

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 9:00am - 1:00pm
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Assistant Priest: Fr. Jose Panampuzhu CMI
Operations Manager: Benjamin Leschke

3rd Sunday of Easter**Year A****23rd April 2023****Dear Parishioners,**

It was a very simple encounter: - Two people, possibly husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighbouring village, are joined by a lone traveller walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveller showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it's often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God!



Jesus was walking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and they did not recognise him. What would it take for them to realise the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). Though they didn't understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. "At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognise Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realise this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation.

This week, I hope you have many possibilities of encountering the Lord and you are able to recognise the Lord 'walking with you'!

Have a great week of encounter!

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PARISH CALENDAR**THIS WEEKEND**

Fri 21	Friday Night Youth (Primary & Secondary) – Parish Office 4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Heart, Leichhardt
Sat 22	4:30pm Reconciliation at St. Mary's, Woodend 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Woodend 6:00pm Mass at Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights
Sun 23	7:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, North Ipswich 8:00am Mass at St. Brigid's, Rosewood 9:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Woodend (& Children's Liturgy) 9:15am Baptism at St. Brigid's, Rosewood 10:30am Baptisms at St. Mary's, Woodend 10:30am Baptism Preparation, Parish Office 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Woodend

This weekend we welcome children and their families who have joined our Sacramental Program and are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please make them feel welcome!

NEXT WEEK

Mon 24	7:00am Mass at St. Joseph's, North Ipswich ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 25	9:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Woodend NO Mass at Immaculate Heart, Leichhardt 9:00am Infant/Toddler Atrium, Leichhardt Presbytery 9:00am Mass, St Mary's, Woodend
Wed 26	9.30am Adoration, St Mary's, Woodend NO Mass at St. Brigid's, Rosewood 3:30pm Sacramental Program Session 1 – St. Mary's Church 6:00pm Sacramental Program Session 2 – St. Mary's Church
Thur 27	9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend 6:00pm Pentecost Mass Meeting, Parish Office, Woodend 9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal, Eastern Heights
Fri 28	10.30am Funeral – Alice Keyes – St. Mary's Woodend 1.00pm Funeral – Marjorie Welsh – St Mary's Woodend 6:30pm FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH – Primary School Hall



PRAYING FOR OTHERS: Please pray for those in our parish who are unwell. We pray for ...

Recently Deceased: Graham Taylor, Marjorie Welsh, Patrick Donlevy, Jo Whyte, Cath Wood, Moira Perrett, Alice Keyes

Anniversaries: Chris Wilson, James Hartley, Neal Crozier, Uava Susitina Tofilau, and those in our Book of Life.

**Safeguarding & Volunteering Update**

Recently the archdiocese was able to make changes to the volunteer matrix, which outlined which ministries required training, blue cards, police checks, etc... **The great news is that many of our ministries no longer require blue cards!** The Archdiocese is working with Blue Card Services to delink volunteers who no longer need the card from our register. The card is still valid, but not required for these ministries. If you are one of our volunteers impacted by this you will receive a letter from Blue Card Services. There is no action required on your part. Thanks for your ministry!



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ANZAC DAY – TUESDAY 25th April

There will be an **ANZAC DAY MASS** in St. Mary's Church at 9am Tuesday 25th April. Please come along and remember.



Note: There is no 9am Leichhardt Mass on 25th April.

ANZAC DAY PRAYER & REFLECTION

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces, and world.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

WOODEND - 6.30 am – Honour Stone, Roseberry Pde.
IPSWICH - RSL MEMORIAL GARDENS - 4.27 am – Honour Stone, cnr Limestone and Nicholas streets.
8.30 am – Honour Stone, cnr Limestone and Nicholas streets preceded by a march at 8.20 am from South Street.

LIMESTONE HILL - 6.30 am – Queen Victoria Pde.
IPSWICH - MAIN MARCH - 10.45 am – From cnr Brisbane and Waghorn streets.
MARBURG - 7.30 am – Marburg Heritage Centre, cnr Queen and Edmond streets, preceded by a march from Church of Christ, 122/127 Queen Street at 7.20 am.
BRASSALL - 4.27 am – Ipswich Adventist School Memorial Stone, 56 Hunter Street.
GRANDCHESTER - 6.00 am – Bigges Camp, Gordon Rd.
NORTH IPSWICH - 7.30 am – Honour Stone, Ipswich Railway Workshops, preceded by a march at 7.15 am inside the Ipswich Railway Workshops. Gates open at 6.30 am
ONE MILE - 9.30 am – West Ipswich One Mile War Memorial, 1A Old Toowoomba Road.
PINE MOUNTAIN - 9.00 am – Honour Stone, Cricket Pitch Park, cnr Russells & Pine Mountain Roads, Pine Mtn
ROSEWOOD - 4.28 am – Rosewood Memorial Hall, ANZAC Park, Mill Street, preceded by march at 4.20 am from the Rising Sun Hotel, 27 School Street. 9.30 am – Rosewood Memorial Hall, ANZAC Park, Mill Street, preceded by march at 9.00 am from cnr John and William streets.
SOUTH RIPLEY - 5.00 am - Ripley Valley State Secondary College, 18 Parkway Avenue.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONNECT YOUTH

