

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8.30am - 4.00pm

## Parish Website

Living Waters Parish

## Parish Facebook Page

@ livingwatersparish

## Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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## *"Come & Join In The Master's Joy"*

On a beautiful day in 1873, a poor farmer's child reached Moore's Goods store in New York and wanted to buy some gifts for his mother's birthday by giving a little money to the owner. But the owner of that store shouted at him and chased him away from there. The boy stood outside that store for some time with tearful eyes and said in his mind, "One day I will become the owner of such a big store." A few years passed. He set up a small shop. Goods worth ten rupees each were available there. Gradually overcoming all the difficulties that came in front of him, he kept climbing the stairs of success. Napoleon's life was a source of inspiration for him. He built the world-famous Woolworth Store and Empire State which were 102 and 792 feet high. He also bought the store from which he was fired. The name of the person who did this was Frank Woolworth. Effort and effort can take any person to the heights of life. Therefore, we should never get disappointed in life, always have faith in God, fulfil our duties and make proper use of what we have.

Today we hear a portion of Proverbs 31, a famous chapter of the Bible about a virtuous wife. The passage speaks about the interior beauty of a woman who "fears the Lord." What is fear of the Lord? It does not mean we are to be scared of God or have a sort of servile fear toward him, as if He is a cruel master. Rather, fear of the Lord means we have a reverence, awe, and obedience toward God, recognizing that He is God and we are not. Not only are wives called to have a healthy "fear of Lord," but so are all Christians.

As we near the end of the liturgical year, before a new liturgical year begins in Advent, we hear about the end times and the return of Christ. St. Paul here writes of "the day of the Lord," which refers specifically to the day of the Second coming of Jesus Christ. No one knows when Jesus will return. So as the children of the light and children of the day, we are called to remain vigilant and be prepared.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. This Gospel reminds us that spiritually is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour.

Fr. Akesh Xalxo MSsCc

## Fr David's Farewell Celebrations 10.30am Next Sunday

*Multipurpose Centre, St Peter's School*

We are looking forward to seeing you all next Sunday to celebrate the gifts that Fr David has shared with us over the past 6 years as Parish Priest. Firstly, to the former Caboolture Parish and then across our Living Waters Parish. He had indeed been tasked with some challenging undertakings during his role - firstly amalgamating two 'very much' established Parishes followed by navigating our newly formed united Parish through the Pandemic. BUT we survived, not only survived, but we've also prospered. Good leadership provides a firm foundation to build a community upon and the community that makes up Living Waters is rock solid! So come along and celebrate all that we are and all that we have been gifted through the ministry of our Parish Priest.

Of course (as always) there's the housekeeping - we ask that where you can please carpool with friends, there is ample parking around the precinct (please see the attached map) and our parking wardens will be quite visible to assist you in any way. Mass will be followed by lunch and cake, so please join us for those. At this point we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have volunteered to assist on the day, without your help successful events like this cannot take place, so may God bless you for the way you have shared your gifts with your community.

*See you all next Sunday, it will be a wonderful day!*

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This Sunday is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (*Tobit 4:7*). "Whenever we turn away from those who are poor, we turn away from Jesus himself, who is forever associated with the most vulnerable in society." (*Matthew 25: 31-46*).

Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the World Day of the Poor in 2017. He encouraged the Church to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world." He stresses that "a great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity." He continues, "We are living, in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard."

Pope Francis reminds us that the parable of the Good Samaritan is not simply a story from the past but continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. He writes: "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved."

It's quite appropriate then to say thank you to the St Peter's Craft Group who held a Craft Store and Sausage sizzle to raise funds for the Caboolture St Vincent De Paul Conference last Sunday. The group raised approximately \$1900 that will assist in helping the Conference offer a hand up to those who are our most vulnerable. Many thanks to all those who offered their gifts in making this such a wonderful success.

### SILVER AND GOLD HYMN SINGALONG

Do you love to sing hymns? Then stay after Mass on Wednesday 22nd Nov for a cuppa in the Hall, followed by all your favourite hymns, from about 10.45 on. We are also celebrating Mary O'Connell's 25yrs singing at St Peter's, and Dianne Hytten's 50 years organ-playing in Australia.

Rosters for All Liturgical Ministries are available at the rear of the churches this weekend. For our readers, musicians and Environment Ladies a copy of Break Open the Word is included. It is a requirement that All volunteers complete the Safeguarding forms prior to continuation or commencement. Thank you for your gifts and your commitment.

