

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
Assistant Priest: Fr. Mario Debattista ofm
Operations Manager: Benjamin Leschke

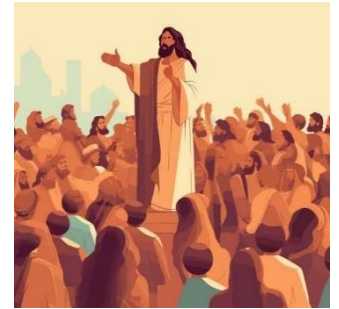
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

1st September 2024

Dear Parishioners,

In my ministry, I come across many people who struggle at times with differences in understanding 'law' and respecting one's 'values'. It can be a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal...



Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe – imagine! Referred to as “a hedge around the law,” such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticised.

Jesus immediately came to their defence. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behaviour. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure. Are there 'things' that you find hard to let go of? What Christian values do you try to live? What is the most challenging, and why?



A big Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in the Parish – thanks for your great witness and all you do for your family ~ may St Joseph bless you always!

Have a good week,

Fr. Stephen ofm

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 30	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 6:00pm St. Edmunds Mother's Mass, St. Mary's Church
Sat 31	8:00am Mass, St. Michael's 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
Sun 01	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 10:00am Blessing of Ashes of Wilfred & Eileen Freeman, St. Mary's 10.30am Baptisms, St Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

NEXT WEEK

Mon 02	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend 10:30am Funeral Bernice Doughty, St. Mary's Church
Tues 03	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm NO Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church
Wed 04	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 10:30am Funeral Peter McAndrew, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Thur 05	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Mass, Year 5, St. Joseph's Church
Fri 06	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights



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PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased

Peter McAndrew, Bernice Doughty,
Colleen Freeman, Joyce Hill.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Leschke (nee O'Reilly), Mary O'Keeffe, Ralph Morgan, Margaret, Sanewski family, Agnes Acutt, Alvezio Marmotta, Michael John Green, Lionel Elmore, Mary Stokes, Mary Kelly, Stuart MacFarlane and for those in our Book of Life.

"Heavenly Father, you have not made us for darkness and death, but for life with you for ever. Without you we have nothing to hope for; with you we have nothing to fear. Speak to us now your words of eternal life. Lift us from anxiety and guilt to the light and peace of your presence, and set the glory of your love before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Peter McAndrew

Late of Flinders View

Died peacefully at Princess Alexandra Hospital 27th August 2024, aged 69 years.

Much loved husband of Bernadette, loved father and father-in-law of Paul and Yvonne, Simon and Melanie, Scott and Katie, loving Poppa to Elijah, Hamish, Eleanor, Clara, Harrison, and Niamh. Loved brother of Adeline Bradbury and son-in-law of Patricia Cullen.

Family and friends are invited to attend Peter's funeral mass to be held at 10.30am Wednesday 4th September 2024 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elizabeth Street, Ipswich.

In lieu of flowers donations to Lisa's Lunches Palliative Care Boxes would be greatly appreciated.



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MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Isaiah 35.4-7
Psalm	146
2nd Reading	James 2.1-5
Gospel	Mark 7.31-37

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR COMMUNITY

This weekend is the start of the new roster for weekend Masses, spanning September, October, and November. Our 7 Roster Coordinators (one person from each Mass) have been working with Parish Staff to clean up our roster system to ensure it reflects those volunteers who serve in each ministry. This group of people, our **'Ministry Roster Team'** are working together to better understand safeguarding requirements for each ministry, manage the weekend rosters and to determine the best way they can serve volunteers in our parish community.

There are quite a few incorrect perceptions around the parish with respect to what safeguarding requirements are for each ministry, and often those wishing to volunteer are given incorrect information by other volunteers; especially those who are already volunteering in different areas of the church (Centacare, BCE, Vinnie, Rosies). Each area of the church has different requirements.

Recently staff and priests have been caught up for several hours clearing up incorrect information (provided by other volunteers), and this has taken staff/priests away from other pastoral activities. Some of these interactions have been rude and unkind. For all volunteer enquiries, please either speak directly with the Roster Coordinator for your Mass or contact the Parish Office. If you can't speak in person, please use our online enquiry form.

