

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 8:30am - 3:30pm
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Seminarian: Michael Tran

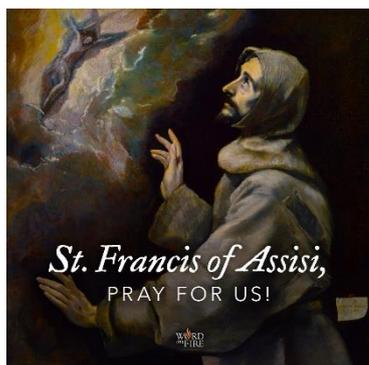
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year C** **2nd October 2022**

Dear Parishioners,

Thank-you for your prayers for the Franciscans this past week. Our Chapter/meeting was very successful ~ 30 of us met to discern our future and the commitments we have in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Malaysia. I narrowly escaped some positions but was elected Vicar Provincial (2nd in charge). This extra role I now have will take me away from the Parish a few days a month. I'm still to sort out some of the practicalities!



What's the difference between a believer and an atheist? What separates one who is indifferent to religion from a religious person? Faith! To believe is no small thing and a huge gift. "Father, you're lucky you have faith!" an atheist friend once told me. "I have tried, but I can't believe." We believers are indeed lucky, because having faith in Jesus opens us up to heaven, to life after death, to finding hope and meaning in suffering. Faith allows us to trust something bigger than ourselves and to be at peace even when all around us is crazy. Faith and acceptance are the difference between interior harmony and frustration.



St Francis often said that we have received everything from God, which is why Jesus invites us to have the attitude of humble servants. He uses an example that is clear to his listeners: a servant works hard all day and then comes home and prepares and serves dinner. In so doing, he is merely performing his job. Jesus isn't endorsing the insensitive nature of the master but offering a model of the humble servant who faithfully fulfills his position.

Since he receives everything from the master, he can only be grateful for the opportunity to work. Such is our position before God. We have no place being proud or demanding before God because all we have is from him: life, family, health, our talents. All are God's gifts to us.

As we celebrate the feast of St Francis on Tuesday, let's truly give praise to God for our lives, and be grateful for all that God places before us. St. Francis, pray for us!

Stephen ofm

TALK ABOUT
IN THE IPSWICH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Spring 2022 News from across our parish

From the Desk of Fr. Stephen Bliss ofm

then I proclaim God to be finite and imperfect. If I believe in the

Talkabout – September Edition: The spring edition of our church magazine is now available at the help desk at each of our churches.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of printing. Talkabout celebrates our Parish by sharing news from parishioners and ministries.

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 30	No Youth – School Holidays
Sat 01	4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Heart Church
	4:30pm Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church
	5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church
	6:00pm Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
Sun 02	7.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Church (cuppa after)
	8:00am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall (m/tea after)
	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

**"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."
St. Francis**

NEXT WEEK

Mon 03	No Mass at St. Joseph's Church Parish Office is closed (Public Holiday)	
Tues 04	No Mass at Immaculate Heart Church 8:30am Council of Priests (Fr. Stephen)	
	8.30am Rosary, 9.00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration at St Mary's Church	
Wed 05	No MASS at St. Brigid's Church Hall 11am Principals Meeting, Parish Office 5.00pm Prayer Group, Parish Office 6:30pm RCIA Session 3, Parish Office	
	Thur 06	9.00am Mass at St Mary's Church
		9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church (m/tea after)
Fri 07	5:00pm Clergy Event, Holy Spirit Seminary 6:30pm Primary School Youth, St. Mary's Primary School Hall	

Did you know an astronaut was allergic to the moon - Seems like someone had a tre-moon-dous allergy problem! During the Apollo 17 mission, astronaut Harrison Schmitt found out that he had a severe reaction to moon dust.



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PASTORAL & OPERATIONAL UPDATE

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 98:1-4

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

PRAYING FOR OTHERS



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

Recently Deceased: Fr. Jim Elmore cp, Margherita Buys, Louisa Molloy.

