

**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 Priests:** Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI  
Fr. Jose Panampuzha CMI  
**Seminarian:** Michael Tran

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year C** **13<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Throughout this coming week many students across of all of Queensland will be graduating from school. I am one of over 50,000 students who this week will officially finish 13 years of schooling. I am also one of 8,000 to have completed all 13 years of their education in a catholic school.

After reflecting on my 13 years of catholic education I have learnt many things, made and lost many friends, participated in sports and the performing arts, participated in school service and helped create change within the community. Although coming to the very end of my high school journey, the one thing that has really stood out for me is my connection with God and the Church.



In primary school I developed a strong understanding of what the catholic faith is, I learnt the Bible and the many amazing things Jesus did for us. I participated in the sacraments and became closer with God. It wasn't until I joined St Edmund's College in grade 7 where my understandings of God and the catholic faith turned into actions. I am now someone who is passionate about mission and making the works of Jesus present in the lives of others.

I have been able to learn so much about the catholic faith and about myself. I used to believe that giving up one's time to do service was an obligatory action that we should all do. Although growing up with great role models I have learnt that it is not just an obligatory action. It is also an opportunity to undertake service, giving back to others and creating change and inspiration in someone else's life. Being taught within a catholic environment has enabled me to take on these opportunities every single day.

I used to find it hard to believe in God, and that there was someone 'greater' out there. Mum helped teach me to believe and to keep faith in God. As a child I would always ask my mum, "when is Jesus coming back on earth and becoming alive again like the Bible says?" She replied that by us following the teachings in the Bible, helping others, being kind and loving to all, that we are making Jesus alive every day and making him present on earth. My mother's response has stuck with me for my whole life and encouraged me to continue the works of Jesus.

I am thankful and grateful for mum and dad for choosing a catholic education for me and for everything they have done for me during my schooling life. I am also very grateful for Ms Adrianna Rimland, Fr Stephen, Mrs Marysia Rice, Ms Claire Stevens, and Mrs Dale Upton, for being role models of faith for me. These people are massive inspirations for me and helped grow my passion and love for the Church. Thanks to them, I am now leaving 13 years of education with the ability to grow love and kindness in any community that I go to. I wish everyone the best as we move toward Advent; "Opening to Great Joy!"

**Stewart England**

**IMPORTANT UPDATE**

Several parishioners have reported receiving emails claiming to be from Fr. Stephen asking for money and gift cards. Please note, that this is a scam and Fr. Stephen (or any of our priests/staff) would never ask individuals for moneys directly. Any church campaigns or requests for support are done so publicly, and via the newsletter. Please delete any personal requests you may get.



**IMPORTANT UPDATE**

The premier has announced that the state will be moving from "Green" to "Amber" on Friday 11 November 2022. Amber (Tier 1) means there are moderate rates of community transmission. This risk increase doesn't mandate and enforceable directions, but to be cautious and raise awareness. Those wishing to wear face masks at Masses are invited to do so.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEK	
<b>Fri 11</b>	6:30pm High School Youth, Parish Office  10:00am Prayer Service, Ipswich General Cemetery 10:30am Mass/Blessing of Graves, St. Patrick's Rosevale 2:00pm McArthur/McCoombes Wedding, St. Mary's	<b>Mon 14</b>	7:00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church 3:30pm Atrium, (Primary School age)
<b>Sat 12</b>	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 15</b>	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church  <b>No Priests available today (Prayer Services Only)</b> 8:30am Rosary, 9am P / Service, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's
<b>Sun 13</b>	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 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church	<b>Wed 16</b>	9:30am P / Service at St. Brigid's Church Hall 3:30pm Atrium, (Primary School Age) 6:00pm – RCIA Session 6 – The Rosary, Parish Office  9:00am Mass at St Mary's Church
		<b>Thur 17</b>	10:30am Funeral John Denman, St. Mary's Church 6:00pm Mass (St. Mary' College Graduation), St. Mary's 9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
		<b>Fri 18</b>	6:30pm High School Youth, Parish Office 7:00pm Carols by Candlelight Concert, St. Mary's Church



