

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
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Assistant Priest: Fr. Jose Panampuzha CMI
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Pentecost Sunday

Year A

28th May 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Pentecost - "No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord." 1 Corinthians 3:2 – 5



This weekend, we celebrate Pentecost, we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples, to the early church: the same Spirit that is at work in the church today! The same Spirit that is alive with us here in Ipswich!

After having witnessed the persecution and killing of Jesus, the early church was very much afraid. Despite being aware of the many signs of Jesus' resurrection, of the triumph of love over hate and death, the early disciples were shaken to the core. They lived in fear, in hiding, with doors locked, afraid to let anyone in, afraid to venture beyond their own selves. Jesus had promised that the Holy Spirit, the advocate, would come, and indeed, the Spirit did!

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, a noise like a strong driving wind filled the entire house and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Despite being from different nations, they could all hear each other speaking in the language of the other. They could understand each other.

Pentecost is a reminder that we all have God-given gifts. Pentecost is also a reminder that the Holy Spirit is still manifesting in the church, in the people.

What are your God-given gifts?

How much attention are you paying to the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in your own life and the signs of the times? What are your God-given gifts? Can you recognise the Holy Spirit's influence in the lives of others, particularly those different from you? How do you experience the Holy Spirit in our Parish Community? Take a little time to reflect on this this week

Throughout the church's history, the Holy Spirit has guided many saints and people of faith to come out of their/our comfort zone, to encounter those who are marginalised and different from us, and to advocate for those who are treated unjustly.

The Holy Spirit continues to move us today, to create more welcoming spaces where all are treated like full human beings, all part of the Body of Christ.

The feast of Pentecost is a time to celebrate the way in which we have been gathered into a community by the Spirit. It is also a time to let go of our fears and shame. It is a time to commit ourselves through prayer, conversation and small commitments to reconciling our world's huge differences and hostilities.

May the Holy Spirit bless our Parish and us to be authentic in our Gospel living. Happy Pentecost!

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PARISH CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

Fri 26 10.30am Funeral for Kerry Sippel – St Mary's, Woodend
6:30pm Primary School Youth, Primary School Hall
6:30pm High School Youth, St Edmund's College Hall

8.00am Mass at St Michael's, Pine Mountain
10.00am Children Liturgy Catechist Meeting – Parish Office
4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt

Sat 27 4:30pm Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Woodend
5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church, Woodend
6:00pm Mass at Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights
6.30pm Practice for Multicultural Mass, St Mary's Church
6.30pm '160 year' Dinner – St Mary's College, Ipswich

NO 7:30am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich
8:00am Mass at St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood
NO 9.00am Mass at St. Mary's Church, Woodend

Sun 28 **10:00am Pentecost Mass at St. Mary's**
(NO Children's Liturgy)
11.00am Sausage Sizzle lunch – SMP school grounds
5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church, Woodend

NEXT WEEK

Mon 29 7.00am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, North Ipswich
9:00am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church, Leichhardt

Tues 30 9.30am 'Ageing Wisely' Seminar at St Joseph's Church
3:30pm Primary School Atrium, St. Mary's Primary School

8.30am Rosary, St. Mary's Church, Woodend
9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
9.30am Adoration, St Mary's Church, Woodend
9:00am Infant/Toddler Atrium, Leichhardt Presbytery

Wed 31 9.30am Mass at St. Brigid's Parish Hall, Rosewood
3.30pm Sacramental Program (Eucharist/3), St Mary's Church
5:00pm Prayer Group at Parish Office
5.30pm Pentecost Planning Feedback Meeting & Shared Meal
6.00pm Sacramental Program (Eucharist/3), St Mary's Church
6.30pm Baptism Preparation – Parish Office

Thur 01 9:00am Mass, St Mary's Church, Woodend
6.30pm Finance Advisory Council Meeting – Parish Office

Fri 02 9:00am Mass, Miraculous Medal Church, Eastern Heights
6.30pm Primary School Youth, Primary School Hall
6.30pm High School Youth, St Mary's College Hall



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PASTORAL NEWS



Please pray for those in our parish who are unwell. We also pray for ...

