

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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Assistant Priest: Fr. Minje Kim
Operations Manager: Benjamin Leschke

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4th August 2024

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading today, the crowd asked Jesus where he had come from. Surprisingly, Jesus did not give a direct answer to their question. Instead, he said, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." Jesus was not reprimanding the crowd for seeking bread because they were actually hungry.



Rather, he expressed disappointment that the crowd chased only the physical bread that cannot last. While Jesus was feeding the crowd with compassion and love (as seen in last Sunday's Gospel reading), he expected them to discover the true spiritual bread, which is the abundance of God's love and mercy.

Jesus asked the crowd today not to chase the bread that cannot last but to work for the food that endures to eternal life. The food that endures for eternal life is the Body of Christ that thoroughly leads us to experience God's love.

This weekend, our community accompanies the children who are receiving their First Communion. We are delighted with them as they not only take the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time but also concretely experience the foundational aspect of eternal life, which is God's bountiful love in taking the Real Body and Blood of Christ.

Please pray for the children who are enjoying unity with the Lord today at their First Communion. With our children in the First Communion, let us continue to strive to obtain the spiritual food that lasts forever.

Peace,

Fr. Minje

A Word from Pope Francis



God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 21, 2024

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 2	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 3	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
Sun 4	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
	10.30am Baptism; 11.30am Baptism, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
	5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

NEXT WEEK

Mon 5	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Tues 6	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
	3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Francis Room Parish Office
Wed 7	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 10:00am Adoration, St. Mary's
	8:30am Rosary, NO MASS at 9.00am St. Brigid's, Rosewood
	10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office
Thurs 8	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
	6:00pm Mass, St. Boniface Church, Marburg
Fri 9	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights
	10:30am Funeral of Trevor Badke, St. Joseph's
	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: David O'Connor, William Wilkie, Trevor Badke, Desmond Sanewski.

Anniversaries: John Michael Green, Sebastian Lafaele, Raymundo and Antonia Campomayor, Suzanne Wilkie, Tom Kelly, Malcolm Stevenson, Jackie Ridley, Edgar Bourke, Ted Gardner, Mary Person, Frank Noonan, Thomas Noonan, Annie Heffernan, Ian Sutherland, Frank Hennessy 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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	1 Kings 19.4-8
Psalm	34
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4.30-5.2
Gospel	John 6.41-51

MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION

Wednesday 14th August

6:00pm Vigil, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt

Thursday 15th August

9:00am St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich

9:00am St. Mary's Church, Woodend

6:00pm St. Mary's Church, Woodend



Our Next Monthly Mass

Thursday, 8th August at 6.00pm

Our smaller church communities celebrate Mass once a month. Everyone is welcome to come along!

St. Boniface Church

Owens Street,
Marburg, Qld 4306



PARISHIONER REFLECTION

The readings for the past few weeks have been about soil and seeds. We can apply these images to our own lives and how we receive the Word of God, whether at Mass or elsewhere. When the seed falls on these places, what happens:

- Paths - we hear the Word, but it is lost in the journey of life.
- Rocks - the Word sprouts in us, but we don't have the support system to keep it growing, so it withers.
- Thorns - the Word sprouts and grows, but has to compete with the "weeds" of life and does not reach its potential.
- Good soil - we hear the Word; keep it in our lives, and it bears fruit for ourselves and others.

So what kind of "soil" are we bringing to Mass each Sunday to receive the seed of the Word, and what happens to that seed after we go home?

The reading for Saturday 27th is about the owner letting weeds and wheat grow together till the harvest, then the weeds will be removed first and burnt, but the wheat can be harvested safely after the danger of being uprooted is over. God does allow some "weeds of humanity" to grow till the final harvest, but we have to try to be wheat, not weeds.



Judith Holznagel, Rosewood

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres Congregation Vocation Discernment Day

Christian Vocation plays a significant part in Christian Faith. Listening to God's Call to find True Happiness and Life Fulfillment is an art in a Christian's faith journey.

SPC Sisters invite all the youth to come to the Vocation Discernment event where you can study more about how to listen to God's Call and discover your true Vocation. The event will create a chance for you to encounter Fr. Gerry Kalinowski, Moyra and Mick Carroll, and Sr. Maria Goretti Tran SPC who will share their different vocation journeys and how they have been living their vocations in God's Grace. Moreover, you will have space for reflection, group sharing and asking your discerning questions.

Venue: St. Paul Convent - 12 Fedrick St., Boronia Heights, QLD 4124

Time: 24th August 2024 from 09:00AM to 05:00 PM

Attendants: Youth from 16 - 40 years old

Cost: Free with meal provided. Please confirm your attendance by sending email to spc.au.info@gmail.com



VOCATION DISCERNMENT
Allow yourself to listen to God's call
and discover your true Christian Vocation

24 August, 2024 | 09:00AM-05:00PM

FR. GERRY KALINOWSKI
Fr. Gerry is the pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, the altar has been the spiritual director of the Queensland seminary.

MOYRA & MICK CARROLL
Moyra and Mick are married for 20 years. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. They are both active members in their local church.

Sr. MARIA GORETTI TRAN SPC
Sr. Maria is a Sister of St. Paul de Chartres. She is also a Religious, St. Paul's member of St. Paul's International College, NSW.

