

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

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

6th October 2024

Dear Parishioners,

IN THIS MONTH OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, during the 800th anniversary of his stigmata, I'm reminded of the call St Francis heard to rebuild God's Church. Many of us realise that Francis misunderstood the call to rebuild "the church" as a call to physically rebuild the bricks of San Damiano, rather than a call to spiritually rebuild and renew the people of the Church.



We recall how someone as holy as Francis could misunderstand his vocation and his calling. But perhaps it is actually this very "misunderstanding" that makes Francis that much more approachable, understandable, and just very human. After all, before he was St. Francis, he was just Francis, the spoiled, rebellious, irresponsible, wayward, headstrong young man. Some of these very characteristics are what made him the saint and leader of the movement we are familiar with today. But some of those characteristics, which he shed along the way, are the very ones that resonate with us as the human creatures that we are. But we can recognise that the Francis that God chose and Francis, the founder of the largest order of Catholics in the world, were both the same person, connected through a conversion and a transformation.

May this month celebrating Francis' mark on us - and this year celebrating God's marks on Francis - bring us ever closer to the call of Francis and Jesus to rebuild the Church: to embrace the marginalised, to love those deemed unlovable, to trust in God, and to practice some form of poverty in every aspect of our lives. In particular, by practicing a poverty of control, perhaps you will receive an abundance of peace and all good, pace e bene.

The Gospel each week calls us to be 'transformed' into living the Gospel in an integral way.

May this feast of St Francis 2024, inspire us to live credibility the Gospel and do all we can to live with love and peace in our hearts.

Have a great week,

Stephen ofm

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Though attributed to St. Francis, recent research points to his not having written this popular prayer. The prayer was apparently written in France during World War I, perhaps by a Catholic Priest, Father Bouquerel.

It is commonly known as the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis because it was often seen printed on a small card that had a picture of Saint Francis on one side and this prayer on the other side. However, the card did not make any claim that the prayer was written by Saint Francis. The first known appearance of this inspiring prayer was in 1912 AD when it was published in the French magazine La Clochette.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen



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PARISH CALENDAR

NEXT WEEK

Mon 07	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
Tues 08	10.30am Funeral: Peter Baker, St Mary's Church 3:00pm NO Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church
Wed 09	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 10:00am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, No Mass, St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office 10.30am Funeral: Kathryn Moffatt, All Saints Church, Boonah
Thurs 10	No 9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 6:00pm Mass, St. Boniface, Marburg 6:00pm Mass (Centenary Memorial, Fr. Horan) St. Mary's Church

NEXT WEEKEND

Fri 11	9.00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights 11.00am Funeral, Patrick Joseph Lewis, OLMM
Sat 12	2:00pm Wedding (Fijal & Kletus), St. Mary's Church, Woodend 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 13	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

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2024

For a shared mission - We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

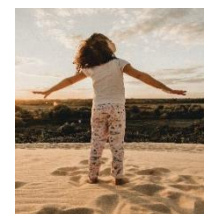


"The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?' They were testing him". Mark 10:2

If love is to be pure and holy, it must rise above erroneous interpretations of love and be lived in the way it was intended to be lived. Pure love is always self-giving. It is sacrificial. It always looks to the good of the other. Love is total and must be irrevocable. Love forges a bond that should never be broken. It must endure everything and is possible only when it is grounded in the love that God has for us. Reflect, today, upon the way that you love. Does the hardness of your heart lead you to misrepresent the love God wants you to share with others? Do you minimize the requirements of love? Is your love total, irrevocable, and freely given? Is your love self-seeking or self-giving? Reflect upon the pure and holy nature of the love God has offered to you, and recommit yourself to offer this same depth of love to God and to others so that the covenants that result from your love will always endure.

A PRAYER FOR A BLESSED HOME BASED ON THE PSALM 128

Father in heaven, we know you bless those who follow you. You provide for all of our needs. Please bless all who live in our home. Help us grow in faith and be fruitful. Help us to trust in your holy will and to be close to you. May our home see many happy days of joy and love and laughter. Be with us all of our lives and grant us peace in our home. Amen.



PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Patrick Lewis, Peter Baker, Kathryn Moffatt, Maureen McLuckie, Malcolm Pacey, Lyla Clem.

Anniversaries: Valerie Brown, Michael Heffernan, John Mitchell, Fr. Jim Elmore and those in our Book of Life.