Anniversaries: Valerie Brown, John Mitchell, Colin Ryan, Teresa Scully, Margaret Long, Doris Lawson, Anon, Frances Elmore, Anne Lennon, and those in our Book of Life.

FRANCISCANS

Order of Friars Minor

FOUNDER

St. Francis of Assisi

MOTTO

"Pax et bonum" (Peace and the good)

TYPE

Mendicant Religious Order

HABIT

Grey/Black (Conventual Franciscans)
Brown (Capuchins)

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SPIRITUALITY

- Living the Gospel
- Following Jesus Christ
- Poverty
- Fraternity

COAT OF ARMS



NOTABLE SAINTS

St. Anthony of Padua
St. Bonaventure
St. Clare of Assisi
St. Pio of Pietrelcina
St. Maximilian Kolbe

PARISH SITREP

Situation Report

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 projects, please place an envelope on the collection plate marked 'Repairs'. Thank you to those who have already given!

Miraculous Medal Church – Power has been restored to the church. New power cables had to be run from the pole at the front of the block to the rear of the block. Whatever the cause, the original power cables under the ground overheated and fused together, making it irreparable. The new cable also gave us the opportunity to fix the out of date switchboard.

We also have a few bees about, at the rear of the church. We have spoken with a pest controller who will be checking this out for us to ensure bees haven't built a nest anywhere they shouldn't.

St. Brigid's Church – The development application for the church move is being lodged with the Ipswich City Council on Friday 7th October. The Town Planning Report has been finalised and on Tuesday/Wednesday next week the Heritage Imacy Statement is being finalised.

St. Mary's Church – Several parishioners approached Fr. Stephen with donations to repair the brass sanctuary lamps. Due to their age, there was a lot of pitting and dents in the metal, and the work to keep them polished each week was arduous. The cost of the restored lamps was covered by these parishioners, and keeping them polished is now as simple as a squirt of Mr. Sheen! Thank you to those who financed this small project! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

SOME IMPORTANT NEWS

CELEBRATING ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL CENTENARY



Friday 14th October at 9.00am, there will be a School Mass followed by a special morning tea.

Sunday 16th October at 8am, we will celebrate with Mass, morning tea, followed by lunch at the Royal George Pub. Please contact the Parish Office (32812133) to book your seat for lunch.

Celebrating
100
YEARS

NEXT WEEK – PARISH SCHEDULE

Next week we have several changes to our parish schedule. Our priests have formation and clergy responsibilities they need to attend to, and we have a public holiday. Please note the below adjustments to our calendar.



- Monday 3rd Oct – No 7am Mass at St. Joseph's
The Parish Office will also be closed
- Tuesday 4th Oct – No 9am Mass at Immaculate Heart
- Wednesday 5th Oct – No 9:30am Mass at St. Brigid's

We will have a 9am Mass (with usual rosary and adoration) on Wednesday in St. Mary's Church. Fr. John Fitz Herbert will be presiding. Many of our parishioners know Fr. John.

The following week things start to return to normal after a very busy few weeks for our priests and seminarian!

Friday Morning Mass & Morning Tea – Friday 7th October at Miraculous Medal, our community will come together to celebrate Mass and morning tea. Mass commences at 9am and morning tea is available afterward. This is a fantastic way to lean into the weekend! Pop in for Mass, a cuppa, and a chat.



Infant & Toddler Atrium Update – Term 4 sessions will commence Wednesday 13th October. Please reach out to confirm you are returning next term. In 2023, we will have a new location due to Mater Dei being sold. Fr. Stephen and the leadership team are working with us to ensure our ministry continues and are working on a location for us!

