

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year C** **6th November 2022**

Dear Parishioners, **"Life and Resurrection"**

The month of November is very special to each of us as we remember with a grateful heart our forebears and all the faithful departed and others. We pray for their resurrection to a new life. A father wrote a letter to his children just before he died of cancer. And at the end of the letter, he explained what he had left to each of his children. The letter goes: *"I hope you will use it wisely, not just for yourselves, but for others, the less fortunate. I can truthfully say that for me there has been more joy in what I have been able to do for others than what I have done for myself. I commend all of you in the care of our Lord and Saviour. Keep close contact with him and life will have real meaning for you. Till we meet on resurrection morning, all my love. Dad."* Isn't this father a saint?



Saints are people grounded in grace, grown in mission, and who put their trust in God. They are stewards of the kingdom. They do not allow their doubts to challenge their faith because they knew: Doubt sees the obstacles and faith sees the way, doubt sees the darkest night and faith sees the day, doubt dreads to take a step and faith soars on high and doubt questions, who believes? and faith answers 'I believe.

We too have the resources and the ability like these ordinary people to lead a faith. It is like a pastor who announced to his congregation that he had some good news and some bad news. He said: *"the good news is we have the money we need for our new church building. The bad news is that it is still in your bank accounts!"* Similarly, God has all the things to make us saints, but He has invested them in our bank accounts.

The empty tomb and the proclamation by the disciples (nothing to gain from proclaiming Jesus' resurrection except their own martyrdom) are the two solid evidence for the resurrection. They would never have had the courage to preach about Jesus if Jesus hadn't risen and appeared to them. Benjamin Franklin wrote his own epitaph influenced by St. Paul. *"The Body of a man lies here, food for worms, but the work shall not be wholly lost for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more perfect edition, corrected and amended by its Author."* So, our belief in Christ's resurrection is our hope that one day we too will join him to share the glory of eternal life.

Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI

Planned Giving Goal 2023

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

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, 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! We also ask visitors to help if they can.

PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEK	
Fri 04	6:30pm Primary School Youth, Parish Office	Mon 07	7:00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church 3:30pm Atrium, (Primary School age)
Sat 05	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	Tues 08	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church 10:00am Funeral Mass Theresa Harrison, St. Joseph's Church 12:30pm Funeral Mass Brent McCarroll, St. Joseph's Church
Sun 06	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 Incl Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Mass) 10.30am Baptisms, St. Mary's Church 2:00pm Prayer Service, Warrill Park Cemetery 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church	Wed 09	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)
		Thur 10	9:00am Mass at St Mary's Church 6:00pm Mass at St. Boniface, Marburg
		Fri 11	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church 6:30pm High 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 submitted suggestions for Mass times in 2023. I have been asked by several parishioners to delay the pew poll on Mass times until next weekend as there are a few regular Mass goes away at the moment. Therefore, I will take this next week to go over the comments and feedback I have received and spend some more time praying and discerning! If you haven't yet made a submission and would like to, please forward an email to the Parish Office ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au.

Next Weekend (12th & 13th November – Pew Poll on Mass Times for 2023)



During the month of November, we especially remember all the faithful departed. You are invited to write the names of your deceased family and friends in the Book of Life. They will be prayed for at all our Masses during November. The book will be placed in a prominent position in each of our Churches in the Parish. During November the Book of Life will be placed next to the Paschal candle, a powerful symbol of Christ's resurrection and also ours. In St. Mary's Church, we also have a candle burning 24/7 for the repose of the souls in all 5 cemeteries and columbaria.

If you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones during November, envelopes for Mass for the Holy Souls are placed at the Help Desk - Their names will be written into the Book of Life and prayed for at each Mass in November. May our loved ones Rest In Peace!



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 \$3,500, 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

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

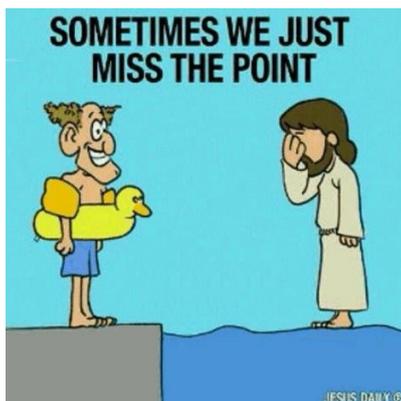
Miraculous Medal – The replacement amplifier is still waiting to be installed so we have our sound back. Thank you to the Miraculous Medal community who have been patiently waiting for the replacement!

