

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

Year B

28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?



These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of vulnerable people - and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading, it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage, it is the disciples of Jesus - ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvellous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realise this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

How does God work through you to meet the needs of others? God is certainly present in many ways in this Community – have a good look around and see the face of God here,

Let's continue to pray for each other,

**Stephen ofm**

**A Word From Pope Francis**



The disciples ask [the boy] to share everything he has to eat.... Thanks to that small freely given and therefore heroic gift, Jesus is able to feed everyone.... The Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal.... This is how God loves to act....

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 25, 2021**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**THIS WEEKEND**

<b>Fri 26</b>	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
<b>Sat 27</b>	8:00am Mass, St. Michaels, Pine Mountain 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>Sun 28</b>	7:30am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich 8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood 9:00am Mass & Children's Liturgy St. Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>Mon 29</b>	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend 10:30am Funeral of Desmond Sanewski, St Joseph's Church
<b>Tues 30</b>	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Francis Room Parish Office
<b>Wed 31</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 10:00am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, 9.00am St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office 6:00pm Synodality with Fr. David Pascoe, St Mary's Church
<b>Thurs 1</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich
<b>Fri 2</b>	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 6:30pm Connect Primary, St. Mary's Primary School Hall 6:30pm Connect High, St. Mary's College Hall



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## PARISH PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Desmond Sanewski, Charlie McAnany, Joan Hogan.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Person, Frank Noonan, Thomas Noonan, Annie Heffernan, Ian Sutherland, Frank Hennessy, Eileen Williams, Violet Zammit, Roman Czernia, Atkin Family, John & Annie Devitt, Fr Tim Elliott ofm 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](http://www.ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic)



### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Exodus 16.2-4
<b>Psalm</b>	78
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 4.17, 20-24
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6.24-35

## 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



Last Sunday we had a joyous celebration for Catholic Education Week. We were so blessed to have Archbishop Mark Coleridge with us to lead the celebration of the Eucharist. With this year's theme once again being Communities of Faith, Hope and Love, we brought ourselves before our Humble God, reflecting on the need to always be people who spread kindness and goodness, act with compassion and love, and to be people who always serve others. At times we all find ourselves lacking in faith, losing hope and failing to love, but it is through God that we are renewed and refilled. From this Catholic Education Week, I encourage all parishioners to go forth, with the mission to spread faith, hope and love across our whole community.

A massive thank you to all schools, students, staff, principals, and most importantly the APRE's and Religious Teams from each of our parish schools for their presence, participation and leadership of the celebration.

Our parish community is so lucky and blessed to have so many great schools that respond to the call of our catholic identity and mission every day.

Stewart England – Youth Coordinator



**THE PARISH CENTRE**

We are only a couple of weeks away from the opening of The Parish Centre. 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 Edmund's College Old Boys Golf Day**

"St Edmund's College Old Boys Golf Day Sunday August 25, 2024 - 6.00 am Breakfast. 6.30 am Tee Off. Sandy Gallop Golf Club, Lobb Street, Churchill 18 hole, 4 Ball Ambrose Cost \$40.00 Raffle Ticket, Breakfast, a Hamburger Lunch and Complimentary Drink (Beer or Soft Drink) Included. Anyone can enter and play. You do not have to be a member of the Old Boys. You don't need an Official Golf Handicap. Please Phone Ross Cruice on 3288 6105 or 0437 114 598 or the College on 3810 4400".

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

New wiring in the church continues. 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!

**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**

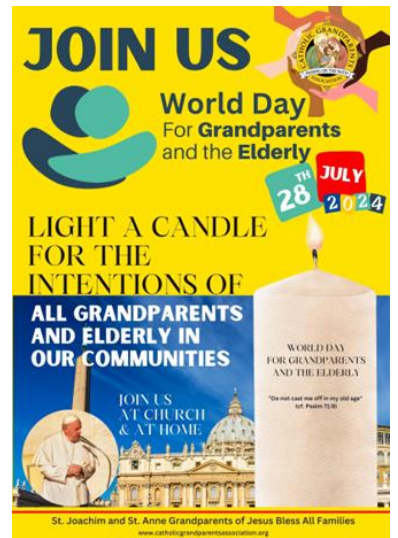
**Location: St Mary's Catholic Church  
1B Elizabeth St, Woodend**



## NEWS & UPDATES

### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY

(Friday 26 July: Feast of St's Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus). Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 – “Do not cast me off in my old age” – as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In a note announcing the theme for the day, which is being celebrated this weekend, the Vatican said the choice was “meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throwaway culture.” Pope Francis celebrated the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021 and decreed that it be observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ grandparents. As the Catholic Church prepares for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to focus on prayer, which is why he chose the prayer of an elderly person from the Psalms for the theme, the Vatican said in a statement released on 15 February.



You can read the message of Pope Francis for the IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2024: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20240425-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

### ATRIUM (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Children's Ministry)



From the youngest age, the Liturgy of the Eucharist forms the heart of the Atrium experience. The children set the model altar and enjoy the liturgical colours which are displayed by the chasubles of the priest. They ponder individual moments of the Mass, particularly the gestures or movements of the priest. At the same time, the Liturgy of the Word is encountered by the children as they come to know the Holy Bible as the Word of God, given to his people. They hear passages from the Scriptures which introduce them to the Great Light and the tiny baby growing within Mary, announced by angels yet laid in a manger. The Good Shepherd parable is read, and they hear about the one who calls his sheep by name with such great love. The reality of the Good Shepherd, who gives all of Himself for His sheep, calls them to the best food and best drink, His body and Blood, is concretized through presentations in the Atrium, and when we gather in the community to celebrate the Eucharist.



Sessions for this term begin in the week of August 5th.

For more information and to register your child go to: <https://ipswichcatholic.com/faith-in-action/formation/the-atrium/>  
*Bernadette and Karen.*

### MUSIC NEWS- CHANGE OF MASS SETTING

The Ipswich Catholic Community collectively uses three different Mass Settings during our Liturgies, rotating through to coincide with the changing liturgical calendar. These mass parts include the Gloria, Holy Holy and the Lamb of God, as well as our Gospel Acclamation and Great Amen. Utilising a variety of music throughout the year highlights the cyclical nature of our liturgies and provides meaning and feeling that mere words cannot. We have been using Mass Shalom at St. Mary's, and Mass of Glory and Praise at the other mass centres in recent months. From August onwards, we are going to change the mass setting to Mass of St. Francis. Parishioners may feel a little insecure at first, but once we have been reminded of the different melodies, let us sing our musical treasures with joy and thanksgiving!



### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

Holy Cross Funerals warmly welcomes you to a mass of Celebration  
Wednesday 31st July, 6pm  
Holy Cross Church, Kippa-Ring  
Light supper to follow.

Please R.S.V.P to the Redcliffe Parish on 07 3293 0800

“Celebrating 25 years, we come together in prayers of thanks”.

