

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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Assistant Priest: Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI
Seminarian: Michael Tran

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

16th October 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Persistence, Perseverance and Constancy

Once a pastor gave a long sermon on prayer based on the parable of The Poor Widow and the Corrupt Judge. Later at the door, while the pastor was shaking hands with his parishioners, one man said: 'Father, your sermon was simply wonderful, so invigorating, inspiring, and refreshing. The pastor of course, broke out in a big smile only to hear with a shock the man's next words: "I felt like a new man when I woke up." This is what happens to us in prayer - like this man we don't have persistence, perseverance, and constancy. These three companions go along with prayer.

The widow's episode in St. Luke's Gospel is mainly about perseverance, constancy and trust in God as we pray. Constancy in prayer is faith in action. Jesus presents the widow as the model of the trust and tenacity with which his disciples are to pray.

Dale Carnegie once said: "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." He reminds us of persistent people like inventor Thomas Alva Edison. Edison tried for years to make a light bulb, worked thousands of experiments, attempting to find the right combination of materials for the practical light bulb. After years of failures, the ever-optimistic Edison told a reporter: "I have not failed, I have just found ten thousand ways that won't work." In the end, his inventions changed the world.

Jesus compares persistence in prayer to a poor widow pursuing a judge. Isn't this what we do when we pray? We approach God as the one who has power. We present our case. If we don't get what we want, or if God appears to be ignoring us, we persist. We may change our strategy; make promises, throw in some sacrifice, up the ante, whatever it takes to get God's attention. The parable might even encourage us to pursue God like this, until we realize what Jesus really wants to tell us is that God is simply not like this. The essence of successful prayer is to get beyond any image of God as someone we need to lobby or wear down.

To make our prayer effective, we do not have to nag God. Long, meaningless prayers should not be used as bargaining chips with God. This parable teaches that our prayer does not change God's will. Instead, they bring our minds into line with His purposes. Persistent prayer is continuing communion with God and it can reshape our hearts to God's original design. Sincere and persistent prayer makes us ready to accept His will.

The parable does not suggest that God writes a blank cheque, guaranteeing whatever we want, whenever we want it, in the form we ask for. He knows what to give, when to give and how to give. Only he sees time as a whole, and, therefore, only He knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus said that we must never be discouraged in prayer. Instead, we have to leave the answer to God's decision saying: "Thy will be done".

Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI, Associate Pastor, Ipswich



This weekend we welcome **Fr Jose Panampuzha CMI** who last week was appointed as Associate Pastor to the Ipswich Catholic Community. Fr Jose is a member of the St Paul's, Mysuru, Province of the *Carmelites of Mary Immaculate*. Fr Jose was ordained on 28 December 2002. He is the 6th child in a family of seven - his parents are deceased. Fr Jose has served the Church in various capacities over the years, mainly in the educational sector. For the last twelve years he was Principal of a P-12 school. The Parish looks forward to the contribution of Fr Jose and we wish him a 'happy stay' with us.

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 14 High School Youth, Parish Office
12noon October Rosary, St. Mary's Church
4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Heart Church
Sat 15 4:30pm Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church
5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church
6:00pm Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
7:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Church (cuppa after)
8:00am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall (m/tea after) –
Centenary Luncheon to follow
Sun 16 9.00am Mass at St. Mary's Church
Incl Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Mass)
5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

NEXT WEEK

Mon 17 7.00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Tues 18 9.00am at Immaculate Heart Church
8.30am Rosary, 9am Mass, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's Church
9.30am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall
Wed 19 9.30am Atrium, (Infant/Toddler)
11.00am Funeral – Douglas Allen
3.30pm Atrium, (Primary School age)
6.30pm RCIA Session 4 – Parish Office
Thur 20 9.00am Mass at St Mary's Church
9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
Fri 21 11.00am Funeral - Wayne Pffor
1.30pm Wedding, St.Mary's Church
6:30pm Primary School Youth, St Mary's Primary School Hall



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PASTORAL & OPERATIONAL UPDATE

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalms	34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 18:9-14

PRAYING FOR OTHERS



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

Recently Deceased: Monica Edmeades, Douglas Allen, and Wayne Pforr

Anniversaries: Jeffrey Reinke, Benjamin Condrillon, Milton Stevenson, and those in our Book of Life.

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 – Although we have power again, unfortunately the amplifier (sound) has been damaged as a result. We have ordered a replacement. We have a portable sound system in place temporarily.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 29/30 OCTOBER



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

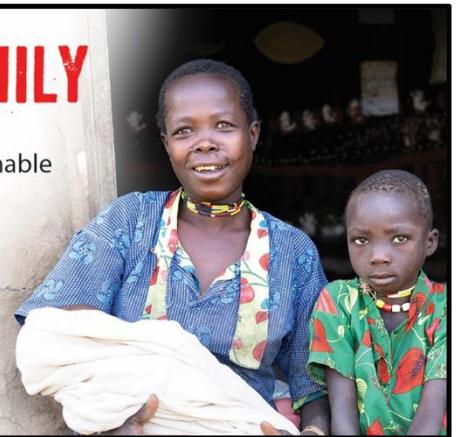
Envelopes will be available next weekend for you to collect, and prepare to make your donation on 29/30 October via a **Leaving Collection**.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Evangelise – October 20-22, 2022

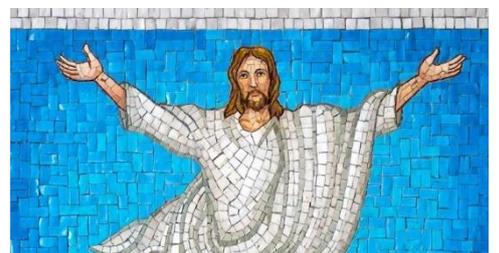
Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. This is an event you do not want to miss!

