

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
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Assistant Priest: Fr. Minje Kim
Assistant Priest: Fr. Mario Debattista ofm
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

20th October 2024

Dear Parishioners,

“Can you drink from the cup?” – this is the question that Jesus poses in today’s Gospel after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honour. They wanted to be recognised for their loyalty. Don’t we all? Jesus asks them: “Can you drink the cup?” (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? Have you got what it takes to be a faith-person? And they both say: “We can” (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!



This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship - not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today’s readings have a specific focus. He asks: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?” Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: “Because of his anguish... my servant, the just one, shall justify the many...” (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role? Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. “Can you drink the cup?” What is our attitude towards others? What makes you feel unappreciated? How can you ask Jesus to help you turn that feeling into prayer?

Let’s pray for a heart that is sensitive towards others!

Have a great week,

Stephen ofm

A PRAYER BASED ON SUNDAY’S READINGS

Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Teach us to love others as You love us. Give us the strength to serve selflessly and seek Your Kingdom above all. Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

NEXT WEEK

Mon 21	9:00am Mass, St. Mary’s Church, Woodend
Tues 22	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt 3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, St. Mary’s Church
Wed 23	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, Rita Tonner, St Mary’s Church 6.00pm RCIA, St Mary’s Parish Office, Woodend
Thurs 24	9:00am Mass, St. Mary’s Church, Woodend
Fri 25	9.00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights

NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 26	8:00am Mass, St. Michael’s Church, Pine Mountain 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 27	7:30am Mass, St. Joseph’s Church, North Ipswich 8:00am Mass, St. Brigid’s Parish Hall, Rosewood 9:00am Mass & Children’s Liturgy. Reconciliation Mass & workshop, St. Mary’s Church, Woodend 10.30am Baptism Preparation, St Mary’s Church, Woodend 5:00pm Evening Prayer, St. Michael’s Church, Pine Mountain 5:30pm Mass, St. Mary’s Church, Woodend



Our next monthly Mass
St Michael’s Church, Pine Mountain
Saturday 26th October at 8am and evening prayer at 5pm



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OPERATIONS UPDATE

ST. MARY'S LIGHTING – We are drawing closer to the more visible work to replace the lighting in and around St. Mary's Church. We are doing our best to balance liturgies/Masses and trades/services. Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding.

We have had several enquiries from parishioners, visitors, and businesses around Ipswich about how to donate to assist with the lighting upgrade. Donations can be made using this link below. Thank you to those who have already donated to help!

<https://bit.ly/ipswichdonations>

KEY REMINDER - 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.

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 key. 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 New Parish Centre to access the toilets.

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!

PARISH PRAYERS



Recently Deceased: Rita Tonner, Wendy Batt, Patrick (Joe) Lewis, Peter Baker, Kathryn Moffatt.

Anniversaries: Milton Stevenson, Colleen Bradley and those in our Book of Life.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM -RECONCILIATION-

Formation Day & Rite of Enrolment

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

Celebration of the Sacrament

St. Mary's Church 6th November
6:30pm - 7:30pm



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B

1st Reading	Numbers 11.25-29
Psalm	Psalm 19
2nd Reading	James 5.1-6
Gospel	Mark 9.38-43,45,47-48

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.



THANK YOU, NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS!

As we prepare for our November blessings and masses, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you in advance for your commitment and generosity. Your willingness to dedicate your time and effort is truly inspiring, and it makes a significant impact on our community.

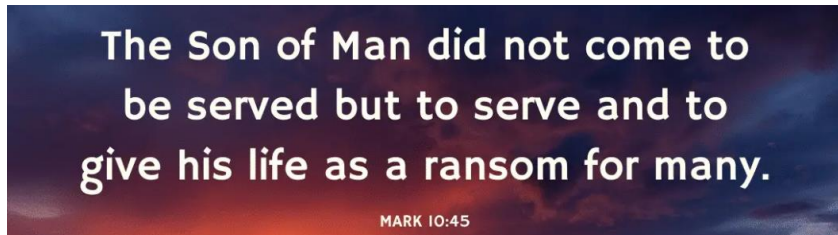
November blessings and Masses in the Graveyards:



- 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 (4th Nov).

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



ATRIUM SESSIONS – We are excited to announce that Atrium Sessions will begin this week!



Monday: Kindy to Year 1 (3/3:30 PM - 4:30 PM)

Tuesday: Year 2 to Year 6 (3/3:30 PM - 5:00 PM)

Wednesday: Infant to Age 4 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)

If you would like to enrol your child in an Atrium session, please visit our parish website at www.ipswichcatholic.com. For any enquiries, feel free to contact the parish office, who will forward your details to the Atrium coordinators.

