

## 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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**Operations Manager:** Benjamin Leschke

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17 November 2024

Dear Parishioners,

In these November days, the sacred liturgy reflects on Jesus' Second Coming as we move to the conclusion of our liturgical year next week on Christ the King. The end of time is presented to us in images and metaphors much like the beginning of creation: darkened skies, falling stars, chaos upon the earth, and deep questions rousing in our hearts.

These changes will give birth to the Kingdom, much like the Kingdom gave birth to the beginning of all creation. These changes help us view what is most important today, since we do not know the day or the hour.

Praying through the images of today's Gospel, Jesus says we must pay attention to what is revealed every day. He uses the example of the fig tree. When it blooms, we know summer is near. In the same way, when we see the moon darken and the earth change, we know God will lead us home to eternal life. We will live in God's glory, in the full bloom of eternal life.

Jesus points us to what he has been trying to show us all along in his life, that his words of love, mercy, and forgiveness will be forever what we cling to. His very presence is the Word from the Father. His words and actions, his presence on earth, will reveal to us life eternal. We are invited in these last days of our liturgical year to reflect upon the love that is revealed to us today that will show us the Kingdom at the end of time. We are called to surrender to his presence every day ....

Clinging to Jesus' words reveals not only what will happen at the end of time but allows us to live today. In our day and time, we desire love. We desire richness of justice for people. We desire the hope that people will find real meaning in their lives and joy in his presence today. Trusting God becomes our goal on this side of the grave. Are you a person who trusts God?

As we reflect on death in these November liturgies, we ponder the joy of God's presence today. We conclude that only love will open doors. Fear shuts doors of faith. Stress and strain close potential to believe in God. Condemnation of others closes off forgiveness and peace. Fear does not lead us home. Only faith in God's presence and joy of God's mercy shows us the open door to the Kingdom.

In November, we have celebrated saints and souls and continue to reflect on our own grief in the death of loved ones and our yearning for eternal life. November, it seems, teaches us how to live throughout the year. Surrendering to brevity of life enables us a true relationship with Christ today. Hope abounds in the hearts of those who trust in the words of Christ Jesus, for his words will never leave us, no matter what happens. Are you a person of hope? So, with trust and hope and desiring goodness - it's going to be a great week!

Stephen ofm



## PARISH CALENDAR

### NEXT WEEK

<b>Mon 18</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt
<b>Tues 19</b>	3:30pm Junior Choir Practice, Parish Centre 5:00pm Samoan Choir Practice, St Mary's Church
<b>Wed 20</b>	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 Elizabeth Bryant, Warrill Park Chapel 2:00pm Roster Coordinator Meeting, Parish Office, Woodend 6:00pm RCIA, Parish Office, Woodend
<b>Thurs 21</b>	9:00am Mass, St. Mary's Church, Woodend 9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights
<b>Fri 22</b>	10:30am Funeral Sylvia Sweeris Sigrist, Sylvania Funerals Chapel 4:30pm Musician Celebration (St. Cecilia), Parish Centre 6:30pm Youth, Primary Only, Parish Centre

### NEXT WEEKEND

<b>Sat 23</b>	2:00pm Baptism, 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
<b>Sun 24</b>	7:30am Mass, St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich 8:00am Mass, St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood 9:00am Mass, (RCIA) Rite of Welcome & Acceptance, Children's Liturgy, St Mary's, Woodend 10:30am Baptisms, St Mary's Church, Woodend 10:30pm Baptism Preparation, Parish Centre 5:30pm Mass, (Youth) St. Mary's Church, Woodend



## PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Our new planned giving envelopes will arrive in the next few weeks and will be sent to churches for collection. **If you are not currently part of our planned giving program, please participate.** A few dollars a week by many, will make a big difference to the Parish, and help us offer liturgies and pastoral services to the community. Electronic giving is preferred as there are very few administration costs for the Parish. Links below, or pick up a form from the welcome desk today. Thanks for supporting us!

Credit Card Form - [bit.ly/ipswichcc](http://bit.ly/ipswichcc)

Direct Debit Form - [bit.ly/ipswichdirect](http://bit.ly/ipswichdirect)

## PARISH PRAYERS



**Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth Bryant, Sylvia Sweeris Sigrist, Peter Baker, Terence Bennett, Janet Davis, Sr Mary Broadley FMM, Conrad Fernandes, Vince Reibelt.