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Parish Priest Update

Mass Times - Thank you to those who have submitted suggestions for Mass times in 2023. To date I have received around 40 written submissions and around 30-40 verbal submissions, most of which have suggested the current weekend Mass times remain for the time being. I have also received several suggestions for weekday Mass times, to better support inclusion with our school students. Over term 4, our schools have been focusing on bringing students to weekday Mass. This is something that is working well, and our students and parishioners are responding well to this. I am reassured that when the Parish Advisory Council and Finance Advisory Council helped me establish the current weekend Mass times last year, that the times chosen would work quite well considering the Parish moving to 2 priests was a challenge for us.



I have decided that we will forgo the pew poll and keep the current weekend Mass times for the time being. We can revisit these at some stage in the future. I have also committed to looking at our weekday Mass times, to ensure they suit the wider Parish (schools included) to continue build the sacramental life of the Parish. These will change in the new year. Thank you to all who suggested, and to those who were also praying on this important question.



The Month of November

Please remember to write the names of family and friends into the Book of Life at your church. During November we especially remember all the faithful departed. Our loved ones will be prayed for at all our Masses during November. During November the Book of Life is placed next to the Paschal candle, as 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, 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](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.

Next Sunday Michael Tran is accepted as a Candidate for the Priesthood. Bishop Ken will preside at the 9.00am Mass at St Mary's. If you are able to help with the Morning Tea in St Mary's School Hall afterwards, please phone the Parish Office by Wednesday. You are welcome to bring a plate for morning tea, thank-you.

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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 – We now have a new amplifier! Thank you to the Miraculous Medal community who have been patiently waiting for the replacement! We also have some large tree branches down near the back fence. An arborist is booked to clean up the tree line at the rear of the property. This work should be completed by the end of next week.



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

St. Mary's – The tabernacle door on the high altar is still being repaired. Many of our parishioners have asked to keep the votive candle stand in the middle of the church so it is more accessible. Conscious that we have a strong devotion to Our Lady, I had a conversation with St. Killian's about an additional stand. The great news is that due to our 3 years as a customer, they have sent us 2 more stands free of charge. Currently these stands are in temporary locations in the church, while we determine a practical location to keep them. Parishioners are invited to light a candle for a loved one or prayer intention. Gold coin donation is suggested to assist with the candle costs.

Immaculate Heart – We have commenced work in preparing to set up the Atrium in the old presbytery. We have several compliance audits to complete, which will require small works to be undertaken. Bernadette and Karen are continuing to communicate with families attending infant/toddler atrium as we work toward this exciting initiative.

Benjamin, Operations Manager

## SOME IMPORTANT NEWS

### MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



#### Solemnity of Christ the King

<b>1st Reading</b>	2 Samuel 5:1-3
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Colossians 1:12-20
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 23:35-43

### PRAYING FOR OTHERS



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

**Recently Deceased:** Brent McCarroll, Theresa Harrison, Sharon Smith.

**Anniversaries:** Jack Coogan, Patricia & Michael Stack, John Francis Williams, Frank Doolan, Colin Flood, Neville & Ada & Patricia & Denise Bopf, Jim & Lola Fields, Carolyn Burt, Betty Badke, John Patrick Maguire, and Joyce Jenson and those in our Book of Life.

**Recent Annual Catholic Campaign – Our Parish raised \$5,903.20 – well done everyone!**

**The last Recycling Roundup for 2022** will be held on 26/27th November; used Christmas/greeting cards with matching envelopes, eyeglasses, buttons and sewing items, bubble wrap, postage stamps. Items can be left at parish churches on 26/27th November. As always, "Thank you" to all the wonderful supporters in our Parish Community. Linda Allen (Leichhardt parishioner)

**Christmas Shopping at Vinnies** - Please consider coming to your local Vinnies store (West Ipswich and Rosewood) for all your Christmas trees, decorations, cards, tableware, etc. The variety, the quality and the low, low prices will astound you.