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MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm	Psalm 90
2nd Reading	Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel	Mark 10:17-30

INVITE: FR. ANDREW HORAN CENTENARY MEMORIAL MASS

Dear parishioners:

The upcoming 10th of October will mark the centenary of Fr. Andrew Horan's acceptance into eternal life. Born in Gormanston, Ireland, on May 11, 1845, Fr. Horan served as the first parish priest of St Mary's Ipswich for 44 years, from 1873 to 1917. He played a crucial role in pastoral care for Ipswich, driven by his deep pastoral zeal. He was a friend to all and assisted those in need during the great floods of 1893. His greatest accomplishment, however, was his contribution to the construction of the new St. Mary's Church, which was opened in October 1904.



In remembrance of his life, our community will hold a special memorial Mass on 10th October (Thu) at 6 pm at St. Mary's. You are invited to this special Mass where we honour Fr. Horan's legacy and reflect on the impact he had on our community. Let us come together in gratitude for his unwavering service and commitment, ensuring that his spirit continues to inspire future generations.

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 (4th Nov). 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.**

THANK YOU – to Rosie and Michael Noble who for several decades had led the Baptism Preparation Program in the Parish: Rosie and Michael have decided to finish this ministry, so we thank them for their wonderful ministry of service to so many parents. Huge bouquets of thanks to them for introducing so many couples to the faith, Rosie and Michael would like others to step up and take on this ministry: an exciting ministry of welcome for young couples. Please consider helping us out once a month or every two months. Please see one of the priests if you are interested to assist. Thank-you Rosie and Michael!

ATRIUM – New term sessions will commence on the week of the 21st October.

FROM FR. STEPHEN – When parishioners and visitors walk through the doors of any of our churches - Woodend; North Ipswich; Leichhardt; Eastern Heights; Pine Mountain, Rosewood, Marburg; Rosevale, I sometimes wonder if everyone fully appreciates the vast armada of people involved in ensuring that Mass starts on time! Sure, there are the people we see each week such as the Readers (Lectors) and Eucharistic ministers, the children's Liturgy of the Word leaders and Mass coordinators, the sacristans and welcomers, not to mention the musicians, singers, Collectors and those who operate our audio visual systems - they are the face of our Parish Family, and I am very grateful to those who help in many, many ways. Behind them are also the countless nameless fellow parishioners who vacuum and clean our churches week in and week out, those who wash our vestments and altar linen, those who decorate our churches with floral arrangements and the many who weekly provide food and hospitality after Mass. Others, of course, quietly drive fellow parishioners to and from Mass while others are commissioned to taking Holy Communion to those who can't join us. Finally, I suppose we are all involved and have a vested stake in our weekly Mass. This is because every time we contribute something financial on the collection plate we support the ministry of the Finance Committee who keeps our lights on, budgets for the future, ensures the necessary maintenance is carried out and slowly but surely provides good stewardship for the Ipswich Catholic Community.

So this weekend, as we celebrate Mass together, let's appreciate the generous Parish Community we belong to and the role we all play in celebrating the Eucharist that gives meaning to our lives and hope for our journey.

We do need help in many areas of Parish Life PLEASE, don't ignore our invitation to become involved.... Often it falls on deaf ears! Thanks for all you do!

SYNOD 2024 – The Second Session of **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New begins** next Friday October 11th and Saturday October 12th. Six members of our Deanery will be attending – please keep the Synod in your prayers and we look forward to embracing outcomes.

FRANCISCAN MEETING – The Franciscan Friars of Australia and New Zealand will meet this week to decide on their governance structure that best suits their commitments in 2024 and beyond.

The results of this meeting have to be presented to Rome for approval and hopefully implementation in 2025. Each friar has been involved in the consultation and the friars ask your prayerful support.



SEMINARIAN FOR IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – The Parish has been asked to have a Seminarian for an end of year placement. Kalepo Misi will join us in November and remain till the end of the year. We look forward to welcoming Kalepo and exposing him to Parish Life in Ipswich. These placements are wonderful opportunities for seminarians and give us a glimpse of the priests for the future. Welcome Kalepo!

REFLECTION – "And as we reflect on the patterns of Jesus's engagement with so many different people in so many different ways, it would be important for us to remember that the words he said to his disciples at the Last Supper are words he also says to us: I am the Way; I am the Truth; I am the Life. If you want to know how to be a welcoming and hospitable Church, learn from me, for I am the way. If you want to know how to be a poor and humble Church learn from me, for I am the way. If you want to know how to be a Church in mission, learn from me, for I am the way. If you want to know how to be a listening Church, learn from me, for I am the way."

In your life, are you open to learn from Jesus? What you learn from Jesus, are you able to implement in your daily life?

From Archbishop Tim Costelloe's homily on Day 2 of the Synod in Rome. 2/10/24. [e is Archbishop of Perth - and one of 14 Aussies at the Rome Synod]

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