

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

22nd September 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday at the St Mary's College "Long Lunch", Stephanie Shannon OAM, one of our parishioners' from Eastern Heights Mass Centre, was awarded The St Mary's College Mercy Medal. Steph's acceptance speech is shared below to help us all realise we have an impact on others, and we offer goodness through our living the Gospel here in Ipswich.

The Ipswich Catholic Community congratulate Steph on receiving the Mercy Medal from St Mary's College.

Stephen ofm



ACCEPTANCE RESPONSE 2024 MERCY MEDAL



Greetings one and all as I look out on a sea of lovely faces so many familiar. It is with humility and gratitude that I accept the 2024 Medal of Mercy. Beside me are many fellow volunteers who have shared the fruits of my achievements through the giving of their skills, talents and time and by their influences they have enriched and empowered the lives of many vulnerable children.

One of my favourite and much-referenced words on ageing come from the pen of Celtic writer John O'Donohue. He writes – 'In the positive sense, ageing becomes a time for visiting the temple of your memory and integrating your life. It is part of the process of reflection that gives depth to the experience, it's capturing 'the meaning' of the experience and harvesting it'



At 84 years of age, I qualify to enter such an arena! I recall a very different era when I commenced at St Mary's Infant School in 1945 – the post WW2 recession years. I can vividly recall Sister Mary Mel remembering her long sea voyage from her beloved Ireland with 60 other Novitiatees, all destined to teach in the truly Catholic Mercy tradition.

Times were tough for families, but communities were strong. Shopping and supplies were through Government issued ration book coupons. Food purchased for families often was depleted before the next ration coupon was able to be generated. Essential needs were met, our 'wants' were our dreams.

No credit cards in that era! Household linen, clothing and other household items and utensils were purchased on 'lay buy' – paid off on Pension days and goods delivered only when fully paid off. Children's clothing and shoes were so very often passed down from older siblings or shared with family friends, mothers were skilled at dress making as well as being financially adept at 'making ends meet!' Vegetables were grown in the back yard and most households had chooks and ducks to supply eggs for eating and cooking. What we lacked in material resources was by far out measured by family love, strength of Faith and strength of supporting communities.

The seeds of the Mercy core values of respect, compassion, acceptance and support were planted and nurtured throughout our lives ~ holding us anchored through our days of bleakness of life and disappointments and turmoil. To balance this was the human capacity in the face of adversity and the solace that our Faith and belief in God provides. Allow me to finish with the words of another famous Irish poet William Yates ~ somewhat as an analogy:

*"Had I the heaven's embroidered cloths, enwrought with golden and silver light, the blue and the dim and the dark clothes, of night and light and the half-light, I would spread the clothes under your feet:
But I, being poor have only my dreams; I have spread my dreams under your feet; Tread softly because you tread on my dreams."*



I thank you for listening. Go gently and may your blessings be many.

Steph (Eastern Heights Community)



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PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 20 9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights

4:30pm Mass, Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

Sat 21
5:30pm Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
6:00pm Mass Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights

7:30am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich
8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood

Sun 22 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 23 9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend

Tues 24
9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
3:30pm NO Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church

Wed 25
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 of Lyla Clem

Thurs 26 9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend

Fri 27 9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights



Our next monthly mass at St Michael's Church, Pine Mountain is Saturday 28th September at 8am



A VOCATION VIEW – 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus says,
"If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all", many people could immediately turn and walk away.

Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

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PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Lyla Clem, Sharon Olsen, Margaret Bool, Tom Greenwood.

Anniversaries: Frances Elmore, Anne Lennan, Khalil El Alam, Dorothy Leathem, Margaret Long, Neal Crozier, Desley Briggs, Delma Winks, Joan Hearn, Colin Flood and those in our Book of Life.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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Contact the Parish Office



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm	19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
2nd Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE & FLOCKNOTE

SEPTEMBER SIGNUP!

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.



We ♥ love

having you as part of our flock

Keep in touch with us via email

Signup Today!