Open to ages 15 - 40
Free event with Lunch provided
RSVP via email by 20th August 2024 at
spc.au.info@gmail.com
More information at www.srpcaustralia.org.au

St. Paul Convent
12 Fedrick St, Boronia Heights, QLD 4124
Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres

NEWS & UPDATES

LET'S BLESS THE PARISH CENTRE!

On Sunday 25th August the new Parish Centre will be blessed following the 9am Mass.

Everyone is invited to the 9am Mass and blessing of the Parish Centre.



Save
the
Date

We continue 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.

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".

ATRIUM



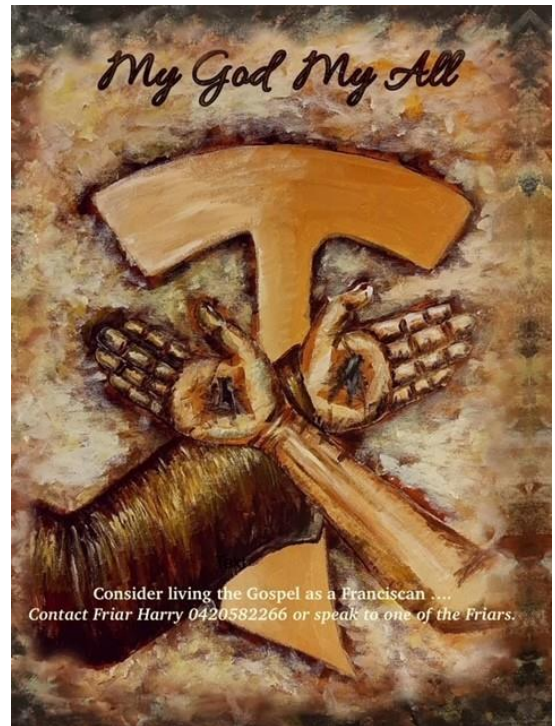
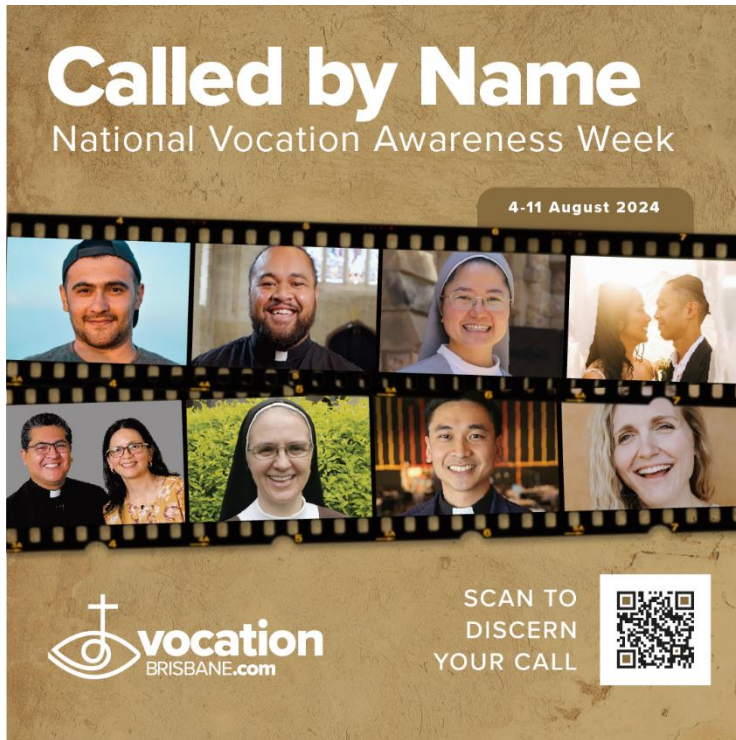
Last week I had the pleasure of sharing the symbols of Baptism with the year ones from Immaculate Heart of Mary Leichhardt. I was amazed at their knowledge and understanding of the purpose of Baptism and how the deeper meaning of the symbols are part of their everyday life. Thank you to the teachers for your invitation to be with the Year Ones.

Baptism is an immense gift. Young children who have already been baptised as infants need to become aware of this gift they have received as soon as possible. They need to be given the opportunity to contemplate and enjoy the gift already at work within them. And young children who come to the atrium who have not yet been baptised also need to know about the gift of Baptism. They too need to become aware of the great desire of the risen Christ to share his life and light with us in a most particular way through Baptism.

For more information about the Atrium visit: <https://ipswichcatholic.com/faith-in-action/formation/the-atrium/>
Bernadette McAndrew.

National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week in August, coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In 2024, National Vocations Awareness Week is being celebrated from August 4-11.



2024 Annual Catholic Campaign

Our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all the parishes in the archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

We have had the fortune of having seminarians in recent years, and priests who have benefited from the funds raised by Catholic Campaign.

In addition, our past priests, some of whom have retired, are also supported by the campaign.

We thank you for your gifts and may all those who give be blessed!



Thank you for your support!



Because of you, six Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund students could graduate Year twelve in 2023.

Your support also made it possible to award 21 new bursaries in 2024.



With your gift, you have given women and children fleeing domestic violence a safe space.

Because of you, they look forward to a brighter and safer future.



At the end of 2023, nine priests retired from active ministry.

Your support helped to provide a modest home and basic healthcare in their retirement.



Holy Spirit Seminary welcomed three young men to the transitional diaconate in 2023.

Through your gifts, we were blessed to ordain four new priests for in 2024.