

**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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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time****Year C****11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings give us insight as to how we, as Catholics, can deal with disappointment. The famous parable from Luke about the disappointment a shepherd feels losing just one sheep and the joy that follows when it is found and returned to the flock of 100. We have all experienced disappointments and joy – some more than others!

Rare among us is the person who does not have to deal with disappointment daily. Disappointment comes in many forms, and there is a myriad of reasons why it impacts our lives. Maybe the disappointment is as minor as your favourite team not winning a close game (!), or as major as your long-awaited holiday plans requiring adjustment, due to health concerns.

How we react to disappointment, big and small, is just as varied. For some of us, disappointment turns quickly to anger that we cannot control; while for others, they can quickly put it behind them and focus instead on the bigger picture.

We strive each day to be more Christ-like in how we live our lives and how we present ourselves to those we love, work with, and meet as total strangers, which is the better course to follow?

Patience and understanding are key, but how we get to that point probably requires much prayer on our part. As the Scriptures this weekend illustrate so well, God is used to disappointment. God knows our imperfections and weaknesses will be frustrating, but God so readily forgives those who reach out and ask for God's continued love and blessing.

This week should disappointment darken your door and frustration, anger, or even hatred creep into your mind, strive to be more Christ-like in your response. Pray that like Timothy, we, too, may be merciful in our treatment of others and abundant in grace, so that our faith and love in Jesus Christ is displayed through our patience and understanding, all of which is proof positive that Christ lives in us and we in him.

Enjoy your week, **Stephen ofm****PARISH CALENDAR****THIS WEEKEND**

<b>Fri 09</b>	6:30pm Primary School Youth, St Mary's School Hall 10.00am Baptisms, St. Mary's Church 4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Heart Church
<b>Sat 10</b>	4:30pm Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church 6:00pm Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
<b>Sun 11</b>	7.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Church 8:00am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall 9.00am Mass at St. Mary's Church Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Mass) 10.30am Baptisms, St. Mary's Church 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

**NEXT WEEK**

<b>Mon 12</b>	7:00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church 3:30pm Primary School Atrium at St. Mary's Primary School
<b>Tues 13</b>	9.00am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church 11.00am Funeral for John Peet, St. Joseph's Church, 8.30am Rosary, 9.00am Mass, 9.30am Adoration at St Mary's Church
<b>Wed 14</b>	NO MASS at St. Brigid's Church Hall 3:30pm Primary School Atrium at St. Mary's Primary School 5.00pm Prayer Group, Parish Office 6.30pm RCIA Session 2, Parish Office
<b>Thur 15</b>	9.00am Mass at St Mary's Church
<b>Fri 16</b>	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church 6:30pm High School Youth, Parish Office

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## PASTORAL & OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>1st Reading</b>	<u>Am 8:4-7</u>
<b>Psalm</b>	<u>Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8</u>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<u>1 Tm 2:1-8</u>
<b>Gospel</b>	<u>Lk 16:1-13</u>

### PRAYING FOR OTHERS



Please pray for those in our parish who are unwell or in need. We also pray for the following...

**Recently Deceased:** Mona Boyd, Tivini Kautai, Ingram Gordon, Clare Conway, Daniel Ward,

**Anniversaries:** Betty Edbrooke, William McGinty, Joan & Annie Devitt, and those in our Book of Life.



Our parish is planning a trip to **MARIAN VALLEY, SHRINE OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** in October, the month of Rosary. Marian Valley is a sacred place, which has been established as a place to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord. The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians is an Archdiocesan Shrine of Brisbane and it is dedicated to Our Lady Help of Christians, a title under which Mary is particularly honoured in Australia as its Patroness. It is open to pilgrims all year around. There is some information about the trip below (more info in the coming weeks)

**Where:** Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, 2541 Beechmont Road, Witheren via Cunungra

**When:** Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022, from 7.00am – 4.00pm, **How:** Travel by bus, leaving from St. Mary's Church

For more information, please visit <http://marianvalley.org.au/> **We need 20 people for this trip to proceed, and so far only 7 people have registered. If you're interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Office asap 3281 2133**

### PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Prior to COVID, our schools and colleges participated in weekday Mass, as well as some of our weekend Masses. Over recent weeks, we have been reintroducing our schools/colleges into weekday Masses. In particular, Felicity Prior (APRE – St. Mary's Primary School) has been accompanying children as they start to come to Mass again. As you can imagine, coordinating over 100 children at a Mass can be a challenge. For both the teachers, and parishioners.

To help, Felicity has been visiting the church with the children several times a week, to help them become familiar with the church layout, seating arrangements, liturgical actions (sit, stand, kneel), as well as how to move around the church when the time comes for Communion / blessing. Overall, the formation of the school children is coming along exceptionally well. Thank you, Felicity!

I also want to thank our parishioners, who come to weekday Mass. We understand that it can be a bit messy at times, however as Archbishop Mark frequently points out, 'The Holy Spirit is messy.' So let us all embrace the mess, and offer it up to God.

As we move toward the back half of the year, we continue to plan the same opportunity for our other 5 schools/colleges; inviting students to come celebrate the Eucharist with us. Last week, I met with the 6 APRE's to collaborate on the 2023 Pastoral Schedule, which outlines liturgies and Masses where the schools/colleges are involved, and also when our priests preside at liturgies/Masses in our churches and at schools/colleges. Aligning 7 calendars (6 schools/colleges) and the Parish calendar is a big task. The meeting went well and over the next 3-4 weeks we will finalise the Pastoral Schedule to 2023.