St. Brigid's – Please continue to ask St. Brigid for her intercession, as we awaiting feedback from the Ipswich City Council.

St. Mary's – Several decades ago the tabernacle door on the high altar was damaged near the locking mechanism. This, together with the build-up of brass cleaner has tightened the hinges and the door is getting harder and harder to open. This week the outer door was removed so it can be straightened and cleaned and will return in the coming weeks.

Immaculate Heart – We are excited to announce that the Infant/Toddler Atrium has a new home! The old presbytery next to the old hall is being cleaned up and made ready for bubs and families in 2023. For many years now, the Parish has donated use of the old presbytery space to Rosies and Vinnies. Vinnies no longer use the space, and Rosies don't use the whole building. Thank you, Barry, and the Rosies team for accommodating the Atrium. Over a decade ago, the Atrium was in the old presbytery, so its great to see the circle of life loop back! More news to follow once some minor works are undertaken to continue to support and develop this wonderful family-based ministry!

Benjamin, Operations Manager



"A very big thank you to the people who cleaned the church for the final Mass in the Grandchester church. It looked beautiful. We are very grateful for your time and effort."

A thankful parishioner



SOME IMPORTANT NEWS

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm	Psalm 98:5-9
2nd Reading	2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel	Luke 21:5-19

Daily Prayer For The Holy Souls

Immortal God, holy Lord, Father and Protector of all You have created, we raise our hearts to You today for those who have passed out of this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy, Father of all, be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company, and forgive the failings and faults they may have done from human frailty.

Your only Son, Christ, our Saviour, suffered so cruelly that He might deliver them from the second death. By his merits may they share in the glory of His victory over sin and death.

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for those dear to us, parents, relatives and friends. Nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth, who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example. We pray also for any who may have done us harm and stand in special need of Your forgiveness.



May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother, Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints, speak for us and assist them now. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS



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

Recently Deceased: Theresa Harrison, Sharon Smith.

Anniversaries: Neville & Ada Bopf, Patricia & Denise Bopf, Jim & Lola Fields, Bennett, Meehan, & Holznagel families, Carolyn Burt, Atkins family, Betty Badke, John Patrick Maguire, and Joyce Jensen and those in our Book of Life.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Please place any remaining mission envelopes on the collection plate this weekend.

Thank you all for your generosity



Next Mass – Thursday 10th November 6:00pm

All are welcome!

St. Boniface Church

Owens Street,
Marburg, Qld 4306



TICKETS - [TRYBOOKING.COM/CDNWE](https://www.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.



ADVENT IS ONLY 3 WEEKS AWAY. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS

OPENING TO GREAT JOY

LET'S PREPARE FOR THIS IMPORTANT TIME

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:



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

* The Prayer Service at the Ipswich General Cemetery will gather at the Shelter on Cemetery Road (opposite Vernon St).
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH NOV LITURGIES. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN ASSIST.

Lives Marked by a Spirit of Joy

The Lesser Brothers became a fraternity open to all, living lives of prayer, penance, and penitential admonition. They used songs, hymns, exhortations, and example, making them clearly different from other penitential movements of the period. In choosing to be marginal they embraced humility, accepted hostility, and demonstrated compassion for the destitute in society. Their lives were marked by a spirit of joy, and in the life of Francis and the brothers, many began to recognize a mirror of Christ. Francis and his companions became a new reality in thirteenth-century society, not only through the personal charisma of Francis, but through the inspiring lived example of the fraternity. People noted the correlation between what they said and what they did, their spirit of penance, refusal of money, and inner joy.

Unlike many of the local clergy, Francis and the lesser brothers spoke to the hearts of their listeners in terms that they could understand, inspiring them to embrace a penitential conversion and to follow this authentic example of living a Gospel life.

—from the book **Franciscan Field Guide: People, Places, Practices, and Prayers**, by Sister Rosemary Stets, OSF

Today
I CHOOSE
Joy

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. Those interested can register here - <https://bit.ly/3D8DE7W>

World Youth Day 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



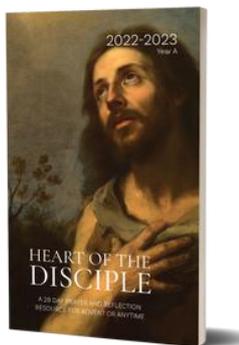
PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

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



"What you hold may you always hold. What you do, may you always do and never abandon."

St. Clare of Assisi