

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
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

18th August 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I believe I've visited every Korean restaurant in Sunnybank to try one of my favourite Korean dishes, spicy pork soup, which originates from my hometown. However, I can't say that all the restaurants in Sunnybank serve authentic Korean pork soup. That's because some of them alter the original flavour to cater to non-Koreans or those who can't eat extremely spicy food. Yet, there is one particular Korean restaurant, which offers a taste almost identical to what you'd find in my hometown. Whenever I have the pork soup at this restaurant, it almost feels like I'm back in my hometown. Still, no Korean can deny that the best place to enjoy pork soup is where it originated—my hometown.



This weekend, we walk with Jesus, who introduces His flesh and blood as the REAL food and REAL drink. Jesus could have used various words to describe His flesh, such as lovely or great, but He chooses the word REAL. This choice emphasises the authenticity and origin of what He offers us. First, the Body of Christ is the REAL spiritual food because of Jesus's REAL presence in it. Second, the origin of this REAL spiritual food known as the Eucharist—is Jesus Himself. No other place can provide this REAL food, and nothing can substitute it. Just as the authentic taste of the soup connects me to my roots, the Eucharist connects us to the very source of our spiritual life, grounding us in a relationship with Christ that is REAL, transformative, and life-giving.

As we gather this weekend again to receive the Eucharist, let us remind ourselves that we are partaking in something profoundly REAL. Just as the authentic taste of spicy pork soup connects me to my birthplace, the REAL presence of Christ in the Eucharist brings us into our REAL origin, that is the REAL Love of God. In a world filled with substitutions and imitations, the Eucharist stands as the true sustenance for our souls, grounding us in the unchanging love of Christ. May we embrace this REAL food with grateful hearts, knowing that it is through this sacred meal that we are nourished, transformed, and united with our Lord in a way that nothing else can offer.

Peace,

Fr. Minje

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 16	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
Sat 17	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 18	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 19	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
Tues 20	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
	10:30am Funeral of Joyce Hill, Eastern Heights
	3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church
Wed 21	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
Thurs 22	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Fri 23	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights
	10:30am Wedding of Chelsea & Chris
	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: Joyce Hill, Raphael Illiparambil

Anniversaries: Peter Ward, Kevin Maguire, Josefa Campion, Marie Toner, Margaret Sheils, Alvezio Marmotta, 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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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic



Contact the Parish Office



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm	34
2nd Reading	Ephesians 4.32-5.1-2, 21-32
Gospel	John 6.53, 60-69

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SEPTEMBER SIGNUP!

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.

Our Parish has been using Flocknote for about 8 years, and many will be familiar with it.

During September, Archbishop Mark Coleridge is promoting a September Signup for Flocknote, but you don't need to wait until September.

Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link (<https://ipswich.flocknote.com/register>) or QR code to sign up and register with the parish. If you are



already signed up (many of you will be) there will be an opportunity for you to update your contact details and add your family members (like the old-style parish census form.)

If you have any questions, please see a priest, or speak with the Parish office.

"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

LET'S BLESS OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE!

The new Parish Centre will be opened and blessed on Sunday 25 August at 10.00am by the Priests of the Parish and Fr Phillip Miscamble ofm, Minister Provincial of the Franciscan Friars.

The Centre will be used for all the Parish - so I invite Parishioners from all parts of the Parish to gather from the different Masses and different locations. It might be located in Woodend but it is for use of everyone. Parishioners from Rosewood, North Ipswich, Leichhardt, Eastern Heights and beyond are welcome.



Please bring a plate of 'goodies' to share for Morning Tea.

Stephen ofm



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Annual Catholic Campaign: 17 - 18 August 2024

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2024

Today, Jesus speaks to us about the essential elements of life: food and drink. But his words go beyond physical sustenance. He declares himself as the "living bread" and his blood as "real drink," pointing to the deeper, spiritual nourishment we need to truly flourish. Jesus isn't advocating for another diet but emphasising the spiritual food and drink necessary for eternal life—the fullness of life that surpasses mere survival. This Eucharistic language highlights the transformative power of the bread and wine, which become his body and blood, urging us to become what we consume: the body broken, and blood poured out for the world's salvation.