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We are in the process of contacting each of the Nursing Homes within our Parish to arrange regular visits. We hope to have this 'formalised' in the next couple of weeks. If you are sick or housebound, we can arrange to have communion brought to you – we can only do this if we know of your need and desire! Please let one of the priests know of this or phone the Parish Office. We are in the process of setting up 'formalised' Communion Rounds.

From the First Sunday of Advent, we will recommence 'commissioning' those who take Communion to the Sick. You are welcome to still place a pyx on the Altar (WITH A HOST IN IT), and you will be called forward by the Presider after the final Prayer. You might recall we used to do this prior to COVID.

### Pastoral care at Correctional Centres

Every day, ordinary men and women in the Archdiocese of Brisbane volunteer to go into South East Queensland prisons to provide an integral ministry to people in Correctional Centres. Prisoners are assured by a chaplain's presence that their lives have value, change is possible and Christian hope can be lived, even in the direst of human circumstances.

For more information please contact Centacare: Ph 3324 3193 or email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) or Deacon Russ Nelson: Ph 0427 743 534 or email: [nelsonr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:nelsonr@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Deacon Russ will be at several Masses this weekend – reach out to him if this is of interest to you.**

*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](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.



**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

**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.**



**Fr. Jose Panampuzha cmi** – It is my pleasure to introduce myself. I was born and raised in the south of India, in Karnataka state, I am from a family of nine including my parents. I have six siblings with three brothers and three sisters. My mother was called for eternal bliss in 2019 and my father in 2020 as well. After completing my grade 10 education, I joined the Carmelite Order (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate CMI) in 1988. During the seminary formation of nearly fifteen years, I have completed my religious and secular studies as well and was ordained a religious priest on 28 December 2002.

The first appointment after Ordination was as parish priest, in one of the parishes under the diocese of Belthangady, in Karnataka state for a year, from March 2003 to April 2004. During the year 2004 and 2005 I have completed the course on Bachelor of Education [B Ed]. Then from 2005 to 2011, I served as a principal in one of the colleges of CMI St. Paul's Province Mysuru, which had nearly 2300 students and 130 teaching and supporting Staff.

I was in our retreat team for a year during 2011 to 2012. Then I was sent to one of our cultural centres in Kochi, Kerala state, namely Chavara Cultural Centre, as Associate Director and Principal of Chavara Management Studies for two years from 2012 to 2014. I had an opportunity to complete my Masters in Kannada Literature between the years 2014 to 2016 and along with my studies, I served as associate parish priest in St. Mary's Church, Bangalore. From 2017 to 2021 I was appointed as the principal in one of our colleges in Mysuru, namely Bharath Matha Composite PU College, Koppa. I arrived in Brisbane, Australia on 21 August 2022.

Fr. Jose Panampuzha cmi

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

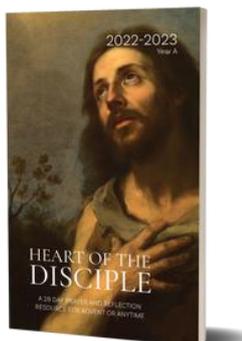
**CHRISTMAS is just weeks away** – and like all families we need to prepare for our celebrations. If you would like to be involved (for example helping to prepare the Children's Nativity 'Play') in any of the 'family Masses' (i.e., Christmas Vigil Masses), and the last few years we have given fruit cake and a chocolate to people – would you like to help in getting these ready. You might have ideas or suggestions for doing something different. PLEASE call the Parish Office this week.

### 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



**Talkabout 'Christmas Edition'** - is being prepared in time for Christmas. To keep people informed of parish activities we need your contributions. Please email articles, news items and photographs to Robyn at robyn@mansol.net.au. Articles are due no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> December to allow time for publication! Thank You

**Volunteer Rosters** – Could all volunteers please update their availability for the December – February period. Next weekend we will commence the rostering of ministers for weekend Masses. We have received several requests from new volunteers, and anyone who isn't yet volunteering and would like to please contact the Parish Office.

**Volunteer Ministry Link - [bit.ly/mspipswich](http://bit.ly/mspipswich)**