# Living Waters Catholic Parish

### **Embracing the Communities of:**

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

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th/5th November 2023

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To be humble before God.

My dear brother's and Sister's in Christ, how do we treat other people in our lives? What do we think about people whom we don't like? Do we ever think about them in terms of what Jesus has taught us?

The first reading today is from the Book of the Prophet Malachi. What wonderful images he uses in his writings! Today, however, he is very strong: "If you don't listen to me, I will make your life awful!" This is often how God acts in our lives. Our lives become so awful that finally we think of the Lord and wonder what He wants of us and if we are being faithful. Malachi asks us "Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?" This is a message for all of us, even today. Do we keep the covenant of the Lord? Are we faithful to the teachings of Scripture?

The second reading is from the First Letter to the Thessalonians. One important point in this reading is this: "In receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God." This is so important for each of us to understand! We speak in human words and yet we can receive the word of God. This is particularly true when we read the human words of the Scripture and by faith believe that God is revealing Himself. Today many people no longer believe that Scripture is God's revelation. We Catholics believe with our whole being that the Scriptures are the Revelation of God.

The Gospel today is from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Here we encounter this teaching: "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." We should always keep this teaching in our hearts and in our minds. We must seek to serve one another, not dominate one another. We should seek to proclaim this word of God in the way we live and relate to one another. The more humble we become, the possible it is for God's word and God's presence to be known by others. Jesus gives us the example of those who try to follow the Law but only put burdens on others. It is clear that our challenge is not to judge others nor to tell others what to do. Our challenge is to live the word of God in such a way that others are drawn to God.

Fr. Krupa

#### Fr David's Farewell Celebrations



10.30am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November Multipurpose Centre, St Peter's School

One Mass only across our Parish to say thank you and farewell our Parish Priest. Following Mass, we will enjoy a B.B.Q. lunch and entertainment. Please date claim this celebration and be part of the festivities.

If you can carpool with each other to minimise the parking that would be great and many thanks to our Parishioners who have offered their assistance on the day. We'll be in touch!

#### New Arrival to our Parish

Next week we welcome Fr Akesh Xalxo to our Parish, Fr Akesh is from the Diocese of Raigarh Chatisgarh in India (which is the same Order as Fr Krupa hails from). He will work alongside Fr David and Fr Krupa for the next little while and over the following few weeks will follow Fr Krupa around as he learns the ropes. When you see him around the Parish, please help him 'feel at home' with some good old fashion Aussie g'day!!!

<u>St Peter's craft Group</u> are hosting a fundraiser for the St Peter's St Vinnies Conference before and after the 10am Mass Next Sunday. On sale will be an assortment of handmade items, plants & home baked goodies. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase. Please come along to support this worthwhile venture!



Congratulations to Roger L'Huillier celebrating his  $80^{th}$  birthday this Saturday. hope you enjoyed your special day!

#### Rosters for Our Liturgical Ministries

As we move into a new Liturgical Year from the first week of Advent (from Year A to Year B) rosters for ministries which involve Reading, Eucharistic Ministry & Altar Serving will be available for collection along with a copy of 'Break Open the Word' for our Ministers of the Word, Musicians and Environment Groups from the back of the church on the w/e 18/19 Nov. If you are new to the Parish and would like to be involved in any of these ministries, please give the Parish Office a call asap. While you will need to complete the mandatory Safeguarding forms, Blue Cards are no longer a requirement. We continually remain thankful for all our volunteers who support our Parish, no matter what ministry you have shared your gifts in, it's what makes our Parish so vibrant!

Chatters will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Office Meeting Room at 9.30am. Please join us and bring a plate to share. We look forward to enjoying your company and "having a chat!"

St. Peter's Prayer and Praise St. Peter's Church Sun 12th Nov 2.30pm through until 4pm. For enquiries – Roger 5495 2665.

