

**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

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year B****8<sup>th</sup> September 2024****Dear Parishioners,**

As we gather for Masses this weekend, the first phase of the Archdiocesan Synod will have concluded – it will reconvene in a month when decisions and recommendations will be made. You'll recall the process of the Synod began several years ago with consultation. We had three 'consultation sessions' in the Parish and outcomes of these discussion were forwarded to the planning committee.

The Synod, I hope, is a template and a model for engagement, discernment and decision-making process which we were all called too some 60 years ago by the Second Vatican Council. In theory the Synod is a process of prayer, discussion and discernment which honestly looks at how we are being Church today and how we might continue to move ahead like the disciples did on the road to Emmaus – on that journey their hearts were stirred .... We, parishioners of the Ipswich Catholic Community, need to allow our hearts to be stirred on how we can credibly live the Gospel today.

How can we allow our hearts to be stirred? .... Where is our enthusiasm for living as people of faith?

The church cannot be fully itself without the engagement of all the faithful to her mission. So, the challenge we have is to embrace our faith – it is not just for the priests, religious and all the holy Parishioners. Our faith reminds us that we are all called, and we all have a responsibility – I think over the years we have forgotten this aspect of faith and we have become an elite group, and we have left so many behind. The Synod calls all of us to embrace the "I believe" statement we say each week and live this in an authentic way here and now.

I certainly agree with Pope Francis and Archbishop Mark in believing that a synodal church is about "how we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus in the world. Our prayer sends us out together to build community, to serve one another with generosity and integrity in our everyday lives".

The Incarnation means the word became flesh and Jesus wants his teaching to become a lived reality, to become enfleshed in our world, to leap out from the page and into our lives. Today and tomorrow, we can make this happen! May we continue to pray for each other,

**Fr. Stephen ofm****PARISH CALENDAR****THIS WEEKEND**

<b>Fri 06</b>	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 4:30pm Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
<b>Sat 07</b>	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 08</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 10.30am Baptisms, St Mary's Church, Woodend 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>Mon 09</b>	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend 11:00am Funeral, Tom Greenwood, Warrill Park Chapel
<b>Tues 10</b>	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 10:30am Funeral, Margaret Bool, St. Mary's Church
<b>Wed 11</b>	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
<b>Thur 12</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 10:30am Funeral, Sharon Olsen, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 6:00pm Mass, St. Boniface's Church, Marburg
<b>Fri 13</b>	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights

**Archdiocese of Brisbane Leadership's commitment to Safeguarding**

Bishop Tim Norton recently completed the safeguarding leadership program offered by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. The program focuses on the importance of effective leadership in safeguarding to promote a safer organisational environment. The key message Bishop Tim took from the program is that leadership in safeguarding is fundamental to creating and maintaining a safe environment for everyone involved in Church ministries and services...

While he is confident Archdiocesan ministries and services are safe, Bishop Tim says there is always room for improvement, and no room for complacency. He encourages Archdiocesan leaders including Parish Priests, Executives and those who lead ministries and services, particularly those involving children and vulnerable adults, to promote safeguarding practices.

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## PARISH PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Sharon Olsen, Peter McAndrew, Bernice Doughty, Tom Greenwood.

**Anniversaries:** Sam Dickfoss, Betty & Tom Sudgen, Kathleen Leschke (nee O'Reilly), Mary O'Keeffe and for those in our Book of Life.



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*"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."*

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[ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic](http://ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic)



Contact the Parish Office



### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Isaiah 50.5-9
Psalm	116
2nd Reading	James 2.14-18
Gospel	Mark 8.27-35

## September 8, 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphathe!" -that is, "Be opened!" -And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. Mark 7:33-35*

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus healing this deaf and mute man. If you ever feel as though God cannot use you, call to mind the way in which our Lord worked this miracle. If God can use His finger and His saliva, He certainly can use you, no matter how unworthy or sinful you may be. This miracle shows us That God can use all things for His glory for the simple reason that He is God. Humble yourself and offer yourself to God to use you as He wills. Doing so will give God the opportunity to manifest His almighty power through you.

## SAINTS GUIDE US TO GOD



The saints lived lives marked by the promise of liberation that Jesus brings forth through his life, death, and resurrection. They became vessels of God's hope to God's people. They allowed themselves to be transformed by the truth of Scripture, practicing the traditions and teachings of our faith in a way that welcomed all people to the table. As a universal Church, we can learn from these three holy people how to love our neighbour, make space for others, and live daily lives marked by the love of the Gospel.

The lives of the saints beckon us onto the road to Emmaus. They draw us into the conversation of faith, life, and the ways in which we can love each other and, in doing so, love God. They draw us out of isolation, indifference, and darkness to walk along a road that leads us to a table where everyone is welcomed to come and break bread with the Messiah.

—from *St. Anthony Messenger's "Our Saints, Ourselves"*  
by Vanesa Zuleta Goldberg

### ORDINARY TIME

Although it might come as a surprise, Ordinary Time is not called "ordinary" based on its level of importance. The origin of the name Ordinary Time comes from the Latin word ordinalis, which means "numbered."

Ordinary Time, which occurs between Christmas and Lent then between Easter and Advent, signifies a numbered (or ordered) list of Sundays that anchor our daily lives in the Catholic Church.



### Our Next Monthly Mass

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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





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

SAFEGUARDING



Ipswich Catholic Community and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

*Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.*

*We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support,*

*So that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

*Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.*

*We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever,*

Amen

**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.

**Atrium** – The term has ended at the Atrium. The new term start date will be announced in due course.

**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](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary or more are warmly invited to attend this year's Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Family and friends are also welcome, and the Cathedral car park will be available on the day.



**When:** Saturday 28 September 2024 at 11:30am

**Where:** The Cathedral of St Stephen

**Please RSVP by Wednesday 25 September** via email: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or by phone on 33243030



**When:** Monday, 30 September at 10am – 2pm

**Where:** St. Catherine's Catholic Church, 3356 Moggill Road, Moggill  
Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge.

To register your attendance at the event please email: [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3324 3632 and you will be sent an RSVP form.

Please RSVP on or before Tuesday 24 September

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:beache@bne.catholic.net.au)