

**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  
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**Operations Manager:** Benjamin Leschke

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Dear Parishioners,**

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.



Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal toward which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

May each of us be satisfied and grateful for all we experience this week; have a good week, full of wisdom!

**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!

**Stephen ofm**

**A QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS**



**PARISH CALENDAR**

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>Mon 14</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Tues 15</b>	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary's Church
<b>Wed 16</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 10:00am Adoration, St Mary's 8:30am Rosary, Mass, St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:00am Prayer Group, St. Clare Room, Parish Office 6.00pm RCIA, St Mary's Parish Office, Woodend
<b>Thurs 17</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
<b>Fri 18</b>	9.00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights

**NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>Sat 19</b>	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
<b>Sun 20</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



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## OPERATIONS UPDATE

As part of our ongoing commitment to security, safeguarding and workplace safety, several of our churches are having their locks and keys upgraded. We won't be distributing keys to parishioners; the key will be in a key safe near the door of each building. This approach reduced key costs, and the risk of key loss, and have been working well across the community over the last 4-5 years.



**St. Michael's, Pine Mountain** - The entry lock will be replaced in the coming weeks, and a key safe placed near the entry door. We will communicate with the local church community when this is occurring.

**St. Boniface, Marburg** - The entry lock will be replaced in the coming weeks, and a key safe placed near the entry door. We will also see what can be achieved with other locks at the church. We will communicate with the local church community when this is occurring.

**New Parish Centre** - The building has been keyed and a key safe will be added next to the main door.

**St. Mary's Church** - All church locks have been replaced with a new system, and key. We have removed several locks to make it easier for sacristans. Several of our doors had two locks on them, they now only have one lock on each door. All existing keys will no longer work, so please return these to the parish office if you have one. The sacristan key (in the key safe at the rear sacristy door) will also open the toilets in the New Parish Centre.

**All other churches** - remain as is. No changes.

If parishioners/volunteers have any questions or need the code to the key safe, please reach out to the Parish Office. Thanks for your support in keeping our churches secure!

## A PRAYER BASED ON SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Lord, grant us wisdom to seek Your will above all else. Help us to embrace Your word and detach from worldly possessions. Guide us in our journey of faith, so we may follow You faithfully and reach eternal life. Amen.*

## PARISH PRAYERS



**Recently Deceased:** Patrick (Joe) Lewis, Peter Baker, Kathryn Moffatt, Colin O'Beirne

**Anniversaries:** Colleen Bradley, Betty Edbrooke, Valerie Brown and those in our Book of Life.

## SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM -RECONCILIATION-

#### Formation Day & Rite of Enrolment

St. Mary's Church 27<sup>th</sup> October  
9am - 1:00pm

#### Celebration of the Sacrament

St. Mary's Church 6<sup>th</sup> November  
6:30pm - 7:30pm



#### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Wisdom 2.12, 7-20
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 54
<b>2nd Reading</b>	James 3.16-4.3
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 9.30-37

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RESERVING A COLUMBARIUM NICHE

Many parishioners may not know that our parish has 4 cemeteries, and a columbarium. Parishioners are invited to consider reserving a plot (cemetery) or niche (columbarium); contact the parish office for details.

We are undertaking a review of our existing columbarium reservations, as many parishioners have reserved a niche, but no paperwork has been completed nor payments made to secure the reservation.

There are statutory requirements for interment sites, so to ensure we are compliant, we will be reaching out to parishioners who have not completed the reservation process. Unwanted niches will be made available to others for purchase.





**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, Blessing and M/Tea, 9th Nov)
- Ipswich General (Blessing 1.30pm 10th Nov)
- Glamorgan Vale (Mass, Blessing M/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<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**ST EDMUND'S SKOOL-2-SKOOLIES –**

Twenty-one years ago, an Eddies Year 12 contemplated on how he could contribute to his community. He decided that it would be the right thing to do, to raise money for research into a cure for Leukaemia. The embryonic plan was to fundraise by riding to Schoolies on the final day of classes. In a time before risk assessments and safety compliance, a small group of Eddies Men mounted a hodgepodge of bicycles. Dressed in anything but Lycra, the safety car driven by a friend in his Holden Commodore, they were accompanied by one staff member in a school bus. Over the course of the day, they pedalled their way to Surfers Paradise...and the rest, as they say, is history.