The family of the late Mrs Arkley Thomsen (Late of Kilcoy) warmly invite any of the 'Kilcoy/Woodford locals' to attend her funeral mass to be held this Monday at 11.30am in St Michaels Church. Arkley was very involved in the community of St Michael's before going into care. May she rest in peace.



Parish Collections: Parish 29/30 Oct \$4457.15 Thank you for your constant support of our Parish. both financially and prayerfully.

We still have a small number of the Advent Resource Booklets available for free from the Parish Office.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "sister, and brother", and our way of life will always be that of: **Shalom, Peace, Salaam!** Amen.



St Peter's Primary School Principal: Mr Matt Mackinlay St Columban's College

Principal: Mr Michael Connelly



#### From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)



On Wednesday 25 October the Year 6 children went to St Mary's Catholic Church for retreat. We came together to reflect, and to dream. We came together as a community of students who have journeyed through primary together, and who near the time transition to secondary school. It was an opportunity to step away from the regular activities of the school day, and space time give and reflection and reminiscing, for planning and prioritising.

It was an opportunity to enjoy the company of peers and teachers. Thank you to Fr David for celebrating Mass with us, and for Living Waters Catholic Parish for the use of the church grounds.



#### **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

#### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Mal 1:14 – 2:2,8-10

Psalm Resp In You Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

#### Weekday Readings

Mon Rom11:19-36; Ps 68:30-31,33-34,36-37; Lk 14:12-14

Tues Rom 12:5-16; Ps 130; Lk 14:15-24

Wed Rom 13:8-10; Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9; Lk 14:25-33

Thur The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica + Gloria

Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 2:13-22

Fri St Leo the Great Rom 15:14-21; Ps 97:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

**Sat** St Martin of Tours Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Ps 144:2-

5,10-11; Lk 16:9-15

#### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm Resp My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my

God.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

#### From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

Our Year 11 students recently embarked on a retreat to the hinterlands, focusing on spiritual and leadership development. This experience served as a valuable opportunity for them to build resilience and leadership skills, preparing them for the challenges of Year 12. During the retreat, they bonded as a cohort, forging connections and strengthening their sense of community. This retreat marks a significant step in their academic journey, equipping them with essential life skills and a supportive network as they approach their final year together. Many blessings Ange.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers <u>Our Recently Deceased</u>

Annette Budge, Maureen Ashdown, Arkley Thomsen, Les Jacobs, Pat Elliott, Pat Mannion, Peter Murray, Irene Edwards, Shirley Armstrong, Lorna Raffaut, Shirley Grey, Nancy Revie & Charlie de Brueys who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Our Book of Remembrance will remain in the churches throughout the month of November as we remember those who have gone before us -

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

#### **Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time**

Stanley Grainger, Max Arthur, Sandra Robbins,
Ralph Connolly, Cynthia Hatfield, Kenneth Burnside,
Marjorie Twinchek, Michael Willcocks,
Braulia Domingo, Dulcie Lee, Gerard Hawkes,
George Clooney, Brian Ford, Thurza Faulkner,
Kenneth Graham, Robert Hicker, Ray Parry,
Michael Warrell, Norma Gibson, Tom Young,
John Vaughan, Irene Kingsman, Eddie Ross &
Carl Jorgenson.

#### Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.

Della Lopez, Pauline Amorous, Teresa Mills, Barbara O'Neill, Arthur Hangan, Pat Hegarty, Ron Jones, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, 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.

#### Mass times across our Parish

Little Flower, Bribie Island 41-47 First Avenue, Bongaree Saturday 6pm Sunday 8am Tuesday 5pm Thursday 9.15am

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St Peter's, Caboolture 30 Beerburrum Rd, Saturday 6pm Sunday 10am & 5pm Wednesday 9.30am

St Michael's Kilcoy **26 Kennedy Street** Sunday 10am Thursday 5.30pm

St Mary's, Woodford 16 Peterson Road Sunday 8am Monday 9.30am

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Friday (St Columban's College 7.45am)

















