

**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.



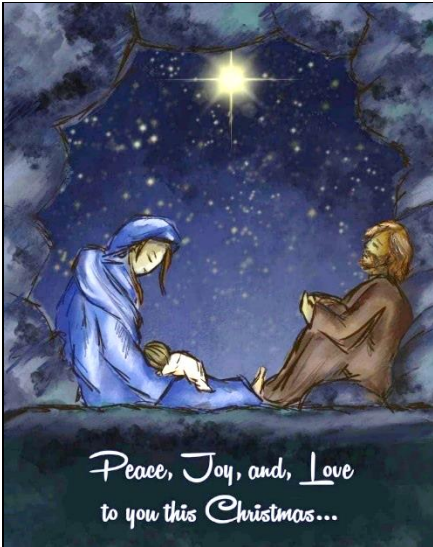
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm  
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[ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au) | [ipswichcatholic.com](http://ipswichcatholic.com)  
**Parish Priest:** Fr. Stephen Bliss OFM  
**Assistant Priests:** Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI  
Fr. Jose Panampuzha CMI  
**Seminarian:** Michael Tran

**CHRISTMAS**

**Year A**

**25 December 2022**



**Christmas Message 2022**

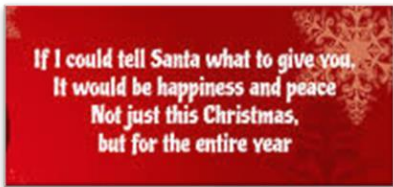
Dear Parishioners,

Happy Christmas to you and your families. I hope there are plenty of opportunities for you to smile over these days .... At the centre of St. Francis' spirituality was the Incarnation, God becoming one of us. Yesterday I was looking at a new born child and seeing the child wriggling around and finally settling in her mother's embrace ..... I pray that you will feel God 'wriggling around' in your life and in 2023 you will 'settle-into' God's loving embrace.

During Advent we have reflected on the theme 'opening to the great joy of Christmas'. It is certainly my prayer and wish for you that you open your hearts to the many opportunities to experience the joy of God's closeness in your life during the coming year.

May your faith be stirred this Christmas time to live in peace and joy. May our Parish be abundantly blessed in 2023! Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you in 2023!

*Stephen ofm*



*We thank you for all your support throughout the year, and wish you a very happy and safe Christmas!*

*Stephen ofm*      *Michael*      *Benjamin*  
*Fr. Johny*      *Rosalina*      *Fr. Jose*  
*Maree*      *Jean*      *Bernadette L.*

**WHAT A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT !!**

Congratulations to Benjamin, Liana & all the Leschke Family as they welcome Caolan Patrick Leschke (pronounced Keelan)



**Parish Office Hours:** Please note that the Parish Office is now closed, and will re-open on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Thank You:** Dear Friends, Ipswich Catholic Community is my first appointment in Australia, and I am grateful to God Almighty for this wonderful opportunity given to me. We have plenty of opportunities open to us to serve the people and I have been lucky to make use of them to a certain extent. It is you who made the year great by supporting, encouraging, and guiding me in all possible ways. Encouraging words spoken, the meals enjoyed together, hospitality time enjoyed together at different churches, various liturgies celebrated at schools and colleges and visiting and anointing the sick were the motivating forces in the parish life here at Ipswich. I know my Australian welcome is sincere when I hear feedback; "that Fr. Johny is a good sort of bloke, with his down to earth attitude and ready laugh. He is like one of our mob! You were so understanding that I was always one among you in all your sorrows and joys. God has done marvellous things in me through you. Wonderful and keep going. My prayers are always with you. I will be completing 25 years as a priest on 09 January 2023. I am really glad to have spent my Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Year with you. I am very happy and contented as a religious priest (Carmelite). God's blessings are immeasurable in my life as a priest, and I'm honoured that I could be of use to many people all over the world in the last twenty-five years. God is great.

