on the signs and symbols of the Mass and continue with exploring the scripture Parables.

Learn more and register your child at: <https://ipswichcatholic.com/faith-in-action/formation/the-atrium/> Bernadette and Karen.



### Calling for Children's Liturgy Volunteers

We are still looking for willing volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am Mass at St Mary's. Please consider being part of this wonderful and very important ministry for our young children. If you would like to check out what the ministry entails, please join the group on Sunday. We celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday, even during the School holidays!

As with any children related ministry, volunteers will need to meet the Archdiocese Safeguarding criteria. Contact the Parish Office to express your interest



## NEWS & UPDATES

### THE PARISH CENTRE

We are only a couple of weeks away from the opening of The Parish Centre. Next weekend (20th & 21<sup>st</sup> July) the toilets will be open for use at all weekend Masses, entry to the toilets is made via the door facing main driveway entrance. In the coming weeks we will announce the date for the centre to be blessed.

Once open, the new centre will be available for parish events and functions. We do still need to furnish the new centre with tables and chairs, plates, cutlery, etc... if you would like to assist with this, make your donation by placing it on the collection plate in an envelope labelled 'Parish Centre'. If you would like to make a donation electronically, please use this link - <https://bit.ly/ipswichfundraise>

Funds raised will be used to purchase appropriate furnishings and kitchenware to ensure we comply with the requirements for our new centre.

More information about the centre next week!



### ST. MARY'S LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

For 2 years now, we have been slowly working toward the replacement lighting for St. Mary's Church. We were successful with a grant application, which contributed \$40,000 toward the project. This week much of the new wiring has been run in the ceiling of the church, and over the coming weeks work will continue.



We can do much of this work with minimal impact to church access. There will be no impact to weekend Masses, and our electricians are working around our weekday Masses and any funeral that may arise during this period.

Outside of advertised Mass times, the church will be closed for safety reasons. The electrical work will take around 6-8 weeks to complete, and toward the end of the project, the church will be closed for a week (Monday to Friday) when the old electrical system is cut over to the new. This will require time to disconnect and remove old wiring, and then connect new wiring and undertake a full compliance and safety audit. As we get closer to that date we will communicate more information.

All of the existing lighting in the church is failing (both inside and outside), and most of the electrical infrastructure is non-compliant. We have also had 2 small electrical fires in recent years, so this upgrade has been a long time coming. We look forward to completion of the project and to see the new lights!

# Synodality Speaker Series

## Synodality: Our journey together

How can synodality help us to work together as a co-responsible church on mission? How can we begin being a more synodal church, in our own parish and as an Archdiocese? As pilgrims of hope, let's walk the journey of synodality together by exploring what the word "synodality" means, its history, and what it looks like to be a synodal church on mission.

**July 31st 6:30pm - 7:30pm (light refreshments from 6:00pm)**

**Presenter: Fr David Pascoe**

**Location: St Mary's Catholic Church  
1B Elizabeth St, Woodend**



### Pause + Pray Leading with Humility

#### Reflect

The values of humility, compassion, and service have guided Franciscan spirituality for centuries. If you are in a leadership position (in your job, family, parish, or community) embracing Franciscan values as leaders means living out these principles in our daily lives, inspiring others through our example and fostering a culture of love, unity, and peace in our communities and workplaces.



#### Pray

Loving God,

Help us to embrace the timeless values of humility, compassion, and service, striving to live out these principles in our daily lives and leadership practices.

Guide us so we not only honor the legacy of St. Francis but also bear witness to the transformative power of your love and grace in our lives and in the world.

Amen.

#### Act

Offer a prayer for guidance and strength, asking God to help you lead with humility, compassion, and service in all that you do.