With our schools coming to the end of their year a reminder for those who attend the **FRIDAY MORNING MASS**. Our Eucharistic celebration will now be at **ST PETER'S** at the usual time of **7.45am**

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

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### Christmas Reconciliation

Little Flower - 5pm 12<sup>th</sup> December  
St Peter's - 5.30pm 13<sup>th</sup> December  
St Michaels - 5.30pm 14<sup>th</sup> December  
St Marys - 5pm 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

Little Flower - 6pm  
St Peter's - 7pm (Under covered area in the School)  
& Midnight (Church)

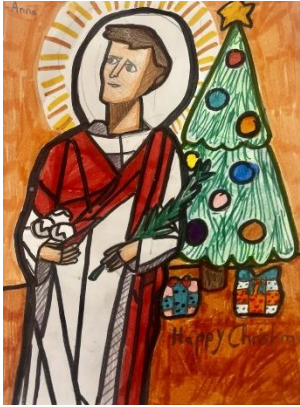
#### Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Little Flower - 8.00am  
St Peter's 10am  
St Mary's - 9am  
St Michael's - 8.30am



From the Desk of Miss Catherine Meiklejohn (APRE)

Supported by our Arts Teacher Mrs Jenni Webb, students were given the opportunity to participate in the Creative Arts Competition to celebrate the 150 years of St Stephen's Cathedral.



Students were asked to design an image for the 2023 Archbishops Christmas Card, with five winners being selected. Year 5 student Anna Binesh was selected as a recipient of this prize, and we are very proud of her and all those who are participated. This is her winning design!  
Take care & go gently Catherine

From the Desk of Mrs Angela Woodriff (APRE)

Wednesday marked a proud moment as we bid farewell to our 2023 graduates. The Graduation Ceremony, was steeped in tradition with the signing of the register, dating back to the College's origins in Albion. As our year 12s embark on the next chapter of their lives, we reflect on their achievements and growth. With hearts full of pride, we send them forth, equipped with knowledge and resilience. May the lessons learned within these walls guide them through the uncharted territories of the future. Best wishes to the graduating class of 2023 as they step confidently into the possibilities that await.  
Many blessings, Ange

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**Our Recently Deceased**

Cristita Lebios, John Riordan, Annette Budge, Maureen Ashdown, Arkley Thomsen, Les Jacobs, Pat Elliott, Pat Mannion & Peter Murray.

**"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**

Rose Reilly, Yvonne Brown, Don Lutton, Eddie Ward, Margaret Smith, Taylor Shaxson, Geoff Wale, Peter Segulin, Maryann Davy, Carol Smith, Shaugn Malone, Greg Halpin, Therese O'Connell, Robert Lam, Jim Harvey, Ellen Riley, Rex Bannon, Gabriel Lennon, Jock Sinclair, Mary De Groot, Beryl Beecham, Thomas O'Connor, Greg Shay, Elizabeth O'Brien, Joe Rutkin & Vincenzo Belmonte.

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

Anne Kelly, Marlyn Hooper, Neil Clunes, Czes Parchimowicz, Della Lopez, Teresa Mills, Barbara O'Neill, Arthur Hangan, Pat Hegarty, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Laurie Barron, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ted Hawkins, Ray Davis.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

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First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
Psalm Resp *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*  
Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6  
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**Weekday Readings**

**Mon 1** Mal 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64;  
Ps 118:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lk 18.

**Tues** *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Macc 6:18-31; Ps 33:2-3,16-19; Lk 17:19:1-10

**Wed** *St Cecilia* 2 Macc 7:1,20-31; Ps 49:1-2,5-6,14-15;  
Lk 19:11-28

**Thur** 1 Macc 2:15-29; Ps 49:1-2,5-6,14-15; Lk19:41-44

**Fri** *St Andrew Dung-Lac* 1 Macc4:36-37,52-59; Ps 1  
Chron 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48

**Sat** 1 Macc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19; Lk 20:27-40

**Our LORD JESUS CHRIST KING of the UNIVERSE**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17  
Psalm Resp *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26,28  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**Congratulations to Della Lopez who last week was awarded an Associate Lifetime Membership from the St Vincent De Paul Society. 27 years ago, Della was one of the founding members of the Woodford Conference, she spearheaded the current Ecumenical Conference and was advisory to the Rockhampton & Toowoomba Centres in setting up the same Ecumenical Groups within their boundaries. Regional President Peter O'Leary presented Della with the award.**



Mass times across our Parish

Little Flower, Bribie Island

41-47 First Avenue, Bongaree

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Tuesday 5pm

Thursday 9.15am

St Peter's, Caboolture

30 Beerburrum Rd,

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10am & 5pm

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday (St Columban's College 7.45am)

St Michael's Kilcoy

26 Kennedy Street

Sunday 10am

Thursday 5.30pm

St Mary's, Woodford

16 Peterson Road

Sunday 8am

Monday 9.30am