

**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

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year C** **30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Some years back a radio/TV program captured the attention of millions throughout the world, especially the English-speaking segment. It was Bishop Fulton Sheen's program 'Life is Worth Living.' The opening dramatic lines spoken by the Bishop as he introduced the program were, "Is life worth living, or is it dull and monotonous?" Life is monotonous if it is meaningless; it is not monotonous if it has purpose. Through the story of Zacchaeus, this weekend, Jesus tells us that life is worth living, if we are ready to experience the mercy of a forgiving God who accepts us as we are. What was the cause of Zacchaeus' instantaneous conversion? By entering Zacchaeus' house, Jesus gave back to its owner the dignity that he had lost restoring his self-image. He gave him new life by making no demands on Zacchaeus; Jesus gave him a feeling of acceptance and a new direction for his life.

During the banquet, Zacchaeus made a solemn announcement of his repentance and committed himself to doing justice by the sharing of his wealth (giving half of his possessions to the poor) and making reparations (fourfold to the defrauded). This exceeded the demands of Torah (Exodus 22/1-4, 22/2). Zacchaeus did not make this offer to win Jesus's approval, but to show his gratitude. Hence, confirming the integrity of Zacchaeus' conversion and affirming the quality of his faith, Jesus announced that salvation had not come to Zacchaeus alone, but rather to his entire household.

Zacchaeus' household will now share in his blessing as they had previously shared in his unjust practice. This man who had been previously considered by the society as an outcast, Jesus calls him "Son of Abraham". Thus, his dignity is restored. For his repentance, Zacchaeus was not saved in isolation. His salvation would affect the entire community since he would provide support for the poor and the restitution to those he had defrauded. A community would be transformed by the presence of a tax collector whom people could trust. Zacchaeus reminds us that Jesus continues to call the strangest people from the strangest places. With millions and millions of people all over the world suffering from low self-esteem, Zacchaeus serves as a good example of how to resist and survive the critical comments of others. When we take a step closer to the Lord, the Lord comes to us very close.

**Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI**

**Planned Giving Goal 2023**

2023	Goal	Pledged Already	Variance
<b>Planned Giving</b>	\$625,000	\$509,353	82% of goal pledged so far (can you help us meet 100%?)
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$20,000		Fundraising link - <a href="http://bit.ly/ipswichfundraise">bit.ly/ipswichfundraise</a>

**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](http://bit.ly/ipswichcc)**

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

We have a fundraising link that can be used for donations. [bit.ly/ipswichfundraise](http://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, modelling 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 Benjamin if you would like further information. Thank you for considering and for all those who currently give!

**PARISH CALENDAR**

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEK	
<b>Fri 28</b>	5:00pm Twilight Markets, Sophia College, Plainlands 6:30pm High School Youth, Parish Office	<b>Mon 31</b>	7.00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church 3.30pm Atrium, (Primary School age)
<b>Sat 29</b>	8:00am Mass at St. Michael's Church, Pine Mountain 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	<b>Tues 01</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b> 9.00am Immaculate Heart Church 9:00am St. Mary's Church
<b>Sun 30</b>	7.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Church (cuppa 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 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church	<b>Wed 02</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> 8.30am Rosary, 9am Mass, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's Church 9.30am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Hall 3.30pm Atrium, (Primary School age) 7:00pm All Souls (Remembrance) Mass, St. Mary's Church Supper/Tea/Coffee afterwards
		<b>Thur 03</b>	9.00am Mass at St Mary's Church 10:00am Funeral Mass (Sharon Smith) St. Brigid's Church Hall
		<b>Fri 04</b>	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church 6:30pm Primary School Youth, St Mary's Primary School Hall



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## PASTORAL & OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### Parish Priest Update

**Mass Times** - Thank you to those who have already submitted suggestions for Mass times in 2023. We still have a week to go, so if you would like to make a submission, please forward an email to the Parish Office [ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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. Thank you again to those who have taken the time to respond!



**A Fiver For Michael** - Michael (our Seminarian) has been invited by the Seminary to go on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in December. He will join other Queensland seminarians for this wonderful opportunity and tremendous preparation for Priesthood. He needs to raise about \$3500, so I am seeking help!

