

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th / 9th February 2025

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Ministry matters

Because our Financial Year runs from January to December, our marvellous Finance Office has completed the finance report for year ending in 2024. I thought this might be a good opportunity to report on the health of the parish financially. First of all, I want to thank all who have contributed financially to the life of our parish over this past year.

I know that the cost-of-living crisis in which we find ourselves at this present moment means that there is less funding available as families endeavour to pay their daily expenses of food and rates and electricity and so many other areas that draw upon our financial reserves as families. So, thank you for your on-going commitment at this time.

Your commitment in this way enables us to carry out the much-needed maintenance and improvement of the parish and its various properties, and we do indeed have so many properties that always seem to be in need of some love and care.

So, here is my report to the parish about how we are going and growing with all of the challenges that confront us as a parish through 2025.

Our Income through Planned Giving and Weekend Parish Collections, including the loose contributions as well as the electronic contributions from those little gadgets at the front doors of our Churches came to a total of \$391,700.

This could be a wow moment as we reflect upon just how much money has been collected through 2024, and again thank you for your contribution.

Then we go to page two of the report. Our expenses for 2024 came in at \$514,170.72

So, our income is \$391,700 and our expenditure is \$514,170.

There is a deficit of some \$122,000 last year. Fortunately, we have some reserves coming from OSHC upon which we can draw, and that can sustain us for a few years. But we are living beyond our means and somehow it would be helpful to bring those two amounts closer together.

With the life of the parish as it is, especially with all of the maintenance work that needs to be done across the parish, I am not sure that we can cut the expenditure of this large parish because of all the work that needs to be done to maintain our parish plant. So, somehow, we need to increase ether parish income. How?

This may be a topic of conversation for the Parish Finance Council, but somehow, we need to find the money amongst ourselves.

Having looked at the various expenses that impact upon our finances, I cannot see that we can pare down any more than we have currently.

So how do we grow and how do we go so that the parish to which we all belong can continue into the future. May God guide us as we endeavour to grow with all of the challenges that do confront us at this time.

God bless. Fr John and the Finance Team.



This weekend we welcome into our parish family
Phoenix Lewis baptised at little Flower
 & to **Blair, Harlee & Quintin**
 baptised at St Peter's



Happy 90th Birthday to Ginnette Knox
 We hope you enjoy your day!

Priests Commitments

Sunday 9th February - 5th Sunday in Ord Time

- 8:00am Little Flower Bribie (Fr John)
- 8:00am St Mary's Woodford (Fr Akesh)
- 10:00 am St Peter's Caboolture (Fr John)
- 11.00am Baptisms St Peter's (Fr John)
- 10:00am St Michael's Kilcoy (Fr Akesh)
- 5:00pm St Peter's Caboolture. (Fr John)

Monday 10th February

9.30am Mass St Mary's (Fr John)

Wednesday 12th February

9.30am Mass St Peter's (Fr John)

Thursday 13th February

9.15am Mass Little Flower (Fr Akesh)

Friday 14th February

7.30am Memorial Mass St Columban's College

7.45am Mass St Peter's Church - note change

Saturday 15th February

- 6:00pm St Peter's Caboolture (Fr John)
- 6:00pm Little Flower, Bribie (Fr Akesh)

Sunday 16th February-6th Sunday in Ord Time

- 8:00am Little Flower Bribie (Fr Akesh)
- 8:00am St Mary's Woodford (Fr John)
- 10:00 am St Peter's Caboolture (Fr Akesh)
- 10:00am St Michael's Kilcoy (Fr John)
- 5:00pm St Peter's Caboolture. (Fr Akesh)

Reconciliation Times:

St Peter's and Little Flower Churches
Saturday 5:00pm- 5:30 pm.

We would like to take this time to extend our thanks to John Parkinson, from the 6pm Mass time at St Peter's who after many years of leading the music has decided to retire. John, along with his son Jeff will be sadly missed and we wish him well in his retirement.

If you would like to offer your services to assist with the music at the 6pm Mass at St Peters, (alternating weekends with Veronica) please get in touch with the Parish Office asap. **We thank all our musicians and choirs past and present** for sharing their gifts and thus enhancing our weekly Eucharistic celebrations. May your generosity be blessed.

