

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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Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Bliss OFM
Assistant Priests: Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI
Fr. Jose Panampuzha CMI
Seminarian: Michael Tran

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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23rd October 2022

To bear witness to Christ (World Mission Day 2022)



Dear Parishioners,

Jesus said, "therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Meaning of the term 'Mission Sunday' is expressed through this saying of Jesus. Pope Francis reflected on the foundations of "the life and mission of every disciple". He said, "the call of every Christian is to bear witness to Christ," calling it the heart of Jesus' teaching to the disciples." The Holy Father recalls the bond between every missionary and Christ himself, "the first to be sent, as a missionary of the Father", "His faithful witness", and remembers that the Church's sole mission is to bear witness to Christ.

"The disciples are urged to live their personal lives in a missionary key: they are sent by Jesus to the world not only to carry out, but also and above all to live the mission entrusted to them; not only to bear witness, but also and above all to be witnesses of Christ." In this sense we are all missionaries in the world today.

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity, so Christians the world over, will recognize their common responsibility about the evangelization of the world.

Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world".

Our duty as Catholics is to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world. Many of our brothers and sisters have been spreading the message of the Lord in different parts of the world. In many places there are tensions, and the missionaries are being persecuted. Let us be bold enough to support them in their struggles and sufferings. Pope Pius XI decided to proclaim St. Teresa of Lisieux as the Patroness of the worldwide Missions, alongside Saint Francis Xavier, because her motto in life was "save souls even after my death". She did not go to any missions but spent all her time praying for the missions. Let us support the missions and missionaries all over the world.

Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI

St. Mary's Sanctuary Lamps – They have returned to the sanctuary and have been repaired, restored, and polished. The legs took longer than expected, however have come up a treat! The best part is that Mary and Margaret (our chief sacristans) only need a little 'Mr Sheen' now and then to keep them looking sharp! No need to use brasso or any elbow grease! Rather than polishing them several times a week, if the stands aren't touched, they only need to be wiped over weekly. The stabilisers for the red lenses are still being made and will arrive soon. Thank you to our parishioners who donated the money to restore these stands; you know who you are! Our lamps will now shine brighter!



PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

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| Fri 21 | 6:30pm Primary School Youth, St Mary's Primary School Hall 3.00pm Wedding – Miraculous Medal Church 4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Heart Church |
| Sat 22 | 4:30pm Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church 6:00pm Mass at Miraculous Medal Church |
| Sun 23 | 7.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Church (breakfast after) 8:00am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall 9.00am Mass at St. Mary's Church Incl Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Mass) 10.30am Baptisms, St. Mary's Church 10.30am Baptism Preparation, Parish Office 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church |

NEXT WEEK

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| Mon 24 | 7.00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church 3.30pm Atrium, (Primary School age) |
| Tues 25 | 9.00am at Immaculate Heart Church 10.30am Funeral Prayers – Priscilla Elder |
| Wed 26 | 8.30am Rosary, 9am Mass, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's Church 9.30am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall 9.30am Atrium, (Infant/Toddler) 3.30pm Atrium, (Primary School age) |
| Thur 27 | 9.00am Mass at St Mary's Church 9.00am Final Mass at Grandchester Church 2.00pm Villa Maria Remembrance Mass, Miraculous Medal Church 7.00pm Finance Advisory Council Meeting |
| Fri 28 | 9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church 6:30pm High School Youth, Parish Office |



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PASTORAL & OPERATIONAL UPDATE



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!



Parish Priest Update – Over the past few weeks, the Archbishop has been in conversation with myself and with Fr. Johnny, and I can now announce that in early January, Fr. Johnny will be taking on the role of Parish Priest, Rochdale. Please join me in congratulating him! This Christmas, Johnny will have been in Australia 12 months, and this appointment not only recognises the pastoral skills Johnny has, but also reflects the engagement he has undertaken in our Parish these last 9 months. Well done, Fr. Johnny! I am sure he will be presented with new challenges, so please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his first Parish Priest role in Australia.