Primary School Atrium Update – Term 4 sessions will commence on Monday 17th October, and Wednesday 19th October. If you are not returning next term, can you please let the team know. In 2023, we will be moving to a single Tuesday session from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. We hope by giving you this advance notice you will be able to organise your child's out of school activities around Tuesdays. Thank you for the joy you bring to the Atrium. Stay safe during the holidays and every blessing until we gather once more. **Best wishes, Karen, Kristy, Bev, and Bernadette**

OCTOBER ROSARY – On **Saturday, 15th October**, there will be a public Rosary inside St. Mary's Church at **12pm (noon)**. Our prayer will begin with the Angelus, an offer of our intentions, and we will pray the Luminous Mysteries. Tea/Coffee/water will be available after.



On October 15th, we also remember St. Teresa of Avila. As a youngster, St. Teresa had a strong devotion to St. Joseph and Our Lady, often finding a quiet place in the house to pray the Rosary. So, we will be in great company!

Please collect a prayer intention card at the help desk of each church if you would like prayers offered on your behalf. Just write your intention down and place in the intention box at the help desk. The Votive Candle stand will also be available on the day.

PARISH TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY – CONFIRMED!

Where: Marian Valley, 2541 Beechmont Road, Witheren via Cunungra

When: Saturday, 8th October 2022, from 7.00am – 4.00pm.

Bus Leaves: 7am sharp from St. Mary's Church carpark

Bus Returns: 4pm to St. Mary's Church carpark



Prison Ministry (Deacon Russ Nelson)

In November, Deacon Russ will be visiting the Parish to provide some information around Prison Ministry. Deacon Russ Nelson is from Brisbane, and has been part of the Australian Council for Clergy, Life and Ministry. Russ was ordained in July 2007 at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kenmore. He is currently responsible for Prison Ministry, and will be coming to the following Masses the weekend of the 12th & 13th November.

- Sat 4:30pm Mass Leichhardt
- Sat 6:00pm Mass Woodend
- Sun 7:30am North Ipswich
- Sun 5:30pm Woodend



FORMATION & ACCOMPANIMENT

Share Your Faith.
Grow Your Faith.

Volunteer to Be an
RCIA
SPONSOR

We are seeking sponsors to accompany those candidates who will journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

Please consider if God is calling you to this ministry, and let Fr Stephen or the Parish Office know.

Our next session is on the Trinity, and we gather on Wednesday 5th October from 6:30pm in the Parish Office.



Friday Youth is Back!

Every Friday during the term, our primary school and high school students meet for some food, fun and games.

Primary School students meet in the School Hall at St. Mary's Primary

7th & 21st October, 4th & 18th November, and 2nd December

High School students meet in the Parish Office

14th & 28th October, and 11th & 25th November

Worldwide Marriage Encounter last live-in weekend for 2022 will be held from Friday evening 14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October (including Mass) at Santa Teresa, Ormiston. For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy: 0481 307 821 gldb bookings@wwme.org.au



Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge's support video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44

For testimonies from ordinary families who have experienced a Marriage Encounter weekend visit www.wwme.org.au

NOVEMBER MASSES 2022

November Mass Offering Envelopes will be available at the Welcome Desk next weekend (1st & 2nd October).

The Book of Life in each church will also be on display for those wishing to enter the names of your deceased loved ones.

Our November Liturgies are as follows:



1st Nov Tuesday (All Saints Day)

9.00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt

9.00am St. Mary's Church, Woodend

2nd Nov Wednesday (All Souls Day)

8:30am Rosary - St. Mary's Church, Woodend

9.00am Mass - St. Mary's Church, Woodend

9:45am Adoration - St. Mary's Church, Woodend

9:30am Mass - St. Brigid's Hall, Rosewood

7.00pm St. Mary's Church, Woodend

(Remembrance Mass)

CEMETERY LITURGIES

6th Nov Sunday - Prayer Service

2:00pm at Warrill Park Cemetery

12th Nov Saturday - Mass & Blessing of Graves

10:30am at St. Patrick's Church, Rosevale

19th Nov Saturday - Mass & Blessing of Graves

10:00am at Glamorgan Vale Cemetery

26th Nov Saturday - Mass & Blessing of Graves

9:00am at St. Michael's Cemetery, Pine Mountain

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir.

This work simply will not be possible without your support - we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



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