As a Parish I am inviting you to contribute to Michael's expenses – can you spare \$5.00? If you can, please pop it in an envelope and we will present him with this at the end of November. If you prefer electronic transfer, please use the link below and note the reason for the donation as Michael Tran. Link - [bit.ly/ipswichdonations](https://bit.ly/ipswichdonations)

Whilst he is on pilgrimage, I will ask him to pray for the Parish at each of the Holy Places and to remember your families in his daily prayers. Michael is away on retreat at the moment – I spoke to him during the week, and he sends his regards to all.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. If, by the way you are not in a position to contribute, know that he will pray for us, especially in Assisi.

**Stephen ofm**



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!

### Operations Manager Update

**Grandchester Church** – The last Mass was celebrated on Thursday; some photos below...



Did you know that the pews from Grandchester were from the original St. Mary's Church. The 'Rosewood Parish' archives state...

*"In order to provide material for the building of the Church, Fr. Horan sought donations of timber from his parishioners. He asked them to provide timber for the church or a beast or two to sell at the saleyards. The pews were purchased from the old St. Mary's Church, Ipswich, and cost ten shillings and six pence each. They were transported from Ipswich to Grandchester on a coal wagon."*

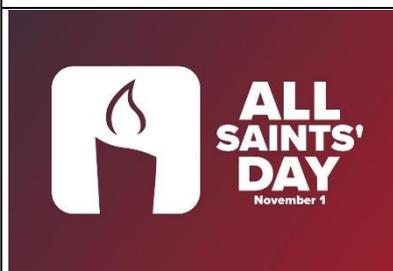
To ensure we don't lose this important connection to our forebears, several of these pews are being moved to each of our other churches as a symbol of our continued connection with our past and to ensure all parishioners have a direct connection with the first Catholics (from the 1800's) in the area; many of whom were our ancestors. What a legacy we continue to share and celebrate in the Parish Community! When the pews arrive, take a seat, reflect, and pray for the same strength our forebears had.

**Miraculous Medal** – The replacement amplifier will be installed next week (we are trying for Saturday but no guarantee), so we have our sound back. Thank you to the Miraculous Medal community who have been patiently waiting for the replacement! The portable amplifier will be use for the November Cemetery Mass/Prayers where we do not have access to power.

**St. Brigid's** – Next week the council will visit the church site to start to assess our development application. It may be several weeks until we hear back, however it is positive to see them visiting so quickly after we submitted the application. Please ask St. Brigid for her intercession, as we navigate this important step in restoring our beautiful church!

**Parish Office & Presbytery** – The gardens over on the Roseberry Parade side of the presbytery are being cleaned. We are working in cooperation with the Council, as the embankment is steep, and we need to do whatever we can to ensure it remains clean and clear of rubbish. The gardens around the Parish Office entry are also being cleaned and refreshed. The lighting cabling under the path has water damage and the gardens are being cleared as we attempt to locate the electrical feed. Our agapanthus plants are being cultivated and will be transplanted around the two large trees in the front of the presbytery bringing more colour to that space. Once the gardens are refreshed, they will tie in better with the church gardens. A special thanks to Dan and Sarah (our lawns and garden team) who are working well outside of what is expected of them. Thanks Dan and Sarah!

**Benjamin, Operations Manager**



**Come celebrate these important solemnities. This is an important time of the year, where we remember the saints we can emulate, and to pray for family members and friends who have passed away.**



## SOME IMPORTANT NEWS

### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



#### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>1st Reading</b>	2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 20:27-38

### PRAYING FOR OTHERS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Sharon Smith

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Misquila, Bill Castley, Timothy Onyenjism, John and Jane Kennanm Martin Ryan, Kathy Boyce, Joan Lindh, Joyce Molloy and those in our Book of Life.

## All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 pray for a loved one. All are welcome.

## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Please place your mission envelope or offering in the leaving collection basket as you leave Mass today.  
**Leaving Collection this weekend (29/30 Oct)**



### Next Mass – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 8.00am

All are welcome!

*St. Michael's Church,  
Pine Mountain*

856 Pine Mountain Rd, Pine Mountain



Spwisch 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](https://trybooking.com/cdnwe)

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



**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 support 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.

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.



