

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

11th August 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Katalin Karikó, a Hungarian American biochemist, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine last year for her contributions to mRNA technology, which was used in COVID vaccines. Although she was celebrated as one of the heroes of COVID vaccine development in 2023, her path to the prize is marked by more hardships than successes. She was demoted four times at a university in the US, which left her emotionally exhausted.



In an interview after the Nobel Prize ceremony, she shared how often she had been frustrated by some great challenges, but she said that what kept her going was the positive aspects of her life. She noted that one of the great positives was the support and accompaniment of her colleagues. Their encouragement gave her confidence and allowed her to openly share her worries, concerns, and suggestions for new experiments.

Similar to Katalin, we encounter Prophet Elijah, who was deeply exhausted and on the verge of giving up everything in the first reading. He even seemed to depreciate his life and achievements, feeling himself no better than his ancestors. In his moment of despair, God sent an angel to provide him with food and drink. What Elijah received was not just nourishment but a profound sense of God's support through these provisions. This divine accompaniment drove him to regain his confidence and motivation, enabling him to continue his journey to the mountain of God.

We all face moments similar to Elijah's, in today's reading. We may not always feel accompanied or motivated, but we can always find the great sign of the support and encouragement of God in the food and drink provided by our Lord Jesus. As Prophet/Saint Elijah intercedes for us in prayer today, let us savour our Lord's full accompaniment during the reception of His Body and Blood at Mass and move forward joyously afterwards toward the new journey placed ahead of us.

Blessings,

Fr. Minje

STAFFING - After **Fr Phillip Miscamble ofm, Minister Provincial** nominated **Fr Mario Debattista** to live and minister part-time in the Parish, **the Archbishop has appointed** Fr Mario to the Ipswich Catholic Community to live here and to help out when possible. Fr Mario will, as a priority, be assisting in Franciscan Parishes (as required) to enable Friar-Pastors to take leave and long service leave. He will be with us till late next year. So, we welcome Mario and look forward to his ministry with us.

Stephen ofm

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

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
	2:00pm Wedding of Rachael & Juan 4:30pm Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
Sat 10	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 11	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, St Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

NEXT WEEK

Mon 12	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
Tues 13	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church
	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 10:00am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, 9.00am Mass, St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office 6:00pm Mass (Assumption Vigil), Immaculate Heart Church
Wed 14	
Thurs 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich 6:00pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 1:00pm Wedding of Dorita & Jean Paul 6:30pm Connect Primary, St. Mary's Primary School Hall 6:30pm Connect High, St. Mary's College Hall
Fri 16	



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PARISH PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: David O'Connor, William Wilkie, Suzanne Wilkie, Trevor Badke, Desmond Sanewski.

Anniversaries: Alvezio Marmotta, Raymundo and Antonia Campomayor, John Michael Green, Sebastian Lafaele, Raymundo and Antonia Campomayor, , Tom Kelly, Malcolm Stevenson, Jackie Ridley, Edgar Bourke, Ted Gardner 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."

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MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34

2nd Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel John 6:51-58

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



The Assumption refers to Mary, "free from the taint of original sin," being assumed (taken up) into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on August 15 each year, celebrates this Church teaching. The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation

What are Holy Days of Obligation and when are they?

"Holy Days of Obligation" are special occasions on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (#2185).

Aside from every Sunday of the year, there are two "Holy Days of Obligation" in Australia. These are Christmas Day (25 December) and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August). These two holy days are to be observed each year, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall.

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Next weekend, 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 who have retired, are also supported by the campaign.

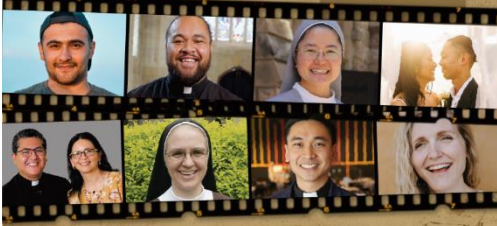
Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

4-11 August 2024



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National Vocations Awareness Week finishes this weekend and is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning one of these vocations. This time in the Church's calendar coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney. This year, National Vocations Awareness Week is celebrated from 4 – 11 August.

We believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people. Pope Francis said in 2019, our vocation "teaches us that our life is not a fluke but rather a gift: that of being God's beloved

children, gathered in the great family of the Church."