Recently Deceased: Martha Ferguson, Kerry Sippel, Carolina Janita, Nestor Crespo, Keith Leach, Michael O'Keefe, Nathan Stratford, Lori Towne.

Anniversaries: Aileen McCarroll, Barry Gee, Alma Ryan, Mary Lunney, Fr Pat McAnany, Patricia Erhardt and those in our Book of Life.



Can you pledge an hour between 9pm – 7am?

EVENING PRAYER – FRIDAY 9th JUNE

To celebrate the Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus, join us for 'The Presence', which will be held in St. Mary's Church from 6:30pm Friday 9th June until 8:30am Saturday 10th June.

- 6:30pm – 7:15pm Evening Prayer with Fr. Stephen
- 7:15pm – 8:00pm Sausage Sizzle outside the church
- 8:00pm – 8:00am Exposition, Adoration, private prayer.
- 8:00am – 8:30am The Rosary & Benediction

Signup Link - bit.ly/adore23

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Email Communication – Just a reminder to please add mail@flocknote.com to your safe sender list in your email app. On occasion parishioners will let us know that they haven't received their digital newsletter – this is usually as a result of carriers like Telstra, Optus, Gmail, and even BCE, scanning the email, and blocking it. A quick link to help with safe senders can be found here - <https://bit.ly/3N6QtGp> Your email carrier (e.g.: Telstra) can also assist with this.

Planned Giving Envelopes - Parishioners using envelopes please remember to collect your envelopes from your church today. These are alphabetised by surname (highlighted yellow) to make them easy to find. If you can't find your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on 3281 2133. Please note that your envelope number has changed and now begins with the number 2.

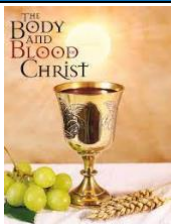
For those still giving via envelope, if you would like to discuss how you can move to electronic giving, please contact Benjamin at the Parish Office. Electronic Giving is extremely safe as it is a **bank-to-bank** process.

Planned Giving Pledges – Each year parishioners who participate in the planned giving program let us know how much they would like to give. We use this information to help with our budget and to provide a summary of giving at the end of the year. In recent years we have not been able to easily provide summaries to planned givers as we have been using spreadsheets. From next week we will be updating this information in our Flocknote database, as this will make things much easier for everyone. We hope to have this work completed by 30th June. When finished, planned givers will be able to login and see their contributions if they have given us an email address.

As we load this information into your record, you will receive an email from us, confirming what we have on file. You don't need to do anything; it is just for your records. However, if you do notice information that is wrong, please let us know and we will update it for you! The email will look a bit like the image to the above.



SACRAMENTS | FORMATION | LITURGY



This weekend, at our 10.00am Pentecost Mass the Blood of Christ in the Chalice will be offered at Communion.

However, in the busy-ness of life, we have not had the opportunity to organise a 'training session' for Ministers before reintroducing the chalice at our other Parish Masses.

We will endeavour to schedule this in the very near future, and will let you know when this re-introduction will occur.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for Eucharist (First Communion) is well underway- Formation sessions continue on Wednesday 31st May. Please continue to pray for these children and their families, and welcome them at our Masses. To check key dates for this program please visit <https://www.ipswichcatholic.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Key-Dates-for-First-Communion-2023.pdf>

Rosewood Show - Each year volunteers help out at the gates for the Rosewood Show, giving us an opportunity to raise some funds for the parish. The Rosewood Show is on Friday 30th June & Saturday 1st July. Volunteers are needed to assist with entrance and check-in. This year four-hour shifts will be rostered at each of the three gates. This will allow some time for a break and so you can go for a bit of a wander yourself! Funds raised will go to St Brigid's Restoration Fund. If you can assist, please put your name down using the online form – bit.ly/rosewoodshow or by calling the Parish Office. This is a great fundraiser for the parish!