To help with the changeover of priests, I was also able to negotiate with the Archbishop's office, Fr. Jose arriving at the Parish earlier than January (when Fr. Johnny leaves), rather than float around other parishes until his formal appointment to Ipswich. So, Fr. Jose arrived last week, giving him some time to become familiar with our large and wonderful Parish, allowing parishioners time to meet him, and allowing me some time to get accustomed to my new responsibilities (Council of Priests, College of Consultors, Vicar Provincial). I am excited to use the next 3 months to prepare for what is to be an exciting 2023 for myself, for Fr. Jose, and for the Parish!

Finally, last year when we moved to having 2 priests, our Parish Advisory Team and Finance Advisory Council met to make some small changes to Mass times to help accommodate one less priest. Part of that change was the commitment to review Mass times before Christmas 2022. Therefore, I am inviting submissions from all parishioners who would like to give input on our current Mass times. I won't be holding special meetings for this, as we have undertaken a review of our Masses several times in recent years, and I am confident everyone is aware that the entire parish is invited to give feedback and that if anyone would like to meet with me to discuss this, I am available. Just contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

The objective of the review of Mass times is to ensure they work well for 2 priests, and to help minimise the costs involved with supply priests. We also want to ensure each of our communities have time to chat with priests after Mass before we race off to another Mass elsewhere in the Parish. Fr. Jose and I enjoy not having to race off. If you would like to make a submission about our current Mass times (even if you don't want them to change) please forward an email to ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au or place a note on the collection plate.

Submissions are open until Thursday 3rd November, and on the **weekend of 5th & 6th November we will conduct a pew poll during Mass** so parishioners can vote on the options compiled. I look forward to some creative thinking!

Stephen ofm

Operations Manager Update – Over the last 2 months, Fr. Stephen and I have been working with the Archdiocese on the Parish Budget for 2023. The draft is currently with the Parish Finance Council for comment and feedback and will be finalised on Friday next week. Unfortunately, in recent years, planned giving contributions have continually decreased by approx. \$70,000, and over the last 18 months we have also lost 65 planned givers (several have passed away, some left the parish, however the majority have been unable to continue to give. We thank each of these families for their financial contributions over their years of giving.

A summary of our planned giving actual/goal/pledge is included in the tables below:

| Year | Actual | Goal* | Comments |
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| 2020 | \$500,353 | \$550,000 (91% of goal) | COVID had an impact on our program and cancelation of Masses also impacted giving amounts. |
| 2021 | \$516,161 | \$575,000 (89% of goal) | As weekend Masses resumed giving started to increase. |
| 2022 (f/cast to Dec) | \$428,984 | \$600,000 (72% of goal) | Approx 65 regular planned givers are no longer giving. |

*Each year our goal increases by \$25,000 to accommodate increases in costs and services and other expenses.

| 2023 | Goal | Pledged Already | Variance |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Planned Giving | \$625,000 | \$509,353 | 82% of goal pledged so far (can you help us meet 100%?) |
| Fundraising | \$20,000 | | Fundraising link - bit.ly/ipswichfundraise |

In 2021, the Finance Council established an endowment (investment) fund to help stabilise Parish income to ensure we can maintain our very large Parish and become more sustainable. Further information on the fund - <https://bit.ly/parishfund>.

The endowment fund is a long-term solution as it takes 3-5 years to see strong financial return. We still do need to focus on ensuring we have a strong planned giving commitment from parishioners. We will also commence fundraising in 2023 to help in other ways. The Finance Council is participating in a workshop in the coming months to develop this plan for next year.

Parishioners and visitors not currently part of our planned giving program are invited to participate. There are several ways this can be done; our preferred method is direct debit or credit card as there are very few costs involved for the Parish.

Credit Card Form - bit.ly/ipswichcc

Direct Debit Form - bit.ly/ipswichddr

We have a fundraising link that can be used for donations. bit.ly/ipswichfundraise. Our parish has been blessed with the generosity of parishioners since Catholics first arrived in the mid 1800's and this has continued. Our Parish has a strong financial legacy. Please be part of that legacy and help make our planned giving program successful by making a commitment to our program. Reach out to me if you would like further information. Thank you for considering and for all those who currently give!

