Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th / 19th July 2026

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Ministry Matters.

I was driving back to Bribie Island the other day, wandering and wondering as I do when I drive long. Then out of the corner of my eye, I spotted a sign on a very dark fence at the front of one of the houses along the road. I looked twice because I could not believe what I had just seen. The sign announced to all who were passing by to 'KEEP OUT'! With a sign such as that there was no ambiguity about what the homeowners were saying to the world. This is my place, so stay away.

As I drove past, (very quickly) I thought to myself that they were free to announce to the world their intentions. They did not want visitors popping in. They did not want tradies or salespeople interrupting their quiet isolated lives. They wanted everyone to KEEP OUT!

As I drove past that residence the other day, I thought about our Church Communities. There are some Communities, (not ours of course) but communities where such a sign may be considered. I do not know what has happened to our Land Australia, but there are people wandering our streets and cities with such slogans raised high. Keep out they seem to want to say to others who may be a little different from themselves.

There are Presidents and Prime Ministers and wannabe Prime Ministers across the world who are pushing such an agenda within their own lands, and sadly such an agenda is seeping into our own Country. Time and again, immigrants are blamed for the situation in the world today and because of such finger-pointing these people and their families suffer.

Our Land has been a place of immigrants for some 200 plus years, and as such it is important for us to continue to welcome as best as we are able. KEEP OUT is not the slogan for our Land and its People. We are meant to be people of welcome and hospitality. Can we do so indeed?

God bless, Fr John

CLERGY CONVOCATION & CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Next Wednesday & Thursday (22nd & 23rd July) the priests of the Archdiocese of Brisbane will gather with Archbishop Shane for the annual Clergy Convocation. This important event brings together clergy from across the Archdiocese for prayer, reflection, ongoing formation, and fraternity. The Convocation provides an opportunity for priests to deepen their spiritual lives, reflect on the mission of the Church, share pastoral experiences, and discuss ways of serving the People of God more effectively in our parishes and communities. It is also a valuable time for renewal and mutual support among those entrusted with pastoral leadership throughout the Archdiocese. With this in mind we wish to share that on those days there will be no **9.30am Wednesday Mass at St Peter's** & no **9.15am Thursday Mass at Little Flower**. If you are a Special Minister, please take this into consideration if you are visiting aged cares centres that week and need the Blessed Sacrament.

God's Word 2027

If you would like to pre order a copy of God's Word 2027 please get in touch with the Parish Office. I have been allocated 2 boxes & while I'm not sure of the pricing it's usually cheaper than buying retail. They make great presents!

~ ANOINTING MASS ~
MONDAY 9.30am at ST PETER'S

Fr Akesh warmly invites all parishioners to join him for our special Anointing Mass this Monday. This special celebration offers an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those facing illness, age-related challenges, or any difficulties in life. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – *Matthew 11:28*

After Mass, please join us in the hall for a cuppa and morning tea, kindly provided by our Hospitality Ladies. Everyone is warmly welcome to enjoy their hospitality.

Below are the times and dates for our other Mass Centres
St Mary's - 9.30am Monday 27th July and
Little Flower - 9.15am Thursday 30th July

This Weekend's Readings
~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm Resp: ***Lord, you are good and forgiving.***

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43 (Short)

Priests Commitments

Sunday 19th July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr John)*
8:00am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr Akesh)*
10:00am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Sean)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's	*(Fr Akesh)*
5pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*

Monday 20th July

9.30am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr John)*
9.30am Anointing Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Akesh)*

Friday 24th July

7.45am Mass St Columban's	*(Fr Sean)*

Saturday 25th July – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Akesh)*
6.00pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*

Reconciliation Times
St Peter's ~ 4.45pm – 5.30pm
Little Flower Church ~ 5pm – 5.30pm
For times outside of these, please contact the Office or see one of the Priests

Next weekend, we celebrate **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, giving thanks for the wisdom, faith, love and life experience that older generations bring to our families and parish community. As we mark this special day, perhaps consider inviting an elderly relative, neighbour or friend to join you for Mass, or take time to visit someone who may be feeling lonely or isolated. A simple gesture of kindness can be a powerful reminder that every person is valued and loved. So, let's keep all grandparents and elderly people in our prayers, especially those who are experiencing illness, loneliness or hardship as we look towards this very special acknowledgement of the lives and contributions our senior family members, friends and parishioners make in our lives and communities.

Our Schools Leadership Team

St Peter's Primary School
Principal: *Mr Russell Davey*
APRE: *Miss Catherine Meiklejohn*

St Columban's College
Principal: *Mr Michael Connelly*
APRE: *Mrs Ange Woodriff*

Please be aware, that, as we begin another school term parking restrictions are in force once more both in the mornings and afternoons of each school day. Also speed limits apply as you approach all schools around our churches.

~ **Whole School & Parish Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross** ~ to be held in the **Mary McKillop Multi-purpose Centre** in the grounds of St Peter's school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school and Parish to acknowledge the presence of the Sisters of St Joseph in our community and the important role they played in the establishment of a Josephite presence here at St Peter's. Please mark this date in your calendar: **9.30am Friday 7th August.**

Plastic Free July is a simple reminder that caring for our common home begins with small choices. By reducing our use of single-use plastics, we can help protect God's creation and leave a healthier planet for future generations.