St Mary's Primary School Hall & Mackillop Place

PRIMARY YOUTH

28th FRIDAY
6:30 - 8:30PM

GAMES NIGHT

START

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Dress up as anything beginning with the letter **C**

Ipswich Catholic Community

CONNECT YOUTH

Every Friday night of the school term from 6:30pm – 8:30pm, we have youth group (Connect Youth). We aim to build a thriving culture of faith, friendship and authenticity through jam-packed games, good food, some talks and some music! We have a primary school group (Prep to Grade 6) and a high school group (Grade 7 – Grade 12) with age appropriate activities. Sometimes we join these groups as many of our youth have siblings and friends across both groups, and it is important that we too stay connected!

All our youth advertising is on our website, facebook page, and newsletter. If you are a member of other facebook groups and are willing to help in getting the word out to other people, please let me know by contacting me at ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au



We often have around 30-50 youth in each group, however this can be affected by communication. Please help us make this a successful ministry, by helping us communicate better!

Benjamin, Operations Manager

FINANCE COUNCIL

Over the last couple of months, the Finance Council have been preparing an update for the parish, and this will be shared at each Mass this weekend. It is important that all parishioners (and regular visitors) are provided with a regular update, and to see how planned giving and collection plate contributions are being used to support parish life.

Each year we review our parish budget and make changes to our expenses to ensure we try and match the generosity of those who provide us financial support. This ensures we support our people, as much as it does our properties. Unfortunately, each year there is a gradual reduction in collections, so we invite those not giving, to consider joining our planned giving program. Direct Debit / Credit Card Forms are available from the help desk, please consider supporting us! We also have a fundraising link to help the parish raise funds throughout the year, particularly to help with any shortfall. Please use the QR code (or link) if you would like to contribute in any way. Thanks again for all your generosity!

Fundraising Code



Online Direct Debit Forms
ipswichcatholic.com/finance

REFLECTION – A BROWN SLOUCH HAT



*There is a symbol, we love and adore it,
You see it daily wherever you go.
Long years have passed since our fathers
once wore it,
What is the symbol that we should all know?
It's a brown slouch hat with the side turned up,
and it means the world to me.
It's the symbol of our Nation—the land of
liberty.*

*And as soldiers they wear it, how proudly they bear it,
for all the world to see.
Just a brown slouch hat with the side turned up,
heading straight for victory.*

*Don't you thrill as young Bill
passes by?
Don't you beam at the gleam in
his eye?
Head erect, shoulders square,
tunic spic and span,
Ev'ry inch a soldier and ev'ry inch
a man.*



*As they swing down the street, aren't they grand?
Three abreast to the beat of the band,
But what do we remember when the boys have passed along?
Marching by so brave and strong.*

*Just a brown
J Albert & Son, Sydney, 1942*

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Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy
Friday 5th May 6:30pm
St. Mary's Church, Woodend

MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Yr A

1st Reading	Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm	23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6
2nd Reading	1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel	Jn 10:1-10



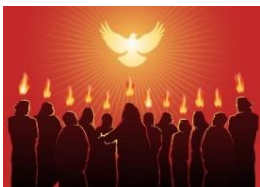
SHARING THE CHALICE

It is with gratitude and joy to share with you the news that we will soon reintroduce reception of Jesus' Precious Blood from the chalice at Holy Communion. After a consultation with an infectious disease expert, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has received the encouragement to resume normal practices as much as possible due to the fact that "Covid will remain part of the human viral ecology for the foreseeable future."



For our parish, we have decided to begin offering the chalice from PENTECOST 2023. In order to prepare for this, training for ministers will be offered in the coming weeks. This training aims to empower ministers to prudently wipe the cup, turn the cup and pass it to you to 'take and drink'. We are not allowed by the Bishops of Australia to 'intinct'- (i.e., take the host and dip it into the Chalice). Please think and pray about this re-introduction, and if you are comfortable, come forward to receive the Precious Blood.

