

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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Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Bliss OFM
Assistant Priest: Fr. Minje Kim
Operations Manager: Benjamin Leschke

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

21st July 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I was recently at a child's birthday party and one of the games was 'Follow the leader' – I really do get to do some exciting things and try and make the most of these activities It made me think ... that 'follow the leader' is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, to understand social behaviour. I learned to cook through the teachings of my mother....



Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to greener pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders - not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in Psalm 23: we often use this Psalm at funerals. Jesus also characterised religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not "with whom do I agree?" but rather "whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?" Are we following the right leader?

The Good Shepherd seeks to unite, not divide. Who are the Good Shepherds today? Jesus the Good Shepherd cares for all: - Do we?

I pray that Fr Minje and myself will continue to lead and shepherd you well whilst we are here.

Enjoy the coolness!

Stephen ofm

A Word From Pope Francis



Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion.... We need—listen to this—we need an "ecology of the heart," that is made up of rest, contemplation and compassion. Let us take advantage of the summertime for this! It will help us quite a bit.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 18, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEK

Fri 19	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 10:00am Roster Coordinator Workshop, Parish Office 12.00pm Funeral of Charles McAnany, St. Mary's Church 6:30pm Connect Primary, St. Mary's Primary School	Mon 22	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
Sat 20	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	Tues 23	9:00am NO Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Francis Room Parish Office
Sun 21	7:30am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich 8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood 9:00am Mass (CEW), St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am CEW Celebrations, The Parish Oval, St Mary's 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend	Wed 24	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10.00am Deanery Meeting, St. Francis Room Parish Office 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office
		Thurs 25	9.00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
		Fri 26	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 6:30pm Connect Primary, St. Mary's Primary School 6:30pm Connect High, St. Mary's College Hall
		Sat 27	8.00am Mass, St. Michaels, Pine Mountain



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PARISH PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Charlie McAnany, Margaret Witherspoon, Joan Hogan

Anniversaries: Eileen Williams, Violet Zammit, Roman Czernia, Atkin Family, John & Annie Devitt, Fr Tim Elliott ofm, Joun M. Bishop, and for those in our Book of Life.



"The Annual Mass for Deceased Christian Brothers, Teachers, and Old Boys of St Edmund's College will be held at The Chapel, St Edmunds College, Mary Street Woodend on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 6.00 pm. All are invited. All enquiries to Andrew McGrath on 3389 6858 or 0438 164 452."

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



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	2 Kings 4.42-44
Psalm	145
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4.1-6
Gospel	John 6.1-15

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: 8:30am Rosary. 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

CONNECT YOUTH



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS

Sunday 21st July 9am Mass, St. Mary's Church

BBQ Celebrations after Mass - Parish Oval behind the Parish Centre

Presider – Archbishop Mark Coleridge

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

- The theme is 'Communities of Faith, Hope & Love'
- Is a faith-based education which places the values of Jesus at its centre
- Is an integral part of the local and universal Church
- Values diversity and treats each student with dignity enabling them in

turn to promote and respect the dignity of all

- Prepares students for global responsibilities through stewardship of the earth's resources
- Occurs in welcoming, inclusive, and connected communities

RETREATS

Reclaim Retreat

Two Sunday's ago, I was very privileged with the opportunity to be invited to Reclaim Retreat up at Coolum Beach. It was a fantastic weekend, with the focus of the weekend being 'rest'. In not only the lives of a youth coordinator, but all people, life is so busy, and it is so hard to find time to rest, and more importantly find that time to rest in God. It was a fantastic get away to catch up with friends and create new ones too. My highlight of the retreat was definitely Adoration during our Encounter Night. It was so refreshing and refuelling, and it was so incredible to be around other young adults who had that same love and willingness for Jesus. I want to give a massive shout out to our Creator God for being present throughout the retreat, and I am also grateful for the support from Fr Stephen and Fr Minje during the lead up to the retreat.

"Rest is not laziness, but an act of faith and trust in God's provision." – Ps John Mark Comer

Stewart England – Youth Leader

NEWS & UPDATES

THE PARISH CENTRE

We are only a couple of weeks away from the opening of The Parish Centre. This weekend (20th & 21st 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.

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 coming soon!



ST. MARY'S LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

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 funerals 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. We look forward to completion of the project and to see the new lights!



VISITATION TO PRISONERS



A volunteer role is open for one additional Catholic visitor at each of Brisbane Correctional Centre and Borallon Training and Correctional Centre of a Tuesday morning.

The role is that of a lay chaplain whose presence and witness in the Correctional Centres bears Christ's compassion and forgiveness to restore hope to men burdened by shame and guilt who seek the grace to change the direction of their lives.

Teams of Catholic women and men serve the Church's mission in this way in Correctional Centres across SEQ.

For more information, please contact Centacare.

judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 0428669572. Blue card, police check and safeguarding credentialing required/able to be obtained.

NEWS & UPDATES

Vinnies Update - St Joseph's Conference

During the quarter ending 30th June our conference visited 128 families. This included 172 adults and 95 children. We gave financial assistance of \$5518.30 being Woolworths vouchers and medication.

We also assisted with vouchers for the Vinnies stores to the value of \$1300.00, furniture and blankets worth \$2105.00 and food to the value of \$2975.00 from the donations we receive through the Ipswich Catholic Community.

We have also been most generously supported by the St Joseph's School community with food donations for our Winter Appeal. Without theirs and parish contributions to our food pantry, we would not be able to deliver to our companions the food they so desperately need.

We have also been most thankful to all those members of our community who have given to our Winter Appeal financially. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity with just over \$4000 raised so far and several more donations still coming in.

We are truly blessed to be part of the Ipswich Catholic Community and to have our Parish Priest Fr Stephen and our Assistant Priest Fr Minje to be so supportive of our service to those most vulnerable in our community. May God bless you all, Lyn Molenaar, President.

Vinnies Update - St Mary's Conference

I would firstly like to acknowledge the very generous response from the Ipswich Catholic Community to our recent Winter Appeal. To date the St Mary's and St Barbara's Conferences have received around \$6330 in donations which is a tremendous result given the current financial pressures we are all experiencing. A very big THANK YOU!!!!

During the quarter the St Mary's and St Barbara's Conferences assisted 373 families in the Ipswich and Rosewood area. We provided \$55,437 in direct financial assistance such as food vouchers, purchasing second hand household appliances and assisting with some rent and other bills. We also provided \$6,275 in clothing and furniture through the Vinnies store and Vinnies warehouse, as well as \$7,255 in other In-Kind donations, including the food donated here at the parish churches each Sunday.

Given the 2 conferences operate out of the Ipswich Support Centre at West Ipswich on the same days, it has been decided that St Barbara's will be put into abeyance and St Mary's will now support the people who were previously assisted by that Conference.

This was typically all those in the Leichhardt, One Mile, Churchill and Deebing Heights areas. This is purely an internal change and there is no real effect on the people the Society assists here in Ipswich.

Also, we are trying to make it easier for people to donate to our Conference directly. If you feel inclined and would like to donate at any time, our bank details are below. Of course, envelopes should still be available at each of the churches.

SVDP St Mary's Conference Ipswich

BSB: 064-786

Account: 100026714

Reference: Surname

Please email: SM4305@svdpqld.org.au with name and address so a tax-deductible receipt can be forwarded. Thank you for your continued support of Vinnies and to those struggling in our own community. It is certainly helping a lot of families. Kind Regards, Paul Cervetto, President.

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.

SYNODALITY SPEAKER SERIES

July 31st

6:30pm – 7:30pm

St. Mary's Church

Presenter – Fr. David Pascoe