**Anniversaries:** John Patrick Maguire, Carolyn Burt and those in our Book of Life.

## SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY

### The BOOK OF LIFE

During the month of November we hold in prayer all who have passed away in our parish in the last year. We also pray for all those who have died; family and friends.



Located in each church is the book, which parishioners may add lists of names of deceased friends and loved ones.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



#### Christ the King – Yr B

<b>1st Reading</b>	Daniel 7:13-14
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 93
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Revelation 1:5-8
<b>Gospel</b>	John 18:33-37

### WELCOME KALEPO MISI

My name is Kalepo Misi, and I am a seminarian at the Holy Spirit seminary in my propaedeutic stage (1st year). I was born in New Zealand 2004 and Moved to Australia when I was only 3 for better opportunities. My background is Samoan. As children we were brought up around the culture, and for me utilising the culture within the seminary has been nothing but a positive impact.



I did my primary and secondary schooling in Brisbane attending Our lady of the Sacred Heart Darra, and in year 5 this is where I first had a calling to the Priesthood. From then on, I went onto high school completing year 7-12 at St Thomas More College Sunnybank where I had a lot of ups and downs, and priesthood would've been in the back of my mind as I wanted to pursue my passion in rugby, but I guess throughout the years, I could still feel the calling towards the Priesthood. So, I discerned seriously straight after High school, and deepening and growing stronger in my faith journey towards Christ, not knowing where he was going to call me to either if it was the married life, religious order or priesthood. I attended many events within my parish in Darra, but I felt like I needed more than that, something that was going to drive me into knowing where God had planned for me.

During these years I worked as a plumber straight after high school from 2021 to the end of 2022. I made a decision to have more of an understanding of pastoral experience so I moved to Mt Isa, where I worked as a youth worker and a phlebotomist for the whole of 2023 before moving back to Brisbane where I entered the Seminary in 2024. I am very grateful to be a part of this community, and I look forward to what is to come.

### BON VOYAGE BERNADETTE LENIHAN

After 46 years working for the church, Bernadette is hanging up her 'parish keys' to spend more time with Pat and the family. Bernadette has been a significant contributor to the operations of our Parish; both St. Brigid's Parish, Rosewood, then the Ipswich Catholic Community, and will be retiring on 29<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to make an offering for a gift, please place an envelope in the collection plate with Bernadette's name on in.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RESERVING A COLUMBARIUM NICHE?

Did you know that our parish has four cemeteries and a columbarium? We invite you to consider reserving a plot or a niche for your loved ones

We are currently reviewing our columbarium reservations. Many parishioners have expressed interest in reserving a niche, but we have noticed that some reservations lack completed paperwork and payments. To comply with statutory requirements for interment sites, we will be reaching out to parishioners who haven't finalised their reservations. Please be aware that any niches not secured will be made available for others to purchase. We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to complete the reservation process as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention to this matter! For more details, please contact the parish office.



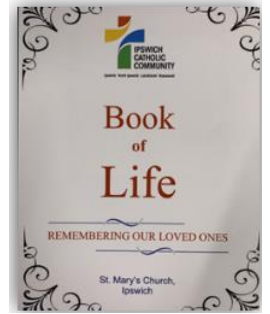
## NOVEMBER BLESSINGS AND MASSES

**NOVEMBER BLESSINGS AND MASSES** - Mass will be offered each day in November for those whose names have been written in the Book of Life. The BOOK OF LIFE in each church is on display for those wishing to enter the names of your deceased loved ones.

We also have special "**November Mass Envelopes**" for parishioners and visitors to use. Please print the names of your deceased family members and friends clearly and place them in the collection plate. Envelopes available in all churches.

**Upcoming Cemetery & Church Liturgy dates in November:**

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am Mass, Blessing and Morning Tea, Glamorgan Vale Cemetery
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am Mass, Blessing and Morning Tea, St. Michael's Cemetery, Pine Mountain



### *Calling all Ipswich Catholic Community Music Ministers.....*

*We would like to invite you to a gathering to  
say, 'Thank You' and celebrate the wonderful  
gifts you all are.*

Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024  
Our New Parish Centre  
4:30pm until 5:30pm

RSVP: email Kathy at [music@ipswichcatholic.au](mailto:music@ipswichcatholic.au) or  
phone or text 0419 647 526 by Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

## YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

**ST. MARY'S NATIVITY** - This year the children of our parish community will be telling the Nativity Story at the St Mary's Church Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Practices will be on every Tuesday afternoon from the 26th of November to the 17th of December. Practices will last an hour commencing at 3:30pm in St Mary's Church Ipswich.

