

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th/13th August 2023

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Remain Open to the New Story

Most of us are quite familiar with the story of the “still small voice,” but knowing the context of this vignette makes the story all the richer.

Elijah believes he is the only one left. The only one who is doing things right, who is on the right side, who is fighting the good fight. And Elijah is tired. More than tired, he is a wanted man. So, Elijah runs away to the south. And he journeys all the way up Mount Horeb and retreats to a cave.

This is the same spot where Moses received the ten commandments. God is there and asks Elijah, “What are you doing here?”

In the answer, we discover the depth of Elijah’s weariness. Elijah goes on about how he has done his absolute best to tell the people how to follow the one true God, but the community is disobedient, folks are worshiping false gods, and now Jezebel is out to kill him. Elijah is done.

And God says: Go outside. Go outside and stand on the mountain where I will pass by. But Elijah doesn’t go outside.

If we read the story carefully, the narrator’s attention shifts to all the happenings outside. There is a huge windstorm. There is an earthquake, then a fire. And then—there is a small whispering sound. At the occurrence of this sheer silence, *that* is when Elijah covers his face and goes to stand at the entrance of the cave.

Then God asks again: What are you doing here?

One would think Elijah had had some large epiphany during all the commotion, being on Mount Horeb and all. But no. The writer of the story places the exact same words in the mouth of Elijah in response to God: He’s done his best, he says, but the community is disobedient, folks are worshiping false gods, and now Jezebel is out to kill him.

So, wait. Elijah travels for 40 days and 40 nights with one story running through his mind: I’m a failure. The mission is a failure. He gets to the top of the holiest mountain, lives through a windstorm, an earthquake, a fire, and then a sheer silence. And then God asks him again, “Why are you here?”

And Elijah is still telling the same old story! All due respect to Elijah, but maybe he’s not the one to pay attention to in this case. Instead, let’s turn our attention to God, who says to Elijah: Go back, anoint new leaders. And—most significantly—God says: I have reserved 7,000 people who are still with me. They have not bowed to false prophets. They are still here for me and my mission. You, Elijah, are not the only one. You are not a failure, and my mission is not a failure. You keep telling yourself one story, but I am here to tell you another story, a bigger story.

I don’t know about you, dear reader, but I’ve got some areas in my life where I’m telling myself the same story. And perhaps there is another voice, one that comes in a sheer silence, who has a different story to offer? Let us remain open to that new story.

*Molleen Dupree- Dominguez,
US Catholics*



Congratulations to Avyanna Togonon

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

**The Parish Office will be closed this
Monday due to the Ekka holiday.**

Happy Holiday Fr Anthony!

Fr Anthony will be on leave from this Monday through until mid-September. We wish him safe travels and an enjoyable time back with his family and friends in Nigeria. While Fr Anthony is away, we welcome Fr Dudley McMahon who will support Fr David with the weekend Masses.

Tuesday 15th Aug Feast of the Assumption

St Mary's 8am

St Peter's 9.30am

Little Flower 5.00pm

St Michael's 5.30pm



Mary, the mother of Jesus, stands as a timeless role model, embodying the essence of faith, love, and courage. From the moment the angel Gabriel appeared to her, announcing she would bear the Son of God, Mary's unwavering trust in God's plan became evident.

Through joys and trials, she remained steadfast in her devotion, accompanying her son, Jesus, throughout his life and ministry. From the humble manger in Bethlehem to the foot of the cross, Mary's strength and compassion shone brightly, even in the face of unimaginable sorrow. Her unconditional love and selflessness inspire us to embrace life's challenges with grace and humility. Mary's quiet but powerful presence serves as a reminder that even in the ordinary, we can encounter the extraordinary.

As we navigate the complexities of our own lives, Mary's unwavering faith beckons us to trust in God's plan and to embrace the path of love and service. Through her example, we find hope, and the courage to become better versions of ourselves. Through her example, she teaches us to embrace life's challenges, knowing that we are never alone. She reminds us that her arms are always open to comfort and guide us through the storms of life.

The Feast of the Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and you are encouraged to attend Mass if it is possible. For our St Marys Parishioners and those who may attend the Monday morning Mass – please note that there will be **no mass this Monday**.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased.

Wayne Hogan, Terry Farrelly, Chris Hockey, Dorothy O'Neill, Bob McKinnon, Brian Nolan, Pat MacGinley, Mary Henkel, Paul Copeland, Monica Woolley & Maria Pinna.
who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time.

Mark Pascoe, Patrick O'Neill, Isobel Hughes, Doreen Gates, Jeffrey Smith, Mary McNamara, Dirk Williams, Eileen Long, Elizabeth ward, Marleen Oliver, Kevin Kelly, Paul Viney, Sue Hickson, Eddie Barrett, Wladyslaw Bauman, Robert Linton, Paul Haydock, Gwyneth Eichmann, Mary MacDonald, Josephine Loveday, Len Osborne, James Carpenter, Len Murray, Bill Dearlove, Joshua Eusebio, Michael Lynch, Max Donnelly, Dick Kean, Majella Matheson, Madonna Hickey, Stan Holloway, Lucia Gatt, Jim Rose, Mary & Eleanor Sotiriadis.

Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.

Pat Hegarty, Ron Jones, Lorna Raffaut, Brian Wyvill, John Murray, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, Leo Berge, Shirley Armstrong, June Bell, Owen Bellamy, Mark Poole, Les Jacobs, Hunter Clist, Gerard Brown, Charlie Donaldson, Tegan Myerscough, Ken McKewin, Laurie Barron, Mike & Kaye Brown, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Gerry van Dinter, Helen Teys, Margaret Evans, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ted Hawkins, Ray Davis Eleanor Copeland, Judy Wade.
Kathryn Mobley

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalm Resp: *Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.*

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

Weekday Readings

Mon *St Maximilian Kolbe* Deut 10: 12-22; Ps 147 12-15,19020; Matt 17:22-27

Tues **The FEAST of the ASSUMPTION**
Holy Day of Obligation

Rev 11:19,12:1-6,10; Ps 44:10-12,16; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 1:39-56

Wed Deut 34:1-12; Ps 65:1-3,5,16-17; Matt 18:15-20

Thur Josh 3:7-11,13-17; Ps 113A:1-6; Matt 18:21-19:1

Fri Josh 24:1-13; Ps 135:1-3,16-18,21-22,24; Matt 193-12

Sat Josh 24:14-29; Ps 15:1-2,5,7-8,11; Matt 19:13-15

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalm Resp: *Let all the nations praise you!*

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Parish Collections: Parish Giving 5th/6th August \$5511.95

*Thank you for your constant support of our Parish
both financially and prayerfully.*



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Tuesday 8 August we gathered as a School and Parish Community for Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was great to join with parishioners, as well as visitors from Sieka Elementary School, Japan and students and staff from St Columban's College to celebrate Mary, a significant figure in our Church and School community.

As many of you would know, St Peter's Catholic Primary School was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph over 70 years ago. Mary was a person who showed complete trust and faith in God. She loved the poor deeply and believed God would provide. The legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph is a significant part of our school charism and identity.

Thank you to those parishioners who joined us for Mass. Take care & go gently, Catherine



PARISH GATHERING

As you know, Fr David will conclude his time at Living Waters parish at the end of this year. The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments.

To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of Living Waters Parish.

The gathering will take place at

6.30pm Monday 21st August in the Mary MacKillop hall, at St Peter's Caboolture.

All are welcome. We hope you can attend.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Fr Dan Ryan, Vicar for Clergy

This is a very important meeting for our Parish, please endeavour to make a point of attending.

For all our Knights of the southern Cross Members, please note in your calendars, the next meeting will be held in Mary MacKillop Hall on Thursday 24th August at 6.00pm

Task Force Group RAP Retreat Day

Just a reminder for those who are members of the Parish Reconciliation Action Plan Task Force. Our Retreat Day is 9.30am next Saturday at Mt Archer. Please bring your own lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

The aim of this task force group is to look at the Archdiocesan Reconciliation Plan and discern how we will be able to implement it into the life and vision of our Living Waters Parish.

Why a Reconciliation Plan? Archbishop Marks says, "The Archdiocesan RAP provides important opportunities to renew and deepen the relationship between our First Nations People and those of other heritages." He says, "Guided by the Holy Spirit, under this plan Parish communities will be led on a new path of trust and respect."

From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

Angela is away from her desk this week

CELEBRATING the SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

The children of our Parish will confirm their Baptismal faith this coming Friday night at St Peter's. They have worked very hard over the past 8 weeks preparing to receive their Sacraments and are to be commended for their achievements.



We welcome Bishop James Foley to our community and invite you to be part of the Celebrations which begins at 6pm. After this the St Peter's & Little Flower Children will join us for Eucharist for the first time on Sunday the 20th at the 10am Mass. A party will be held after Mass in the hall. As we have such a large group for this mass time, you might consider (for your own comfort) attending one of the other Mass times just for this weekend. We thank you for your understanding and support for the newest members of our church family.

RE-KEYING OF ALL PARISH BUILDINGS

In line with our recent safeguarding and WH&S audits, we shared that in the near future we will undertake the re-keying of all our buildings. Well, the near future is now. Our locksmith will begin with Little Flower and St Peter's this coming week and St Mary's and St Michael's the following week. If you have need for a key to any of the Parish buildings, please get in touch with the Parish Office as soon as possible. You will be required to obtain a Police check prior to being issued with a key (which can be done through the Parish Office at no cost to yourself). All combinations for existing key safes will be changed and these used only for visiting trades. Thank you for your understanding towards the protocols that have been put in place, keeping us in line with Archdiocesan expectations.

Mass Schedules for this Week

Monday 14th Aug – no mass
Tuesday 15th Aug The **FEAST of the ASSUMPTION:**
 8am St Mary's Woodford
 9.30am St Peter's Caboolture
 5pm Little Flower, Bribie Is & 5.30pm St Michaels, Kilcoy
Wednesday 16th Aug – 9.30am St Peter's
Thursday 17th Aug – 9.15am Little Flower
Friday 18th Aug 7.45am St Columban's

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