To view the event program, keynote speakers, and to register, head to www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

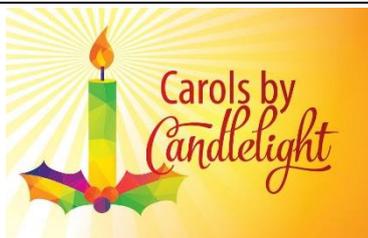


This weekend, we pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 2002 in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, the Luminous Mysteries, also referred to as the Mysteries of Light, demonstrate the light of God manifested through Jesus. In reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries, we walk through key aspects of Jesus' ministry and life on earth, meditating on the significance of each for our faith.

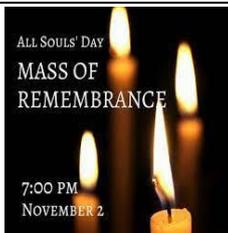


SOME IMPORTANT NEWS



CAROLS WITH CANDLELIGHT

St. Mary's Church
Friday, 18th November, 7.00pm.
Ticket link and details available soon.



REMEMBRANCE MASS

Wednesday, 2nd November
7.00pm in St. Mary's Church.
All are welcome to gather and pray for deceased family & friends.
We hope to see the church full !!



Primary School Atrium Update – Term 4 sessions commence on Monday 17th October, and Wednesday 19th October. If you are not returning this 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



A lady from Collingwood Park is looking for transport to come to the 9.00am Mass (or indeed any Mass) at St. Mary's each weekend. If you are able to assist, please phone her on 0493 540 908. Thank you



Orders are now being taken for **BREAK OPEN THE WORD** and **DAILY MASS BOOKS** for the new Liturgical Year A (2023) @ \$25.00 each

Please scan this QR code or use the link (<https://bit.ly/liturgysales>), under 'Item' please input Daily Mass Book or Break Open the Word, insert your name and email, and finally process your payment.



Alternatively, if you are unable to order this way, you can leave your details on the sheet at the Welcome Desk this weekend, and make a cash payment.



Once again the **Meals on Wheels Kitchen** have asked the churches of Ipswich to assist with delivery of meals while their regular volunteers take a much-deserved break.

The Ipswich Catholic Community are requested to provide **2 drivers and 2 helpers** on **each Thursday, from 15 Dec – 19 January** - from 10.15am to 12.30/1pm.

All volunteers do need to be fully Covid-Vaccinated, and will need to show proof of this on the day. This year we are asking for volunteers from each Mass community for a particular day.

Please put your name on the sheet at the Welcome Desk, or phone the Parish Office with your offer to help.

4.30pm Mass LCHT – 15 December; Sat 5.30pm Mass ST.MARY'S – 22nd December;
6.00pm Mass OLMM – 29 December; 7.30am Mass NTH IPS – 5 January;
9.00am Mass ST.MARY'S – 12 January; Sun 5.30pm ST.MARY'S – 19 January

It is a great family activity – something special to do for others at Christmas time. Thank you.



St Vincent de Paul Quarterly Report:

During the quarter July-September St Joseph's Conference assisted 116 families and singles comprising of 163 adults and 131 children. The total financial assistance given was \$9,615. Assistance with food, pharmacy, furniture and rent amounted to \$5440. Clothing and fuel distributed was \$1175. Groceries donated by the Ipswich Catholic Community and given to companions amounted to \$3000. We are thankful to Fr Stephen and Fr Johnny and the Ipswich Catholic Community for their continuing support of those who are in need. Thanking you,

Lyn (St Joseph's Conference, North Ipswich)

**OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

Psalm 124:2

Our Next Mass

**Saturday
29th October
at 8:00am**



Everyone is welcome to come along!

St. Michael's Church, Pine Mountain
856 Pine Mountain Rd, Pine Mountain

FORMATION & ACCOMPANIMENT

NOVEMBER MASSES 2022



November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk now. 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
and
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



As you may be aware, following the Remembrance Mass on Wednesday, 2nd November, we offer some hospitality in the form of tea/coffee/etc for the families who have come to remember their loved ones. We need some helpers to make this happen on the night – so if you can assist between 6.30pm and 8.00pm, please call the Parish Office and leave your details. Thank you.



WE NEED HELP WITH ALL MINISTERS

We are so short of all ministers that we need your help. Please consider this as a personal invitation to be involved. We need young and wise parishioners, male and female!

Lectors (Readers), Eucharistic Ministers, Computer Operators, Musicians, Singers, Altar Servers – you name it, the Lord needs you!

This week we celebrated the 60 year anniversary of the Second Vatican Council who called on the faithful to have “active participation” in the Eucharist. Help will be given, and training offered. Please inundate the Parish Office with names ~ thank-you!

Friday Night Youth Gatherings

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

Primary School students meet in St. Mary's Primary School Hall –
21st October, 4th & 18th November, and 2nd December

High School students meet in the Parish Office - 28th October, and 11th & 25th November



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia :

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing emergency aid to over 5000 families, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan



Blessings to all our encountered couples. We have a weekend happening this current weekend and ask for your prayers for all the attendees and presenters. Community couples are invited to the closing mass on Sunday 16th at 3.00pm. The community are invited to the renewal afternoon on Saturday 29th October from 1 to 4 pm at Hendra parish. We are also holding a Marriage Encounter Christmas party on the 19th November at Grinstead Park Alderley from 12 to about 4pm. Please bring your own supplies and a gift for St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Preferred cash in an envelope with your name on for a receipt. Looking forward to catching up with you all. David, Cecilia and Fr Nev Yun, Marriage Encounter Northern Region Ecclesial Team.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. (St Francis of Assisi.)