**Benjamin Leschke**



There are always various projects, activities, and maintenance items underway across the Parish. Many of our buildings are old, and part of them are failing! We have a planned maintenance schedule, but due to the number of properties, it can get a little hectic at times.. If you would like to contribute to the cost of any of these project, please place an envelope on the collection plate marked 'Repairs'. Donations can be made at any time.

Alternatively, please contact me at the Parish Office. Thank you to those who have already provided financial assistance! Your help is helping us manage these costs as best we can!

### Safe and Supported

**SAFEGUARDING  
SUNDAY 2022**  
SEPTEMBER 11



### Archdiocesan Safeguarding Sunday 2022 (Sept 11)

The Parish of The Ipswich Catholic Community and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the work in this area at..

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)



**CELEBRATING ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL CENTENARY.**

- On Friday 14th October at 9.00am, there will be a School Mass followed by a special morning tea, AND
- On Sunday 16th October, the Parish will celebrate with Mass and morning tea, followed by lunch at the Royal George Pub. Please contact the Parish Office (32812133) to book your seat for lunch.

**Used postage stamps:** As everyone is well aware, the use of the postage stamp is declining rapidly. It is becoming harder and harder to source the volume of stamps needed to produce a viable return. Combined with this, my stamp dealer of over 20 years, has informed me that he is closing his business before the end of this year. These two factors have helped me to decide that I, too, will no longer collect stamps. This has not been an easy decision. Many, many thanks to all the parishioners who have supported this initiative for so long. *Linda Allen*

**The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 24th September @ 11:30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane. Those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more, are invited to attend, together with your family and friends. RSVP: by Wednesday 21st September; email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; telephone 3324 3030. The Cathedral car park will be available.

**A Word from Pope Francis** When someone whose heart is synchronised with God's, sees the repentance of a person, they rejoice, no matter how serious their mistakes may have been. They do not stay focused on errors, they do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person's good is mine as well! ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 27, 2022

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

### 4 - 10 September 2022

**In 2022, National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. In particular, this year we will be shining a light on children growing up safe and supported.** Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. They have the right to grow up in environments that support them according to their needs, now and into the future. This year let's talk about how we create a supportive environment for every child.

National Child Protection Week will be looking at what works to keep children safe and supported... what children are telling us... what families are telling us... what the evidence is telling us... and how to translate this knowledge into action. We know that too many children are not growing up safe and supported and that Child Protection systems are overloaded. There are many opportunities to change the trajectory for these children. We can stop child abuse and neglect – and reduce its impact – by working together to make sure every child in every community has a fair go.



*Queen Elizabeth II of the UK and Commonwealth realms has died after a reign of 70 years, 214 days. Her majesty passed away at her Balmoral estate in Scotland on the afternoon of September 8th, 2022. She was 96 years old. Because of the deterioration of her health, her family had been called to her bedside and she was surrounded by them when she died.*

*Just like every family who mourn the death of a loved one, we pray that they will find comfort in the knowledge that she is now at peace in the arms of God, and reunited with her husband, Phillip, and they will find much consolation in the memories of the times they shared and the love she gave to them and indeed to everyone she encountered.*



## FORMATION & ACCOMPANIMENT



**RCIA – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> session is scheduled for this week at the Parish Office – 6.30pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

**We still need sponsors to accompany those candidates who will journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church.**

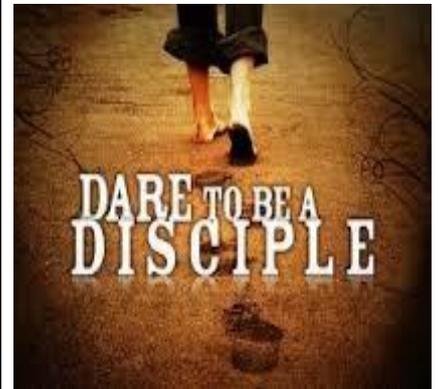
Please consider if God is calling you to this ministry, and let Fr Stephen or the Parish Office know. Fr Stephen will then consider the compatibility for each sponsor/ candidate, before final appointments are made.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Teenagers (RCIT)** is a program where high school student prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation. Students are invited to enrol in the program, which will commence Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and run each Wednesday for 7 weeks.

- Catholic teens who have not celebrated all of their sacraments are invited to enrol.
- Any other teen who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith more, and would like to consider becoming Catholic is invited to enrol too.

Enrol now - <https://bit.ly/rcit2022>



## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation in 2022 is '*Listen to the Voice of Creation.*'

👂 **"Listen to the voice of creation:** *If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.*"

For the followers of Christ in particular, this luminous experience reinforces our awareness that "all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being" (*Jn 1:3*). In this Season of Creation, we pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the "grandiose cosmic choir" made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God. Let us join Saint Francis of Assisi in singing: "Praise be to you, my Lord, for all your creatures" (cf. *Canticle of Brother Sun*). Let us join the psalmist in singing, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" (*Ps 150:6*).

Please check out these short videos

- \*Australia's State of the Environment Report

A comprehensive assessment of the state of Australia's environment was released in July this year.

<https://soe.environment.gov.au/>

- \*A Laudato Si' Animation Video

CAFOD in the UK produced this animated video to explain what Laudato Si' teaches.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM>

Wake up with  
determination.  
Go to bed with  
satisfaction.

George Horace Lorimer



*The Ipswich Catholic Community acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to the land, sea, and community.*

*Our community pays our respects to them and their cultures; and to their Elders, past, present and future.*