National Vocations Awareness Week is a time for every Christian to ask these important questions:

Where is God calling me in my journey through life?

Who am I called to journey with?

In what spirit should I receive the gifts and challenges of life?

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray that more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia.

Vocations Prayer

"Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" - Pope Francis

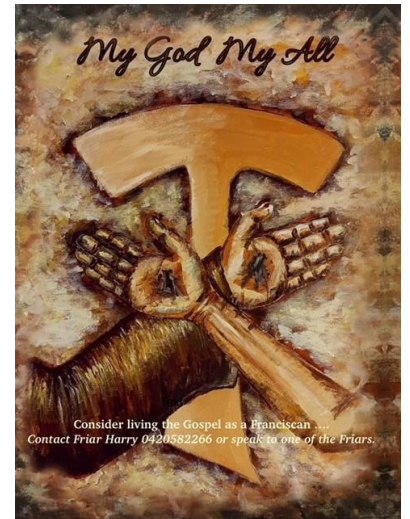
O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations,

and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church,

we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will

love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen



Consider living the Gospel as a Franciscan... Contact Friar Harry 0420 582266 or speak to one of the friars.

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For the past 3 years, the archdiocese has been working with parishes to develop more efficient and contemporary ways to reach parishioners and visitors. We are excited to announce a new partnership between Flocknote and the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries.

With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. Over the next few weeks, we will be launching our online registration form so parishioner families and visitors can sign up and stay connected.

We have been using Flocknote in the Ipswich Catholic Community for about 8 years, and it is working well! We look forward to sharing a bit more about how Flocknote is keeping our parish connected!

"Tell me. Suppose a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays; will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go in search of the stray?"

~ Matthew 18:12

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres Congregation

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.

Venue: St. Paul Convent - 12 Fedrick St., Boronia Heights, QLD 4124 **Time:** 24/08/24 09:00AM to 05:00 PM

Attendants: Youth from 16 - 40 years old **Cost:** Free with meal provided. **RSVP -** spc.au.info@gmail.com

NEWS & UPDATES

LET'S BLESS THE PARISH CENTRE!

On Sunday 25th August the new Parish Centre will be blessed by Fr. Phillip Miscamble ofm, Minister Provincial following the 9am Mass. Everyone is invited to the 9am Mass and blessing of the Parish Centre.

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 donate, 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. Phone Ross Cruice on 3288 6105 or 0437 114 598 or the College on 3810 4400".

Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal - Support women to lift their families and communities out of poverty. More women and girls need this support to break the cycle of poverty. You can create real change for women like Memory. Donate online at: www.caritas.org.au

Connect Youth

As we enter term 3, we are further growing upon our theme for 2024, 'Together We Soar'. For us to be together, and to soar we need to have a solid and meaningful relationship with Jesus. For a young person, there are a multitude of types of relationships. Young people primarily experience relationships through friendship, family and dating. This term we are highlighting the need to have relationships that have Jesus at the core, to love like Jesus and to be a friend like Jesus.

As leaders we are called and challenged to not just say but also guide and lead by example. It is important that we illustrate that being surrounded by people who make you a better person and lead you closer to Jesus, are the people you want in your life. Through journeying through relationships with a young person we aim for all of them to grow their relationship with Jesus across this term. Relationships with God are different for each of us because each person is so blessed to have their own unique and special relationship with God.

I pray for all members of our parish that they deepen their relationship with Jesus and inspire our young people of the greatness that comes with having a relationship with Jesus.

Stewart England – Youth Coordinator

What is it that you see when you look in the mirror?

St. Clare reminds us that each and every time we look in the mirror, we should be seeing the face of Christ. We should be seeing Christ because it is in our daily words and actions that we are being the hands and feet of Jesus into the image of God himself through contemplation!

Take a few moments to think about your week this week.

What is that you have said and done that reflects Christ in our World today?

When you look in the mirror do you see humility?

Do you see kindness? Do you see love? Do you see a helper?

Do you see the face of Jesus looking back at you?

PRAYER TO ST CLARE: "Teach me to value the things that are really important in life, things like love of God and love for my family and friends. Help me to remember the needs of other people, especially those who don't have as much as I do. Help me to see Jesus when I look in the mirror. Help me to live my life like him. Saint Clare, you and Saint Francis were great friends. You helped each other to become holy. Teach me how to be a good friend to others, so that I too can live as Jesus wants me to. AMEN"

