

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

Little Flower Bribie Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th / 14th January 2024

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BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospel reading speaks about the first encounter between Jesus and his disciples. John the Baptist introduced Jesus to his disciples by these words "Behold the Lamb of God." The disciples left John the Baptist and followed Jesus. Because they recognised Jesus as the real Lamb of God whom the prophets have spoken in the Holy Scriptures.

When Abraham was about to sacrifice his only son to prove his faithfulness to God, Isaac asks a question where is the lamb? In this incident God provided the Lamb which saved the life of Isaac. On the night before the people of Israel left Egypt, they escaped the wrath of the Angel of Death because of the blood of the lamb in their house door post. After reaching the Promised Land the people commemorated this very event every year by celebrating the feast of Passover.

On important feast days the faithful brought the lambs to the temple of Jerusalem to sacrifice them for their sins. The person who was offering the sacrifice placed his hands on the lamb as a sign of transmitting his sins. The animal took the blame for the sinner and died in his place. More than a ritual the heart of the worshipper must be contrite and believing. In the New Testament, Jesus is the Lamb who dies for us and since his sacrifice is perfect there is no need for animal sacrifices. We recite the words of John the Baptist three times during the celebration of the Eucharist "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" John 1: 29.

In the book of Samuel, we read about the special call of Prophet Samuel. The elderly priest Eli helped Samuel to recognize God's voice in his life. In our churches the sanctuary lamp reminds us of the presence of Jesus in the form of the Eucharist. There was an eternal flame near the Ark of the Covenant in the Jerusalem temple. It reminded the people of the everlasting presence of God in their midst. The boy Samuel was sleeping there to make sure that it did not run out of Oil. At night, he heard someone calling him and thought it was the priest Eli. After repeated calls Eli understood that God was calling him and asked him to say "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." Later on Samuel became the faithful servant of God and is considered one of the greatest prophets of Israel.

In the gospel story, Jesus invited the disciples to come and stay with before becoming his disciple. After staying with him they became convinced that he was truly the Messiah. Our Christian life is a spiritual journey with Jesus. He invites each one of us to live with Him. In order to become His disciples the joy of Christian life depends solely on our personal relationship with Jesus. There are many people in our families and in our neighbourhood who might need our help to meet Jesus in their lives. We must use every chance to witness Christ so that many people may encounter Jesus through us. Let us accept His personal invitation and renew our friendship with Christ so that we can give many people the opportunity to have a fresh and living encounter with Jesus. Let us also be in touch with Jesus so that we may be able to touch and transform others.

Peace. Fr Krupa



CONGRATULATIONS
to Fr Akesh
6th Anniversary of Ordination
this Sunday!
We wish every blessing as he
faithfully serves God's people.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

With the Christmas and New year holidays now a faint memory the opening hours of the Office return to the New opening times of **Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 12pm & 2pm - 4.00pm.** Closing the Office between 12 noon & 2pm gives the Staff an opportunity to do banking, post Office runs, finish admin tasks and the like. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you in 2024 and may it be a great one for all of us. Please give Fr Krupa your support as he takes up the leadership role of Administrator of our Parish until Fr John arrives in February.

For our St Peter's community, we are sorry about the disarray of the Sacristy at the moment. Due to the flooding that occurred over the holidays things need to be dried out before our Builder can begin the repair work, (which should be shortly.)

Our Rosters for the various ministris and groups are now completed for the new year. A reminder that you may need a Blue Card or Police Check for some of our volunteering roles with ongoing mandatory training. If you are new to our Parish and would like to get involved, please give us call as we will gladly welcome you aboard.

For those Parishioners who attend Friday morning Mass, it will continue to be celebrated at St Peter's until St Columbans College return from their holidays. We will keep you posted.