This term, we will celebrate the wonderful seasons of Advent and Christmas, where the children will engage with the scriptures and liturgies of these special times. Looking forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Bernadette McAndrew and Karen Brennan

IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY JUNIOR CHOIR - We're excited to announce that our Tuesday rehearsals resumed on October 15th! Join our current singers in the new Parish Centre from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM. We can't wait to welcome any new children who love to sing and want to be part of our Music Ministry. For more information contact Kathy at music@ipswichcatholic.au

YOUTH UPDATE - Last Friday night our Year 12's for 2024 celebrated their last youth group as youth members. As many of you may be able to recall, the end of schooling is a time filled with many emotions, sadness, joy, anxiety and excitement for what is to come. I am so grateful and inspired that across 2024 we had sixteen year 12's who wanted to spend part of their senior year in the presence of Jesus. Leadership is something we value at Connect Youth. We aim to not only grow our young people in faith, but also so they can grow as people, and have leadership in faith. I am so thankful to the 2024 Emerging Leaders, Emma Davies, Brydie Stephenson, Issy Raddie, Summar Miller and Jacob MacDonald, for their leadership, involvement and devotion to our youth ministry. I can't achieve everything on my own, I rely heavily on my leaders and youth members to help grow our youth ministry. This year's emerging leaders achieved that, not only on a Friday night, but at fundraising events, youth masses, parish events, involving themselves in opportunities that are offered by the Archdiocese. Ipswich's youth ministry has a strong name and reputation around the Archdiocese and that wouldn't have been possible without the 2024 Emerging Leaders. I ask that our parish community joins me in praying for all year 12's at this current time, may God protect them, keep them calm and reassured, and always watch over them.

Stewart England, Youth Co-ordinator

This weekend, the parish is holding Catholic Mission annual's church appeal.

We invite you to support the work of the Church in Mongolia as they provide a safe space for people needing shelter, beds, showers, food and basic medical care. Your support will create meaningful change for the people of Mongolia.

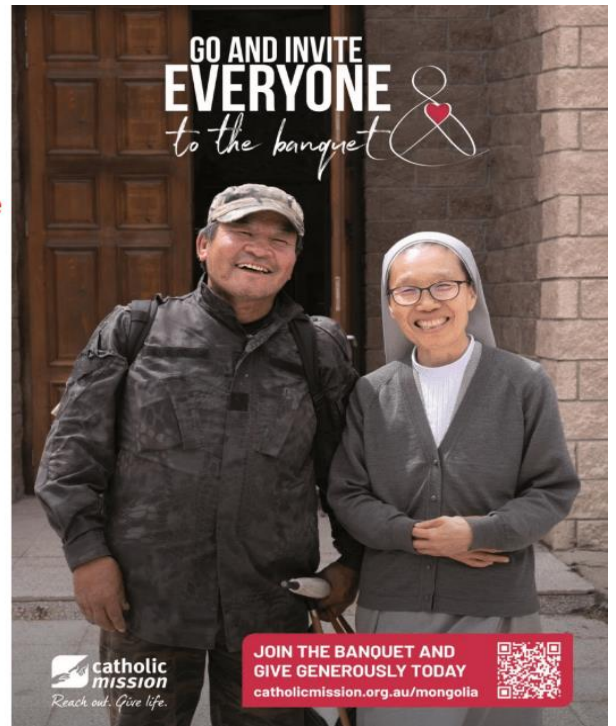
Your donation can make a real impact for those in most need.

Donate today by:

- Completing and returning your parish appeal envelope
- Scanning the QR code
- Giving online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



MISSION SUNDAY: As the violence between Israel and Lebanon continues to escalate, the people of Lebanon are facing unimaginable hardship. Displacement, fear, and suffering have become daily realities for millions. Yet, in the midst of this turmoil, the Church's missionaries are a source of hope, offering essential aid and the love of Christ to those most in need. In a letter published on October 7, 2024, Pope Francis reminded us of our Christian duty to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. "I am thinking of you and praying for you," the Holy Father wrote, acknowledging the deep pain and suffering caused by ongoing conflict. He urged us to recognise that "war is a defeat... weapons do not build the future, they destroy it."

As we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, this is a powerful opportunity to answer the Holy Father's call. Your contributions will support missionaries who are on the front lines, providing critical aid, comfort, and the light of Christ in places of extreme hardship, including Lebanon. Having FR Mario with us is a real blessing and a reminder to us of missionary life - him having just returned from South Sudan.

Pope Francis has urged us never to grow indifferent to the suffering of those in war-torn regions. This **World Mission Sunday**, your prayers and financial support will enable the Church's missionaries to continue bringing hope and healing. Together, we can share the Gospel message of peace, justice, and love with those enduring the darkest moments of their lives. Thank-you for your generosity and prayers by supporting our missionaries, you are directly answering Pope Francis' call to stand with those who suffer and to help rebuild communities through faith and service.

HUMILITY – WHAT IS YOURS TO DO?

Humility is the guardian and the ornament of all virtues. If the spiritual building does not rest upon it, it will fall to ruin, though it seems to be growing. This virtue filled Francis in a more copious abundance, so that nothing should be wanting to a man adorned with so many gifts. In his own opinion, he was nothing but a sinner, despite the fact that he was the ornament and splendour of all sanctity. He tried to build himself up upon this virtue, so that he would lay the foundation he had learned from Christ [Matthew 11:29]. Forgetting the things he had gained, he set before his eyes only his failings in the conviction that he lacked more than he had gained. (Celano, Second Life of St. Francis, 140)



Humility is basic to every virtue: it never forgets that every gift comes from God, and it is always open to growth. In his early twenties Francis kissed a leper; the poor man of Assisi's humility was even greater in his mid-forties. He told the friars that he had done what was his to do, and he assured them that the Lord would teach them what was theirs to do.

—from the book *Peace and Good: Through the Year with Francis of Assisi* by *Pat McCloskey, OFM*