

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

29th September 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish continues to welcome people into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Each month we offer the Baptism Preparation Classes for babies and several times a year we also offer a program for primary school age children - This is the beginning of their journey of faith. Recently we have celebrated First Eucharist and several months ago we celebrated Confirmation. Sacramental Life in our Parish is thriving and I am very pleased that we have many involved in these celebrations. 'Baptism Preparation Helpers' play a significant role in welcoming new parents to the Church and we are seeking volunteers to help in this important and significant ministry. We need people who are positive, friendly and cheerful in welcoming young parents to our Parish. As well, assistance is needed each week at Baptisms (on a Sunday morning) to welcome families, offer them the 'service outline' and to make them feel 'at home' in our Church(es). If you like, you can also be part of the Sacrament Preparation Team, which works with families in preparation the children for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. **We need help in many areas of our core Parish Life: Sacramental Preparation.**



In a few weeks we will offer Reconciliation to our young people, so let us keep these children and families in our prayers. In addition to infant baptism and school-age confirmation, we have other people who request baptism and confirmation as adults. There are many reasons why adults express the desire to be baptised and confirmed in the Church. Some people have never had the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and have developed an interest or empathy with Christianity as they have matured in life. Some people have married a Catholic and sent their children to a Catholic school and then formed the desire to be baptised or confirmed in the Catholic Church, where they join their partner and children in the same faith. Some people may have been baptised as a child and then had no further education or catechesis along the way. Some people are curious to learn more about faith in the Catholic Church but perhaps not ready to make the next step to being baptised or confirmed. Some people have had a significant event in their lives that has made them rethink their views on faith and in God. Our parish welcomes all such enquirers and their requests. Each year we run a process in which people can bring their faith questions and ponderings and together, with a supportive group, determine if they would like to take the next step into initiation into the Catholic Church. Maybe you know someone who might respond favourably to an invitation to 'enquire' about the Catholic Faith!

If you or an adult family member or a friend are interested in exploring the Catholic faith further, or being baptised and confirmed in the Catholic Church, we would like to hear from you. Our next group of enquirers will begin in October this year. Please contact either of the Priests for more information, or, call the Parish Office.

All are welcome, and sometimes it is up to us to welcome others! The Ipswich Catholic Community is a welcoming Community – are you prepared to be a "welcomer"?

Stephen ofm

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 27	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 1:00pm Funeral of Maureen McLuckie
Sat 28	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 29	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 30	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
Tues 01	10:30am Funeral of Malcolm Pacey 3:30pm NO Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church
Wed 02	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 03	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
Fri 04	9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights



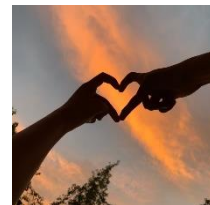
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A VOCATION VIEW – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is! But still, God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's Call.



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PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Maureen McLuckie, Malcolm Pacey, Lyla Clem, Sharon Olsen.

Anniversaries: Michael Heffernan, John Mitchell, Fr. Jim Elmore, Frances Elmore, Anne Lennan, Khalil El Alam and those in our Book of Life.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ipswichcatholic.com/ministries/becoming-catholic



Contact the Parish Office



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Genesis 12:18-24
Psalm	Psalm 128
2nd Reading	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

YOUTH REFLECTION

Ignite Conference 2024 - This year Ignite Conference 2024 called each young person to Rise Up! Going into Ignite Conference I was facing many giants in my life, and I needed to rise up above them so I could gain the most from this experience.

This year I was blessed with the opportunity to take on more leadership opportunities at Ignite Conference, being a leader of our parish group, a Small Group Leader to Year 11 Boys, MC a Workshop, and be a leader in Prayer Teams Ministry. These opportunities helped me to rise up and truly lead with Jesus at the centre of all I do. I was so proud and excited to see the young people of Ipswich engage in so many opportunities, if it was attending prayer teams, engaging in sessions and workshops, participating in the prayer experience, receiving reconciliation, sharing in small groups or giving it their all in the rallies, I could see God working through them.

I strongly believe that each person who attended Ignite Conference left on a high with God, ready with open hearts to receive all the goodness Jesus gifts us. I am so grateful to be part of a parish that supports and prays for our young people, it is through this parish that our young people can rise up.

I am thankful to Fr Minje, Rohaan and the Youth Leaders Team from Beaudesert who were absolute legends and inspirations for our young people and helped make this conference awesome! I am also thankful to Fr Stephen and Benjamin for all of their support and help with the lead up to Ignite Conference 2024. Our parish is so blessed to have a leader like Fr Stephen who cares, advocates and champions all opportunities given to us.

A great quote shared with us from conference was, 'Stop telling God how Big your Giants Are, instead Start telling your Giants how Big your God Is'. It is through Jesus that we can rise up, that we are able to reach the top of the summit and be faithful people.