Sadly some people don't take holidays. This past week we were advised by the Office for Communication and Engagement that scammers were out and about once again. Please, if you receive an email or text message claiming to be from one of our Priests DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY. Our Priests will never, under any circumstances, seek money from you, either for themselves, their family or their friends. Always remain vigilant and don't open any emails or text messages that you are not familiar with. If you are concerned about a request, please get in touch with the Parish Office asap.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
Psalm Resp: *Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

Weekday Readings:

Mon: 1 Sam 15:16-23; Ps 49:8-9; Mark 2:18-22
Tues: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 88:20,27-28; Mark 2:23-28
Wed: *St Anthony* 1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 143:1-2,9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thur: 1 Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7; Ps 55:2-3,9-14; Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sam 24:3-21; Ps 56:2-4,6,11; Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; Ps 79:2-3,5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10
Psalm Resp: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Pat Stinson, Margaret Ryan, John Ruff, Angela Edwards, Kristy Silk, Laurie Holdsworth, Kevin Cranston, Beryl Mulligan, Dudley Chilcott, Barry McKenna & John Lloyd Dampil.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time.

Mavis McNulty, Harry Chapman, Owen Bailey, Carmel Breene, George Marinovich, Alfio Nicolosi, James Endres, Terry Kelly, Jack Hughes, Violet Steinke, Bernie Colless, Marjorie Mann, Terry Alexander, Bob Ryan, Brian Manns, Alexander Humphries, Shirley Wust, Manuel Periera, Ruth McSweeney. Leah Glitira, James O'Connor & June Allom.

Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.

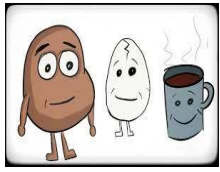
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FUNERAL NOTICES - the Funeral for

Angela Edwards will be held 11am 17th January at St Peter's and for Patricia Stinson 11am on the 18th January at Little Flower.

The families of both Angela and Patricia warmly invite you to attend the prayer services that will be held to celebrate their lives. **May God hold both Angela & Pat firmly in his love and care and give kind compassion to those left behind.**

Term 1 for 2024 will begin on Tuesday 23rd January. We look forward to welcoming all back for another year.



Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she replied impatiently. "Look closer," her father said, and she did.

"Touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. "Father, what does all this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity- the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The eggs were fragile, with the thin outer shells protecting their liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the eggs became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

The moral of this tale - In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us. Which one will you be?

Groups and Ministries in 2024

Christian Meditation - Little Flower Church 9.30am each Wednesday.

Mother's Prayer Group -Parish Office Meeting Room 9.30am Thursdays

St Peter's Craft Group -Parish Office Meeting Room 9.30am Fridays.

Rosary - St Peter's Church 9.30am every Monday.

Chatters - 9.30am 2nd Tues of the month. Next month Jacaranda Café, Cab

Prayer and Praise - St Peter's Church every 2nd Sunday from 2pm - 4pm

St Vincent De Paul Bribie Island Contact - Ken 3408 3747

St Vincent De Paul Caboolture Contact - Dilar 5495 7017

Reconciliation Action Plan Task Force - please call the Parish Office.

Knights of the Southern Cross - please call the Parish Office.

Little Flower Hospitality-please call the Parish Office.

St Peter's Hospitality- please call the Parish Office.



If you are new to the Parish, getting involved is the first way of finding your feet and feeling 'at home'. Each of these groups would warmly welcome you, so either give them a call or just turn up.



Changing the Narrative One Year at a Time

Joondoburri Walk (adjacent to Bribie Kindy, Cotterill Ave, Bribie Island)

Friday 26th Jan 9.45am for a 10am start
Guest Speakers, Art Yarning Circle,
Smoking Ceremony by PIEEC Jarjams

Bring a chair, there will be a free sausage sizzle and water provided.

All welcome to join us as we connect and share in acknowledging the country where we are all fortunate enough to live, work and play and to celebrate the earliest inhabitants the Joondoburri people.

Parish Mass Schedules

Little Flower: Bribe Island
Sat 6.00pm & Sun 8.00am
Tues 5.00pm & Thur 9.15am

St Peter's: Caboolture
Sat 6.00pm, Sun 10.00am & 5.00pm
Wed 9.30am
St Columban's: Fri 7.45am

St Mary's: Woodford
Sun 8.00am
Mon 9.30am

St Michael's: Kilcoy
Sun 10.00am
Thurs 5.30pm

Parish Reconciliation Times

Individual: 5.00pm Little Flower & St Peter's every Sat night. Outside of these times please contact the Office.

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