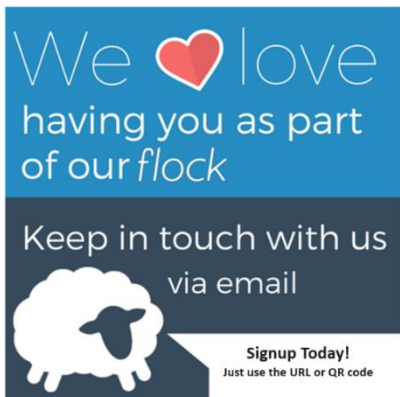
<https://ipswichcatholic.com/volunteer>

Salesians of Don Bosco - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers



The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and is centred around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands.

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/> Applications close October 31st, 2024. Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project. Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



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***

OUR PARISH CENTRE



Last Sunday, Fr. Phillip with Fr. Stephen, Fr. Minje, Fr. Mario, and around 80 people) gathered to bless the new Parish Centre. Thank you to those who attended, and those who have supported the work we have undertaken to make this space new! A few special mentions....

Isaac McKew, one of our youth leaders spent dozens of hours in his own time fitting the kitchen for us. Thank you Isaac, the work you have put into the centre has been of great benefit to all of us, and we appreciate the personal time you dedicated to have everything ready for us!

Maree Coyne & Yvonne O'Brien, both have spent hours upon hours setting the centre up, and getting things organised over the last couple of months. They also hosted on Sunday, with the help of Philippa Parkes and a few others. Thank you to all who made Sunday possible.

May our new Parish Centre be a place of gatherings, blessings and hospitality.



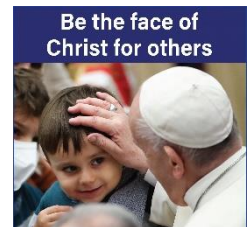
“May this IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PARISH CENTRE be a place within the entire Parish, where Your designs for our lives are wisely discerned, nurtured and celebrated. We ask Your blessings upon the Community of Communities which make up the Ipswich Catholic Community.”

Next Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday - The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday 2024 on the 8th September, at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts and makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, inviting people to pray for those harmed by abuse.

Ipswich Catholic Community Junior Choir - The ICC Junior Choir will be taking a little break until October due to Kathy being away for a couple of months. We will resume our Tuesday rehearsals on the 15th October.

A Catholic Mental Wellbeing morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details, please contact Judy Norris: Ph 3324 3193 or email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

Annual Catholic Campaign: 17 - 18 August 2024 - Thank you for your generous support – your gift of time and care is precious, and we truly appreciate all you do to support the people helped through the Annual Catholic Campaign. Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances



Youth Leaders Masterclass Reflection

A few weekends ago, I attended the Archdiocese’s Youth Leaders Masterclass. The theme for this Masterclass was ‘Engaging Gen Z and Gen Alpha’. The masterclass was a lovely day, to catch up with my other youth leader friends from all across the archdiocese and also to spend time in the presence of the Lord. The masterclass gave so much insight and perspective about young people today. It was a refreshing reminder for us to continue to meet young people where they are at, to offer modernised and engaging prayer experiences, and to make sure that relationship building is one of the most important aspects of my ministry. With my work in Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry, I’ve come to the realisation that as important and fantastic as it is for us to help grow, support and shape young people and students, that we are not always in their lives, but Jesus is. I am so blessed to have a lot of great support from Fr Stephen, Fr Minje and our whole parish, so my team and I are able to support and lead our young people on a path to a relationship with Jesus, because it is so essential that they know, that even though they won’t always have me, or the other leaders, that they will always have Jesus. *Stewart England, Youth Coordinator*



Faith Foundations Short Course - If you’ve wondered, What’s next? Or if you are looking for new ways to share, experience and learn about your faith with others, this is your chance to dip a toe in the water. This online course comprises six fortnightly workshops, conducted in real time so there’s plenty of opportunity for questions, discussion and connection. All from the convenience of home. Whether this is your first experience with faith formation, or a part of your ongoing education journey, you will enjoy the contemporary approaches of our qualified teachers, lively discussion, and the opportunity to follow up with personal reading and videos that will expand your understanding of the Bible. The course is designed to cater for a

range of learners, for those who are new to reading the Scriptures and for those ready to take the next step and dig deeper. Six course dates available from 14th September. All sessions are held on Saturdays, 9-11am online.

For more information and to sign up:

Call: 07 3324 3485 or Email: ife@bne.catholic.net.au or visit: <https://ife.qld.edu.au/parish/>



Season of Creation - All are invited to the annual Season of Creation Mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral. Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our Common home. Our well-being is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth, and we rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common

home and all who share it. This year the theme for the season is ‘To hope and act with Creation’. There are many other events and ways to engage with the Season of Creation and resources available. For more information contact: beache@bne.catholic.net.au