## 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:

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Nov Tuesday (All Saints Day)</b>                  9.00am Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt                  9.00am St. Mary's Church, Woodend</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Wednesday (All Souls Day)</b>                  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  <b>(Remembrance Mass)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEMETERY LITURGIES</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Nov Sunday – Prayer Service</b>                  2:00pm at Warrill Park Cemetery</p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov Saturday – Mass &amp; Blessing of Graves</b>                  10:30am at St. Patrick's Church, Rosevale</p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov Saturday – Prayer Service</b>                  10:00am at Ipswich General Cemetery*</p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> Nov Saturday – Mass &amp; Blessing of Graves</b>                  10:00am at Glamorgan Vale Cemetery</p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov Saturday – Mass &amp; Blessing of Graves</b>                  9:00am at St. Michael's Cemetery, Pine Mountain</p>
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\* 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### Sunday Reading Reflection

A common thread through this week's readings is the goodness and mercy of God. God cannot help but love everything He has made, so nothing can be despised by Him. Even someone who is looked down on by his society is still loved by God. Zacchaeus was willing to set aside his dignity, climb a tree and wait to see Jesus. This would have horrified his neighbours, as he would have been unpopular, due to his occupation - which had a reputation for cheating - but he had some standing in the community and a grown man climbing a tree in public would have been scandalous.

But Jesus did not see it that way. He knew that Zacchaeus wanted to see Him, so He went out of His way to allow this. Imagine if one of us invited a known drug dealer into our homes. What would the neighbours say and think, and would this stop us from doing it? Jesus showed that the mercy and goodness of God were there for all, no matter what society thought of them. Nothing has changed and today, every element of Creation is equally precious to Him, and, thus, must be to us. How can we share His mercy this week with others, and are we willing to step out of our comfort zone to talk about God's action in our lives?

**Judith Holznagel, Rosewood**

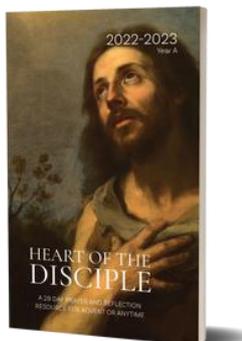
#### WORLD YOUTH DAY , Portugal, August 2023.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is organising a pilgrimage for young adults (18-35) to participate in WYD '23. The pilgrimage will go over 17 days, and will visit France, Spain and Portugal. There will be an information evening coming up on the 8th of November in South Brisbane, where we will release the itinerary of our pilgrimage and be able to answer any questions. They can register here (<https://bit.ly/3D8DE7W>). WYD has transformed and propelled young adults deeper into their faith. I believe WYD is not just another mountain top experience, but is a significant moment of encounter that impacts people's lives far beyond the pilgrimage. I hope the young adults in our Parish or community will take up this opportunity. If you are interested, please have a chat with me... Stephen Bliss ofm

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

### Advent - This year's theme - "Opening to Great Joy"

Each Christmas we celebrate the coming of the Infant Saviour, but are we moving in that direction? Are we opening to great joy? What is that joy and how do we celebrate with others? All very good questions!



We have 100 copies of 'Heart of the Disciple' produced by the Archdiocese. A 28-day reflection resource for Advent to help you as you discern these questions. Pick up your copy today for \$5 (covers the materials and postage to parish) You may even want to form an Advent Group to meet and discuss this each week. In Advent we will be reflecting on how we can "open to Great Joy" in welcoming the Lord Jesus.

### Christmas Masses & Liturgies (Save the Date)

#### Advent Liturgies (all of Parish)

Thursday 8th December 7pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary  
 Monday 19th December 7pm – Second Rite of Reconciliation

#### Christmas Vigil (Eve) – Saturday 24th December

4:30pm – Immaculate Heart, Leichhardt  
 5:30pm – St. Joseph's, North Ipswich  
 5:30pm – St. Mary's, Woodend  
 6:30pm – St. Brigid's, Rosewood  
 8:00pm – Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights  
 Midnight Mass – St. Mary's, Woodend

#### Christmas Day – Sunday 25th December

7:30am – St. Joseph's, North Ipswich  
 9:00am – St. Mary's, Woodend  
 No evening Mass Christmas Day