All primary school aged children who are in prep to grade 6 in 2024 are welcome to and encouraged to be part of this beautiful story. We are also seeking a few more volunteers, if you are wishing to assist in the preparation and practice for the Nativity Story, please email [englands@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:englands@bne.catholic.net.au) to express your willingness. We would love to have a lot of young people involved! *Stewart England, Youth Coordinator*

**CONNECT YOUTH END of YEAR RETREAT** - On Sunday the 24th of November Connect High Youth will be having an End of Year Retreat from 2:30pm to 6:30pm! All young people who are in Year 6 to Year 12 in 2024 are more than welcome to join us! Afternoon tea, dinner and drinks are provided along with a water fight, games, prayer experience, awesome times and so many more fun things!

This will be the last chance to engage in a Connect Youth gathering so come along and finish your school year on a high! Registration information will be provided in next week's newsletter. Any questions please email [englands@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:englands@bne.catholic.net.au)

## NEWS & UPDATES

**PARISH HOSPITALITY** - The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, following the 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass, there will be a tea/coffee/hospitality in the Parish Centre. Please come along, especially if you haven't seen inside the new Parish Centre. We are always looking for parishioners who are willing to join a roster (once a month) to have a cuppa after one or more of the Masses at St Mary's, so please reach out. With a fully operational kitchen, the work involved is light! If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office to express your interest.

### 2025 FRANCISCAN CALENDAR

Available now at all churches for \$5 each



### ROSTER COORDINATOR MEETING

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
St. Francis Room, Parish Office  
2pm – 3:30pm

**ANNUALS** are available for purchase via the link below. Daily Mass Book (\$26), Ordo (16.50), Break Open the Word (\$26) can be purchased using the following link - <https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au/collections/annuals>

### Celebrating Feast of Christ the King – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November:

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.



**RCIA – (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).** Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church during 9.00am Mass, our four Catechumens and two Candidates will receive the **Rite of Welcome and Acceptance** into the Ipswich Catholic Community. This is a special time for our community to show them our love and support. Please continue to pray for them as they are on this journey of faith, searching for God and its kingdom. Through weekly sessions, our participants gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. Our next session is on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm** in the Parish Office.



**St. Joseph's Church Organ Appeal** - St. Joseph's Church is seeking a replacement for its aging organ, which has seen better days. We would greatly appreciate any support in the following ways: monetary donations toward purchasing a new organ, assistance with fundraising efforts, and donations of items for raffles or other fundraising events. If you are able to help or have suggestions for sourcing a suitable replacement organ, please contact the Parish office at 3362 8765, or Roly and Tarana Cruice at 3281 4783 or 0400 149 063.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



### THIS YEAR'S GIVING TREE

- Parish Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Ipswich Hospice

Envelopes will be available in churches from 30<sup>th</sup> November. We also have a QR Code for those who want to give electronically. Don't forget to list/mark your selection.



Each year we raise around \$6,000 and the money is always put to good use. Thank you in advance!

You may also want to use the Vinnies baskets at church a little differently this year: a toy for a child, some Christmas themed gifts (fruit cake, bon bons, etc). Use your imagination!



### ADVENT CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	Placement of Advent Wreath & Candles
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	Placement of Crib & Giving Tree
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	Christmas Tree Assembled
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	Blessing of Crib & Christmas Tree

### SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 16th Dec 7pm

### CHRISTMAS MASSES & LITURGIES

#### Christmas Vigil (Eve) – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4:30pm – Immaculate Heart, Leichhardt  
4:30pm – St. Brigid's, Rosewood  
6:00pm – St. Mary's, Woodend  
6:00pm – St. Joseph's, North Ipswich  
Midnight Mass – St. Mary's, Woodend



#### Christmas Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

7:30am – Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights  
9:00am – St. Mary's, Woodend  
No evening Mass Christmas Day