Last Friday morning saw Jim Smith Drive filled with a blur of movement. Dressed in Eddies Lycra riding kit and piloting sleek machines made of aluminium or carbon fibre, seventeen students and four staff departed The Hill for their final ride. Numerous early mornings and late afternoons have, over the course of the year, added up to countless kilometres ridden, not to mention innumerable days of training; all in preparation for the 150km trek from Eddies to Cavil Avenue.

In 2024, Eddies Men and Eddies staff have dedicated precious hours and concerted effort to raise money for St Vincent de Paul and Ipswich Hospice. Whereas once there was little planning and life was conducted on bright ideas, now there are risk assessments and police escorts, safety cars and rest breaks. More than a year's worth of meticulous planning and careful training bore fruit in Friday's ride. In this quintessentially Eddies act of giving and service, a record amount was amassed last year and this year our young men have broken records yet again with a fundraising total of \$60000.

Thank you to the riders, students and staff and a very special thank you to the many generous local donors and sponsors who contributed to this very worthwhile program.

**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]*

**ATRIUM** – New term sessions will commence on the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY JUNIOR CHOIR** - We're back!! We will resume our Tuesday rehearsals this week - the 15th October. We will meet in the new Parish Centre, from 3:30pm until 4:15pm. We're looking forward to seeing our current singers, and any other children who love to sing and would like to be involved in Music Ministry. For more information contact Kathy at [music@ipswichcatholic.au](mailto:music@ipswichcatholic.au)

**VINNIES QUARTERLY UPDATE**

**St. Mary's Conference** - With Christmas fast approaching, the demand for assistance tends to get a little greater around this time of year. As always, the contributions that the Ipswich Catholic Community give to our Conference is very much needed and appreciated. Through your generosity we try to give items that most families need and that help to alleviate the weekly grocery bill and helps them get through to their next pay. Items such as breakfast cereals, long life milk, tins of spaghetti, bake beans, vegetables and fruit. Pasta and pasta sauces are very handy along with rice and other sauces. And with Christmas coming we try to include items that have a bit more of a festive feel, such as tins of ham, Christmas puddings or cake, jellies and custards.



During the September quarter the St Mary's Conferences assisted 398 families in the Ipswich and Rosewood area. We provided \$37,231 in direct financial assistance such as food vouchers, purchasing second hand household appliances and assisting with some rent and other bills. We also provided \$9,155 in clothing and furniture through the Vinnies store and Vinnies warehouse, as well as \$7,295 in other In-Kind donations, including the food donated here at the parish churches each Sunday. If you would like to donate at any time, our bank details are below.

Account - SVDP St Mary's Conference Ipswich	BSB: 064-786
Reference: Surname	Account: 100026714

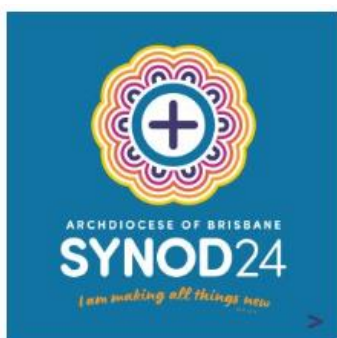
Please email: [SM4305@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:SM4305@svdpqld.org.au) with name and address so a tax-deductible receipt can be forwarded. Of course, envelopes are still available at each of the churches. Thank you for your continued support of Vinnies and to those struggling in our own community. It is certainly helping a lot of families. Paul Cervetto (President)

**St. Joseph's Conference** - Our core work for the St Vincent de Paul Society involves visiting people in their homes who have contacted the Society for assistance with living expenses. On these visits, always done in pairs, we offer material assistance as well as friendship and support, affirming the dignity of each person, regardless of their situation.



Last quarter we assisted 247 individuals (121 children and 126 adults) providing them \$9933.58 in assistance. This included vouchers for Woolworths, payment of car registration, water bill, chemist and furniture. \$2570 of this was the food generously donated by the members of the Ipswich Catholic Community. Our thanks go out to you all for your continued support.

Just as importantly as our help to those in need, we are a spiritual organisation. Our members live out our faith in action, gathering at regular parish conference meetings not only to organise and report on the works we do, but also to pray, to reflect and help one another in their journey of faith. This spirituality underpins all our works. Inspired by the examples of our Patron, St Vincent de Paul, and our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, we endeavour to see the face of Christ in every person we assist. If you would like to learn more about who we are and what we do, please reach out to me or one of our members. I would ask that you please continue to pray for us and our ongoing work in our local community. God bless, Lyn Molenaar



"Synodality is one of these things that if we actually want to hear one another

we have to go to one another's places and sit down and listen. You may be uncomfortable