**Hearty Welcome:** I will be moving to St. Peter's Parish, Rochedale on 4 January 2023 as the parish priest. It will be a new experience for me as I will be all alone to take care of and minister to the people. I request your continuous support through prayers. You are always welcome at my new parish at any time as you pass by or come for the Eucharistic Celebrations. God bless you.

*Fr. Johny Ouseph Edapulavan CMI*



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# PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Fri 23</b>	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
<b>Sat 24</b>	CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30pm – Immaculate Heart, Leichhardt 5:30pm – St. Joseph's, North Ipswich (with Nativity & Carols from 5pm) 5:30pm – St. Mary's, Woodend (with Nativity during Mass) 6:30pm – St. Brigid's, Rosewood 8:00pm – Miraculous Medal, Eastern Hts Midnight Mass – St. Mary's, Woodend
<b>Sun 25</b>	CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30am – St. Joseph's, North Ipswich 9:00am – St. Mary's, Woodend No evening Mass Christmas Day
<b>Mon 26</b>	NO MASS at St. Joseph's Church
<b>Tues 27</b>	NO MASS at Immaculate Heart Church
<b>Wed 28</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's NO MASS, St. Brigid's Church Hall
<b>Thur 29</b>	9:00am Mass at St Mary's Church
<b>Fri 30</b>	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
<b>Sat 31</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>Sun 01</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 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church
<b>Mon 02</b>	NO MASS at St Joseph's Church
<b>Tues 03</b>	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church
<b>Wed 04</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's NO MASS at St. Brigid's Church Hall
<b>Thur 05</b>	9:00am Mass at St Mary's Church
<b>Fri 06</b>	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church
<b>Sat 07</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>Sun 08</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 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church
<b>Mon 09</b>	NO MASS at St. Joseph's Church
<b>Tues 10</b>	9:00am Immaculate Heart Church
<b>Wed 11</b>	8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass, 9:30am Adoration St Mary's NO MASS, St. Brigid's Church Hall
<b>Thur 12</b>	9:00am Mass at St Mary's Church NO MASS at St Boniface Marburg
<b>Fri 13</b>	9:00am Mass at Miraculous Medal Church



Please pray for those in our parish who are unwell or in need, especially at Christmas time. We also pray for the following ...

**Recently Deceased:** Brian Casey, Michael Berlin, Alexandra (Sandy) Willcox, Leonisa Baldonado,

**Anniversaries:** Karl Donnelly, John Mitchell, Darren Roach, and those in our Book of Life.



Dear Parishioners,

*I would like to thank the **Parish office Staff** for all their hard work this year. Our Office is very demanding and each of them manage in an extraordinary way.*

*We bid **'farewell'** to **Fr Johnny** and thank him immensely for all his ministry this year in the Ipswich Catholic Community – it has been wonderful getting to know Fr Johnny and it has been an honour to minister with him. We wish him lots of blessings and goodness in his new appointment at Rochedale.*

*We say **'good-bye'** to **Michael Tran** and wish him well as he returns to the Seminary to prepare for Diaconate Ordination later in 2023. Michael has made a wonderful contribution to the Parish, and we look forward to him returning here sometime soon!*

*Fr Jose will continue now as Associate Pastor and Fr Pan Jordan OP will be assisting during January.*

*And **I thank you** for your support, encouragement, challenge and patience with me as your Pastor. It has been a huge year and together we have managed to 'get through it' – in thanking you, I thank God for the many blessings I have shared with you. 2022 has made me a better person and friar-priest and for that I am very grateful.*

**Stephen ofm**

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On behalf of you (ICC parishioners), I thank Fr Stephen, Fr Johnny and Fr Jose for their invaluable work in our parish. They share of themselves unconditionally, and respond to the needs of the parish with great pastoral care and support for all. (*Seriously, you wouldn't believe how much goes on in Fr Stephen's day!!!*)

So we thank each of you!

And let's hope 2023 is great for us all!

**Maree**