Infant/Toddler Atrium Update:

This week the toddler Atrium was a beehive of activity as they prepared for the celebration of Pentecost this weekend. They made their Pentecost head bands painted with the colour red, sang songs, and worked with the materials for the Good Shepherd parable, as well as the Mustard Seed parable. It was a very productive morning with our little ones, and we are sure they recognise the words 'Holy spirit.'



MASS READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday – Yr A

1st Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
2nd Reading	1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel	Jn 20:19-23



To **PETER ROCHE** (Leichhardt) - Wishing you every good thing that life can bring on your 90th birthday and always.

Experiencing God's Love and Light through the Spirituality of St Clare of Assisi.



A quiet weekend retreat for women. Hosted and Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries). When: Friday 30 June at 6pm – Sunday 2 July at 3pm. Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$380 (\$350 for concessions) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation. To register or enquire: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283

A brief recap about last weekend's Archdiocesan SUMMIT 23

Last weekend myself, Moira Crowson and Rosie Noble had the privilege of attending the 2023 Brisbane Archdiocese Summit. Part of my Summit experience was to make and sell coffees to other delegates, thereby raising money for my journey to Portugal later in the year to celebrate World Youth Day. The Summit was a great opportunity for everyone to evolve, learn, change perspectives, and gain value and time with Christ.

Throughout the Summit I had the opportunity to attend many sessions and masterclasses. Two of my favourite masterclasses were the 'Praying with Young People' and 'Youth Engagement'. The praying with young people session showed me how to modernise and adapt prayer to relate with the children and young people of today's generation. The Youth Engagement session was phenomenal. Steph Rogers from Catholic Collective spoke about young people's connection to Catholicism in today's world. I gained a lot of knowledge and experience that I am bringing back to help flourish the youth engagement in our community. Towards the end of the Summit, all youth leaders across the Brisbane Archdiocese were invited to a Youth Leader's Lunch. It was so great to meet and catch up with other youth leaders from the Archdiocese and to hear their journey and the mission of their own respected community's.

I am so thankful to have had Moira and Rosie there, their life experiences and deeper knowledge into life broaden my perspectives and helped me gain confidence in my work and goals for the parish. The Summit was an evangelising experience and I'm so excited to bring all of the things I now know into our community. The insight and inspiration I received last weekend will help me grow, evolve and build up the Ipswich Catholic Community.

Stewart England



This weekend we welcome Fr John (a Franciscan Friar) who is currently visiting from Vietnam. He will be with us in the Ipswich Catholic Community for a few days, so please make him feel welcome. We hope that he will soon be ministering full time in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

St Mary's Primary School 160 years Historical Display: Calling all history enthusiasts! We are embarking on a journey through time as our school celebrates a remarkable milestone of 160 years. To commemorate this momentous occasion, we are creating a display that will showcase the rich history of our school and parish.

We kindly invite students, parents, teachers, and community members to contribute to this extraordinary exhibit. Do you have any cherished artifacts, photographs, or documents that capture the essence of our school's past? We are searching for items that will transport us back in time, allowing us to relive the triumphs, challenges, and cherished memories that have shaped our school. Whether it's an old yearbook, a vintage uniform, or a quaint classroom relic we welcome all contributions.

Let's honour the people who have walked the halls before us and build a bridge between the past and the present. **Please drop off your donation or loan of your historical treasures to the St Mary's Primary School office before the 24th July.** Together, let's celebrate 160 years of excellence, and tradition!



Just a reminder that the **NEW MINISTRY ROSTERS** will soon be prepared for July/August/September. We ask you to now update your availability during this time. Please do this on your MSP App or email the Parish Office by Tuesday 30th May. After this date the rosters will be prepared, and if you are not available at your scheduled time, you will need to put in a "sub request" on the MSP App. Thank you everyone for your support and your ministry.