Benjamin, Operations Manager

SOME IMPORTANT NEWS

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 1st Reading | Wis 11:22-12:2 |
| Psalm | Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 |
| 2nd Reading | 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 |
| Gospel | Lk 19:1-10 |

PRAYING FOR OTHERS



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

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

Anniversaries: Bob & Kath McDonald, Pelagio Palero, Jim Cassidy, John Wood, Michael Long, Reg Range, Neal Crozier, Jeffrey Reinke, Benjamin Condrillon, Milton Stevenson, and those in our Book of Life.

All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

Wednesday
2nd November
7.00pm
St. Mary's Church



All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. As Catholics, this is a particularly important part of our faith. Please come and light a candle and offer a prayer for a loved one. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Please collect a donation envelope this weekend and bring back with your donation enclosed for our **Leaving Collection next weekend (29/30 Oct)**

To celebrate the 128-year history in this church, we invite you to gather for a final Mass at

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, GRANDCHESTER

On Thursday 27th October at 9am.

St. Peter's has been sold and will now move into a new stage of its history, and this is an opportunity for our Parish to celebrate Mass a final time.



Ipswich Orpheus Chorus

Ipswich Catholic Community

Presents

CAROLS WITH CANDLELIGHT

18 NOV 7PM | 19 NOV 2PM

TICKETS: ADULTS (18 YRS & OVER) \$35, CONCESSION \$30, CHILDREN (5 YRS AND OVER) \$10
CHILDREN (UNDER THE AGE OF 5 YRS ARE FREE)

ST MARY'S CHURCH
1 ELIZABETH ST, WOODEND, QLD 4305

TICKETS - TRYBOOKING.COM/CDNWE

50% of tickets sold will be retained by the parish as part of our fundraising goals!

Finance Council – The Finance Advisory Council will be meeting on Thursday 27th October in the St. Francis Room, Parish Office at 7pm.

Each month the Council meet to discuss finances, ongoing projects, and to help develop the financial strategy for the Parish.



Help Needed – (1) One of our parishioners is in need of accommodation – if you have a unit or house available to rent in the Ipswich area, she would love to talk to you. Please contact her – Seini 0405 884 296
(2) 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 can assist, please phone her on 0493 540 908.

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.

Meals on Wheels Kitchen need **2 drivers and 2 helpers each Thursday, from 15 Dec – 19 January** - from 10.15am to 12.30/1.00pm. Volunteers do need to be fully Covid-Vaccinated and show proof on the 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



2023 Franciscan Calendars are now available from the welcome desk. The recommended sale price is \$6.00 each or you can buy 2 for \$10. All funds raised through the sale of these calendars supports the work of the Franciscans – so if you wish to make a donation when purchasing your calendar/s, be assured it will assist someone, somewhere in the world.



St Vinnies – Ipswich - The September quarter was very busy and saw the St Mary's and St Barbara's Conferences assist 400 families in the Ipswich and Rosewood area. We provided \$28,313 in direct financial assistance such as food vouchers, purchasing second hand household appliances and assisting with some rent and other bills. We also provided \$4,345 in clothing and furniture through the Vinnies store and Vinnies warehouse, as well as \$12,273 in other In-Kind donations, including the food donated here at the parish churches each Sunday. Thanks everyone!!

**Next Mass
Saturday,
29 Oct. 8.00am**

Everyone is welcome!



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

12th Nov Saturday – Prayer Service
10:00am at Ipswich General Cemetery*

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 this is the first time we have held this Prayer Service at the Ipswich General Cemetery for some time, we will gather at the Shelter on Cemetery Road (opposite Vernon Street).



All Souls Day Mass - 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. If you can assist between 6.30pm and 8.00pm, please call the Parish Office.



SADLY, WE HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ONE RESPONSE FROM THE WHOLE PARISH
(Sincere thanks to that person)

We are 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! **PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP – DON'T LEAVE IT UP TO OTHERS!!**

Friday Night Youth (Fun / Food / Games)

Primary School students meet in St. Mary's Primary School Hall - 4th & 18th November, 2nd December

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