The Annual Catholic Campaign embodies this sacrificial love. It calls us to support the Church's mission through our sacrifices, which, in turn, become part of Christ's sacrifice for the world. Our contributions enable the Church to extend Christ's love and support to those in need.

Key initiatives of the campaign include:

1. Mary MacKillop Catholic Education Fund: Providing access to Catholic education for students from struggling families, offering them the chance to thrive.
2. Centacare's Pastoral Ministries: Offering support to victims of domestic violence, the homeless, troubled families, and those in prisons and hospitals.
3. Holy Spirit Seminary: Supporting the formation of future priests and caring for retired or ill priests through the Priests Foundation.
4. Annual Grants Program: Funding grassroots ministries and parish outreach programs to make the Church more missionary.
5. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre: Expanding facilities and programs to enhance prayer and spiritual growth within the Archdiocese.

These efforts are the practical manifestations of our Eucharistic commitment to become the body broken and blood poured out for others. As we partake in the Eucharist, we are called to discern and embrace the will of the Lord, recognising our role in his sacrifice and mission. Let us respond generously to the Annual Catholic Campaign, understanding that our support helps the Church to live out its mission, bringing Christ's love and fullness of life to all.

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.

FRANCISCAN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA



There are over 120 schools in Australia with an influence of the Franciscan Charism. Each year, the Franciscan Schools Australia [FSA] offer formation and support to these schools. Fr Stephen is the National Co-Ordinator of FSA, and this week we will be offering a three-day Conference in Brisbane for delegates from these schools. Over 60 people will attend the Conference - Fr Stephen and Mrs Alison Stone are facilitating the input. Check out the FSA website for details - <https://franschools.au/> If you'd like to know more, have a chat with Fr Stephen.

OUR ATRIUM

We have commenced sessions for term 3 for the Atrium. It is wonderful to welcome the children back and we look forward to spending time exploring together the wonders of God's Word. This term our focus is on the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and we have many activities that will broaden the children's knowledge of their encounter with Jesus when we celebrate the Eucharist.



We begin orientating the children to the different colours they will see in the Church during the various Seasons of the Church. The children will work with materials once they have been presented with the event of the Last Supper. As they grow into this work they will be given the opportunity to use materials that synthesis the Liturgy of the Eucharist. A special thank you to the parents who support the work of the Atrium, and we are blessed and privileged to be with your children. Bernadette and Karen.



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

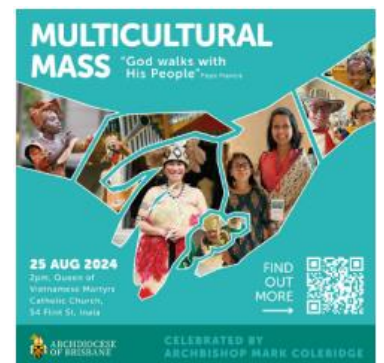
St Edmund's College Old Boys Golf Day - "St Edmund's College Old Boys Golf Day Sunday August 25, 2024 - 6.00 am Breakfast. 6.30 am Tee Off. Sandy Gallop Golf Club, Lobb Street, Churchill 18 hole, 4 Ball Ambrose Cost \$40.00 Raffle Ticket, Breakfast, a Hamburger Lunch and Complimentary Drink (Beer or 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

Multicultural Mass – Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass. This year's Mass will be held at 2pm on Sunday 25 August, recognising 2024's theme for World Day of Migrant and Refugees "God walks with his people" and will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Note a new date and venue for 2024!

We'll be gathering at the brand new Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church in Inala. Cultural performances, refreshments and activities for children will follow in the church grounds after Mass-all are invited, and all are welcome!

Find out more and register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MCMass24>



Romero Centre Welcome Walk - The Welcome Walk is the Romero Centre's major annual fundraiser, as well as an opportunity to welcome people seeking asylum in Brisbane. This year's event will take place on Sunday the 25th of August at 8am in Davies Park at West End. Participants have the option of walking 3km or 6km along the Brisbane River. Stay around for food and coffee, cultural performances and a variety of market stalls. All funds raised go towards the Romero Centre's work supporting people seeking asylum with case coordination, food relief, housing support, employment support, English classes, social engagement and emergency relief.

Find out more and register at: <https://www.mycause.com.au/events/welcomewalk2024>