Just use the URL or QR code

PAUSE + PRAY – PARENTING PRAYER

Reflect

When my life is lacking simplicity or discipline, whenever it feels chaotic, I sometimes fantasize about living like a monk or a friar. In this, however, is also a tendency of mine to spiritualize some tasks or lifestyles and not others. What if I were to approach my everyday tasks as a parent through the spiritual lens of a monk? This prayer is not only for parents—it's for all who find themselves worn down by tasks that sometimes feel purposeless or monotonous.



Pray

We're mystics and monks, sentinels and saints. There's no glamour in our call, no glory to be gained as days blur together, as nights become harbors of interruptions but also invitations, for our liturgy is love. Our abbey bells are baby cries—we wake when we are called. We rise, we tend, we wait for calm to come again, for peace to enter in. These monastery mysteries—no one knows its inner life, yet day in, day out, year in, year out, we rise and let go just to rise and let go again, trusting our efforts will mostly go unnoticed yet will echo through eternity.

Act

When you find yourself worn down today with tasks that are perhaps monotonous or not very energizing, consider approaching that task as if it is its own prayer, its own invitation to pause, reflect, and practice discipline.

NEWS & UPDATES

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. Enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch. Contact Judy Norris: 3324 3193 or email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au



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 or call 3324 3632 and you will be sent an RSVP form. **Please RSVP on or before Tuesday 24 September**

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass - Couples who are celebrating their 50th 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 or by phone on 33243030



Marriage Encounter Weekend, 18th to 20th Oct 2024 @ Santa Teresa, Ormiston

Reconnect, rekindle and refresh your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a weekend for couples away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your couple relationship and revitalise this precious asset.



Our weekend gives couples the opportunity to focus on their relationship with their spouse. Priest and religious are also invited to focus on their relationship with their community. Listen to presenting team couples and priest give witness to the power of God within the married and priestly vocations.

Our next live-in weekend will be held from 7pm Friday evening 18 October to 4pm Sunday afternoon 20 October (including Sunday Mass). The venue is the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

To book go to the web site www.wwme.org.au or contact Joseph and Lisha Deseam on 0481 307 821 or via email qldbookings@wwme.org.au



A Faithful Promise: Catholic Marriage - Covenant and Calling

Presented by: Professor Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy

Dates: Four Tuesday evenings - 15, 22, and 29 October, and 12 November 2024

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM AEDT

Format: Online via Zoom

Each session stands alone, so you can enrol in any or all of them:

- Biblical and Theological Foundations - 15 October
- Marriage as Contract, Covenant, Sacrament - 22 October
- Living the Sacrament of Marriage: Unity, Indissolubility, and Openness to Life - 29 October
- Theology of Marriage in the Order of Celebrating Matrimony - 12 November

Cost: \$100 for the full course, or \$25 per session

Registration: www.acu.edu.au/marriage_short_course

Verse for Vinnies - Poetry Performance by Gregory North

Join Gregory North for an afternoon! A legendary poet from a Blue Mountain town. Known for his captivating chameleon characters and diverse range of performances—from his Snowy Man hats to his outrageous portrayal of Clancy—Gregory’s poetry is sure to amaze and astound. Expect a blend of humour, action, and pathos, delivered with a distinctive and memorable style.



Date: Sunday, 29 September 2024 at 1:30pm

Location: 67 Dawson Parade, Grovely

Cost: \$15 per person (includes afternoon tea)

All proceeds go to Vinnies, supporting those in need. Bring a friend and enjoy a delightful afternoon while supporting a great cause.

To book your seats, please contact Noel via email at noel@noelstallard.com

Faith Foundations Short Course - This online course comprises six fortnightly workshops, conducted in real time so there’s plenty of opportunity for questions, discussion and connection. 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. Dates available from 5th October.

For more information call: 07 3324 3485 or Email:

ife@bne.catholic.net.au or visit: <https://ife.qld.edu.au/parish/>



Season of Creation - The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family from around the world comes together to listen to and care for our common home.

The “Celebration” began on September 1st, the Feast of Creation, and concludes on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Join with the global Christian community in praying during the Season of Creation for the gift of hope and the courage to take action for the wellbeing of the whole Earth community.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Catholic Church
(70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053)
Saturday, 28th September 2024 at 9.30am

You can also catch up with like-minded persons over a cuppa – Bring your family and friends!

RSVP on or before Thursday, 26 September
Phone 3356 7155
Email stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

In the letter of Paul, the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.