The theme for Ignite Conference 2025 is 'The Light', and together our young people will journey towards what the Light of Christ does for each and every one of us. Over the next few weeks, you will have the opportunity to read the reflections from the young people of Ipswich who attended Ignite Conference 2024.

Stewart England – Youth Coordinator

INCLUSIVE MINISTRY

In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasizes that good works done in His name are valuable.

This lesson shows us the importance of being inclusive in our ministry. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus values all efforts done in His name. By recognizing and supporting the good works of others, we build a stronger community. We are all working towards the same goal. This spirit of inclusiveness strengthens our faith and unity.

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invites us to see God's spirit in unexpected places, use our wealth justly, and recognize the good works of others. These teachings help us to be humble, generous, and inclusive. By embracing these lessons, we grow in our faith and love for one another.

Prayer

Lord, help us to be open to Your spirit in all people. Teach us to use our wealth wisely and to be generous. May we always recognize and support the good works done in Your name. Amen.

NEWS & UPDATES

HELP IS NEEDED: HOSPITALITY, WELCOME, and PRAYERS

November is a busy month in the Parish – we have blessings and Masses in the Graveyards:

- Warrill Park (Blessing, 1.30pm 3rd Nov);
- Rosevale (10.30am Mass and, Blessing and Morning Tea, (9th Nov);
- Ipswich General (Blessing 1.30pm 10th Nov),
- Glamorgan Vale (Mass, Blessing and Morning Tea, 10.00am, 16th Nov),
- Pine Mountain (9.00am Mass, Blessing Morning Tea, 30th Nov).

Please bring a fold up chair and a plate of goodies to share for Rosevale, Glamorgan Vale, Pine Mountain and Memorial Mass (4/11).

Annual Memorial Mass Monday 4th Nov at 7.00pm, followed by Supper in the Parish Community Centre.

If you can help in any way, please see one of the Priests, or call the Parish Office.

HELP for RCIA candidates – We are also in great need of SPONSORS for our RCIA candidates. If you are able to consider supporting the candidates in their faith journey, please contact Rosalia at the Parish Office.



CALLING ALL PARISH MUSIC MINISTERS:

Make a Joyful Noise!



Workshop for Parish Music Ministers

The Why, What, When, Where & How of Music in the Mass. Presented by Christopher Trikilis (Cathedral of St Stephen) & Michael Mangan (Liturgy Brisbane)

• 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Sat 5 Oct, 2024 - Mt Carmel Church, Coorparoo OR

• 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Sat 26 Oct, 2024, All Saints Church, Albany Creek

\$15.00 or \$120.00 for parish booking of 10 or more.

<https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/joyfulnoise24.html>

'The Escalating Crisis in Myanmar and the Role of the Church' - In this exclusive opportunity, Fr Mark Raper SJ, will share the latest about the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar, Jesuit Mission's response, and the hope that your generosity will bring to people in need.

When: Thursday, 10 October 2024

Where: Saint Ignatius Church, 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong

Time: 7.00 pm. Entry is free, however donations will be collected

All are welcome to join us or view online at St Ignatius Parish YouTube Channel -

<https://youtube.com/live/i8JXJqNLvgE>



Upcoming CTC Events

CTC is running the following events in Semester 2 2024

Catholic Theological College aims to support our parish to provide formation for staff and volunteers with introductory and further studies in theology, ministry and spirituality. We hope the following information will assist your planning for faith formation and professional development.

For more information
Visit our website:
ctc.edu.au

- CTC Seminar on Friday 11 October at 1pm
- Engaging Your Faith Online Series – October 2024: A series of short online presentations on a range of topics.
- Online Information Session for Prospective Students on Monday 28 October at 7pm (AEDT).

- Knox Public Lecture – This free annual lecture commemorates the life and ministry of the College founder, James Robert Know, Fifth Archbishop of Melbourne

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INVITES YOU TO OUR

Archbishop's Annual
Fundraising Dinner

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2024
6:00PM - 10:00PM

VICTORIA PARK GOLF COMPLEX
309 HERSTON RD, HERSTON
BALLROOM

This year's dinner will feature a panel conversation on a theme close to our hearts: 'Hope for Young People and the Church.' We are honoured to have Archbishop Mark Coleridge presiding over the evening, alongside a panel of speakers who will share their insights, experiences, and hopes for the future of our young people. In a world where young people face numerous challenges, the Church stands as a beacon of hope and guidance. Our panel conversation will bring together speakers who will share their insights and experiences on how we can nurture and inspire the next generation of believers.

REGISTER BY 7 OCT TICKET COST: \$150

ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT THE MISSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

SHARING AN AUTHENTIC WITNESS OF JESUS

BUILDING A CULTURE OF HOPE FOR THIS GENERATION

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

ACU **A Faithful Promise: Catholic Marriage - Covenant and Calling**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY 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