Parish Giving for 11/12 July $5083.40
Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Across the Parish during July / August

18th / 19th July 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20th July Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
20th July Pastoral Council Meeting *4pm Parish Meeting Room*
22nd / 23rd July - CLERGY CONVOCATION
22nd Christian Meditation 8.45am *Little Flower Church*
23rd July Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
24th July St Peters Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
24th July Encounter Youth *6pm St Peter's Church*
24th July Friday morning team *St Mary's Hall*
25th /26th July 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25th July HSC Communion Practise *4pm –6pm Mary McKillop Hall*
27th July Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
27th July 'Growing St Peter's *4pm Mary McKillop Hall*
29th July Christian Meditation 8.45am *Little Flower Church*
30th July Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
31st July St Peters Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
1st / 2nd Aug 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2nd Aug RCIA Information Meeting
3rd Aug Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*

Reflection on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ The Gardiner's Patience

An old gardener carefully tended his field each day, watering the plants and nurturing their growth. As the crops grew, weeds appeared among them. A visitor asked, "Why do you leave the weeds there?"
The gardener replied, "If I remove them too quickly, I may harm the good plants as well. My task is to help what is good grow strong."
Looking more closely, the visitor noticed new shoots emerging and roots growing deep beneath the soil. The gardener explained, "A good harvest comes through patience, trust and perseverance. Much of the growth happens unseen."
Like the gardener, God works patiently within our lives, families and communities. We may notice imperfections and struggles, but God sees the potential for growth. Our role is to keep nurturing goodness, trusting that God is at work beneath the surface. The harvest belongs to God; the care of the garden is entrusted to us. (Source: *GPBS* Parables)

LIVING WATER'S PARISH WH&S POLICY STATEMENT

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all who worship, work, volunteer, or visit. We will identify hazards, manage risks, comply with legislation, and foster a culture of care consistent with our Catholic values.
Archdiocesan Northern Rivers Deanery Work Health & Safety Representative: Mr Michael Alcorn.

Pope Leo's July Mass intention ~ For Respect for Human Life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

~ Please Remember in Your Prayers ~

Our Recently Deceased ~ Peter O'Leary, Owen Bellamy, John Tellen, Paul Ward, Eileen Hangan, Graham Shields, Dr Sally Towns, Janet & Alan Jones, Dorothy Zornig, Joseph Vella, Tony Lohrey, Kevin Breslin & Gerard McVeigh.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Joe Visentin, Joy Luhrmann, Aileen Criss, john Curtain, Jack Connolly, Phyllis McClymont, Donna Morris, Brian Connell, Lance Blackney, Sr Marcella Lorenz, Mary Cave, Maurice Neale, Ference Szabo, Mona Tom, Patricia Chapman, Marion Doneo, Vincent Murphy, Bart Hosking, Pam Bryant, Tom West, Jean Goodwin, Lexie Chapman, David Meagher, Jeff Jamieson, Patrick Hickey, William McNulty, Joan Cuthill, Sheila McCarthy, Gertrude Grealy, Emmett Brown, Kath Haig Cyril Germain, Jean Jeffrey, David Jeffries, Beven Dennien, Patrici Kelly & Dorothy O'Neill.

Our Sick ~ Barbara Masterman, Barbara Bateman, Eden McGovern, Helen Owen, Ailsa O'Shea, Rhonda Keane, Frank Del Rossso, Joel Campbell, Rita Jacobs, Theresa Vaugn, Vouge Gurney, Russell Basiuk, Horrie Hunt, Richard Hooper, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Sergio Spigariol, Sue McIntyre, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, Pat MacDonald, Kathryn Sotiriadis-Mobley, Peter Brown, David Stott, Mary Loveday, Kira Wojtowicv, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Jayden Lowe, Ron Jones, Xander Ferguson, Marlene Albert, Jeanette Herd, Don Joiner, Sheila Musarra, Helen Johnson, Tricia Fischer, Joshua & Myra Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Gerard Brown.

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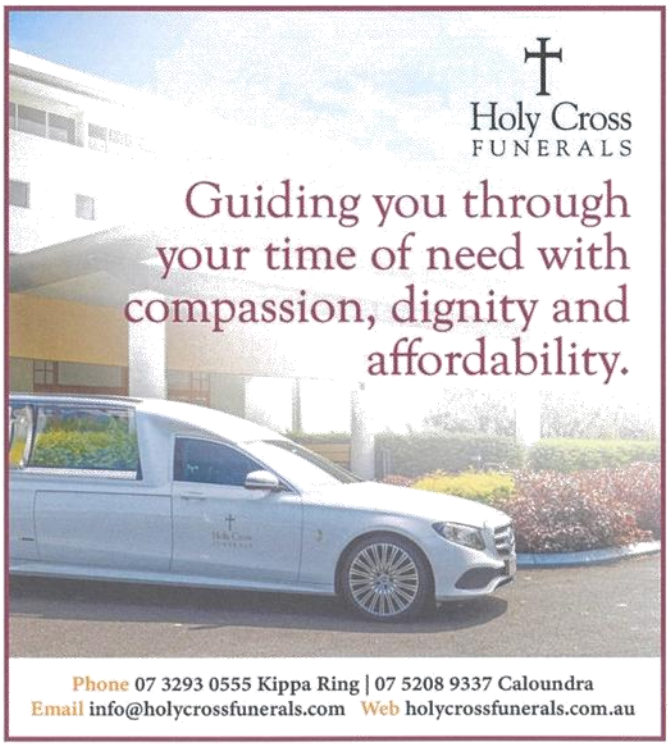

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