GOD ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING FOR YOU, A KEY FOR EVERY PROBLEM, A LIGHT FOR EVERY SHADOW, A RELIEF FOR EVERY SORROW AND A PLAN FOR EVERY TOMORROW.



Appointment of Bishop Ken Howell:

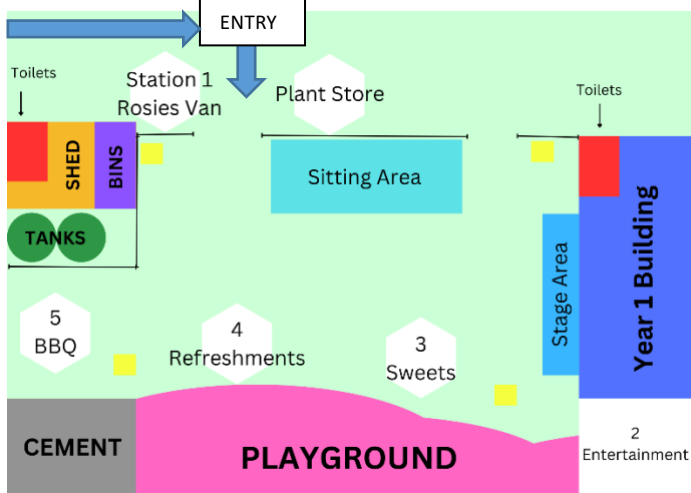
The entire community of the Archdiocese of Brisbane welcomes the appointment of Bishop Ken Howell as the new Bishop of Toowoomba and offers him our warmest congratulations.

The only surprise perhaps was that it took so long. Bishop Ken was born in Brisbane, and in the Archdiocese he has been a well loved son, priest and bishop. He will be much missed here. But the Church is bigger than the Archdiocese; and his gifts and experience will ensure that he brings all that is needed to his new mission and ministry. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has received much from the Diocese of Toowoomba through the years, and now in return we give one of our own. **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

RAFFLE - Beautifully Embroidered Throw – Featuring 12 Days Of Christmas – made and generously donated by John Lubke (thank you!) Tickets \$1.00 each Funds raised will purchase new Altar Linen for Leichhardt Church Tickets will be available at other churches next weekend.



Please join us for our special celebration of Multicultural Pentecost Mass Sunday, 10.00am at St. Mary’s Church, Woodend.



We would be delighted if you came to our Mass, and then stayed to enjoy a ‘Sausage Sizzle’ lunch and entertainment on the Primary School Grounds (behind the Presbytery).



Rosies Van is offering Tea & Coffee / Refreshments \$1.00 each / Sweets (can be placed on the tables provided) / Plant Stall.

The weather will be wonderful, and it will be a great opportunity for all to enjoy each other’s company and our wonderful community.

(Any help with clean-up afterwards would be greatly appreciated)

I know a lot of work has gone into the planning of this Mass, and I’d like to say **THANK YOU** to all those who have planned for and prepared our Multi-Cultural Pentecost Mass and Lunch. It is a beautiful sign of Church and a wonderful expression of us all working and worshipping together. **Fr Stephen**

CONNECT YOUTH

Youth call to action

As of today, 58% of teenagers have never been to a church service, and a further 20% have only attended out of ‘force’. This means that 78% of teenagers in Australia have never been invited to church and to build a relationship with Jesus. My goal as one of our youth animators, is to change the culture of our faith with young people. I will endeavour to meet each young person at wherever/whatever the level of their faith is. Instead of telling or asking them to come to mass or to youth group, I will rather invite them into our community. With such an invitation, welcoming a young person and giving them the choice to join our community at their level, is so powerful, impactful and long lasting. But I cannot do this alone! In the past 5 months our parish’s goal and approach on youth ministry has already changed and strongly evolved, so imagine what we can do when all of us, as a community, work together. Please join with me in inviting the young people into our community, make them feel not only welcomed, but also included, and showing them what our faith is truly all about. Together, we can increase the number of young Catholics, have more young people at mass and have more young people encountering our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Stewart England (Youth Animator)