PENTECOST (MULTICULTURAL) MASS



We look forward to celebrating our cultural diversity once again on **Sunday 28th May at 10.00am in St. Mary's Church.**

If you would like to be part of this celebration of faith and culture and are willing to help plan this Mass or volunteer to assist in some way, please contact the Parish Office. The more volunteers we can get, the easier it will be for all.

Please consider coming to an **Information Night on Thursday 27th April from 6:00pm in the Parish Office.**

EXERCISE GROUP: Seeking EOI in Centacare Exercise group for over 65's, Tulmer Place Mall. Event Space 1, Ipswich City Council Administration Building. 10:30am to 11:30am most Friday's. Eligibility through My Aged Care - Social Support Group Funding. Contact Desrae 3362 8700 for information.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 25th April – ANZAC Day
Monday 1st May – Labour Day (No Mass at St Joseph's)
Friday 19th May – Ipswich Show Holiday

Did You Know.... Archbishop Mark Coleridge recently released 7 Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. We will explore these a little more in the coming weeks and months.

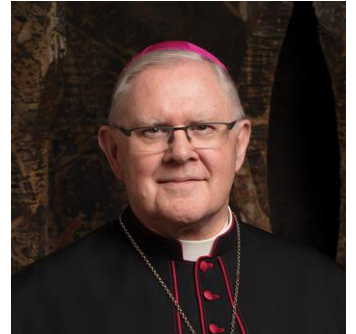
They are Teaching Prayer, Reshaping Parish Communities, Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre, Responding to Abuse and the Abused, Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples, Implementing Integral Ecology, and Embedding Synodal Governance. (With Lamps Ablaze – Archdiocese of Brisbane)

LAMPS ABLAZE – APOSTOLIC PRIORITIES FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Summit 2023 is a 3 day event for our Archdiocese; parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy, this event is for everyone. The Summit is intended to empower, inspire and equip delegates to engage in the mission of the Church. We will converge in the city's inner-west as I share my vision and priorities for the Archdiocese. *(Please contact our Parish Office if you are interested in attending)*

In the New Testament, lamps are linked to Christ and the Church. In the Book of Revelation, the seer John writes: "The seven lampstands are the seven Churches" (1:20). The Church is not only the stand which holds the light; the Church bears the light who is Christ. Jesus himself goes further: "You are the light of the world..."

When a lamp is lit, it is put not under a basket but on a stand, where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that seeing your good works they will give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt 5:14-16). The Church is the light because Christ is the light, lumen gentium, and Christ dwells in the Church as the light which nothing and no-one can dispel (cf John 1:5).



Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority One: Teaching Prayer

"We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often we urge people to pray but don't really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing. Christian prayer begins not with speaking but with listening; and learning to pray is therefore learning to listen – to listen even to the silences of God. If all we do is speak, then in the words of Jesus we "babble like the pagans" (Matt 6:7). But if we speak after listening and in response to God who always has the first word, then we speak according to the mind of the Holy Spirit. That's what we need to teach and learn."

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Two: Reshaping Parish Communities

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need – sensibly and over time – to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."

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CWL Blessing of plaque – In recognition of the outstanding work of the Ipswich CDA/CWL over the last 86 years, a plaque has been installed in St. Mary's Church, and will be blessed by Fr. Stephen at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 30th April. It acknowledges the gift of CWL House to the parish. Past members, supporters and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. There will be a morning tea at CWL House (35 Waghorn Street) after Mass, and an opportunity to look over the CDA/CWL memorabilia, which will be then stored in our parish archives. We hope to see you!

Thank you: to Mrs Linda Allen (and those who have helped her) for her dedication to collecting and distributing items for recycling. This venture began many years ago, and while it has now finished, we hope that everyone follows Linda's passion and recycles items in the best possible way. Her recycling has supported the parish and SVDP through sales of stamps, gift cards, etc. Thanks so much Linda.

Ageing Wisely Seminar - Free seminar on estate planning and retirement planning. Tuesday 30th May, St. Joseph's Church 9:30am – 1:30pm. Morning tea/lunch provided free of charge. This event is organised by the Archdiocese in partnership with Holy Cross Funerals, as a free service to parishioners. RSVP to Parish Office by 19th May please.

Rosewood Update – Next Thursday public consultation begins on our proposed works to fix St. Brigid's Church. We invite parishioners and friends to make a submission to help support the work we need to undertake, to be able to use our beautiful church once more.

You can find out how to make a submission by contacting communications@bne.catholic.net.au or visiting the Ipswich City Council planning and development website:

<https://www.ipswichplanning.com.au/making-a-submission-about-an-application>