Across the Parish in February & March

- 10th Feb ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 10th Feb KSC Executive Meeting – 4pm Parish Meeting Room
- 11th Feb Chatters – 9.30am Parish Meeting Room
- 11th Feb L'FEC Meeting – 5pm Little Flower Church
- 12th Feb RAP meeting 4pm Parish Meeting Room
- 14th Feb VALENTINE'S DAY! ❤️❤️❤️❤️
- 14th Feb Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall
- 15th Feb Prayer & Praise Parish Mission – St Peter's Church
- 17th Feb ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 19th Feb Cuppa after the Wednesday Morning Mass St Peter's
- 19th Feb PPC Meeting 4pm ZOOM
- 20th Feb KSC General Meeting – 6pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 21st Feb Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall
- 22nd Feb Garden Maintenance St Peters 8am
- 24th Feb ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 24th Feb Little Flower Chit Chat 12 noon Bribie Hotel
- 24th Feb 'Growing St Peter's' - 4pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 25th Feb **WH&S PARISH AUDIT**
- 28th Feb Fourth Friday Lunch St Mary's Hall
- 28th Feb Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall
- 3rd March ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 3rd March St Vinnies Meeting St Mary's 10am – 12 noon
- 5th March **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 7th March World Day of Prayer -
 Bribie Island 2pm Freedom Church, First Avenue
 Caboolture 10.30am The Salvation Army cnr King & Dux St
- 7th March Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall
- 9th March **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
- 10th March ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 10th March KSC Executive Meeting 4pm Parish Meeting Room
- 11th March Chatters – 9.30am Jacaranda Café Caboolture
- 14th March Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall
- 17th March ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd
ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT TO PARISH
- 20th March KSC General Meeting – 6pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 21st March Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall
- 23rd March Filipino Mass 12noon St Peter's
- 24th March ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's



From the Desk of Chris Inglis

Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

Hello everyone! As I step into the role of acting APRE for St Peter's, I am excited to work closely with our parish and all those in it. I am looking forward to meeting you at upcoming celebrations.

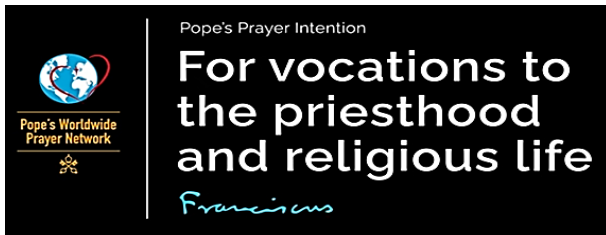
During our school's Opening Mass this week, our students listened to the wisdom of Saint Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians in which we are reminded to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and to give thanks in all circumstances. As a school, we embrace this message with our theme for 2025 being that of 'Gratitude'.

Wishing you all well. Chris

Chatters will take place this Tuesday in the Parish Meeting Room starting at 9.30am. We look forward to enjoying your company and "having a chat!"

Parish Collections: for 1 / 2 February \$5383.90

Thank you for your support of the Parish.



We take this time to offer the St Columban's College Community our prayerful support as they mourn the loss of one of their senior students. We pray that the God of all hope holds the College Community in his loving care.



Please note that as the College is holding a memorial mass for Charlize at 7.30am on Feb 14th for her family, the Staff & Students the **Parish Mass will be held at St Peter's at 7.45am**. This will be for that day only, after that the mass will return to St Columban's College. Thank you for your support and understanding of the college.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Start Anew in Christ is a call for all the followers of Jesus to examine their hearts and open themselves to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit who makes all things new. This **2025 Lenten resource** has been developed for both individual prayer and small groups. Lenten small groups are an opportunity to gather together to share life, faith and to pray with one another.

If you would like a copy of this booklet for yourself or you would like to organise a Lenten group, please write your names on the sheets provided at the rear of the church please. The cost of the book is \$4.00 each.

YOUTH NEWS

As we usher in 2025, the Encounter team is thrilled to embark on another year of youth ministry and to continue expanding our community. Youth night resumed at the beginning of the month and will take place every Friday during the school term. We are also excited to introduce our new theme for Term 1: ALPHA, which will explore the myriad questions youth have regarding life, faith, and purpose. Additionally, mark your calendars for an upcoming youth rally on February 27th, in partnership with St. Columban's. Please stay tuned for more information within the parish.

Wishing you all God's blessings, Tatiana. **When:** 6:30-8:30pm Friday Night's **Where:** St Peter's Church Caboolture

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased: Bro Pat McKeon (*Mary Sharman's Brother*), Bev Wilson, Kath Burgess, Suzi Henri, Terre Simmons, Noela Riethmuller, Eleanor Copeland, Peter Gray, Anna Micallef, Richard Rootes & Pat McIlwraith.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time: Eric O'Keefe, Ken Astbury, George Fewkes, Russell Day, Chris Bertoni, Kevin Mewburn, Frank Hoare, Tom Glasson, Peg McErlane, Bernard Corcoran, Bruno Segulin, Darryl Zonca, Lillian Llewellyn, Ted Toomey, Noreen Smith, Derek Newell, Bernadine Cio, Margaret Gough, David McCarthy, Sydney Morley, Giuseppina Tedeschi, Lucy Sheridan, Carole Carne, Maria Del Rosso, Owen Manley, Nora Callaghan & Paul Doran.

Those who are Sick: Neil Clunes, Natalie Ciantar, Pat & Tony Holcroft, Margaret Griffin, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Fr Wrex, Wendy Brown, Jayden Lowe, Mary Jamieson, Des Greentree, Margaret & Ron Jones, Xander Ferguson, Marlene Albert, Horrie Hunt, Jeanette Herd, Tina Pennisi, Don Joiner, Sheila Musarra, Brian Kavanagh, Suzie Collyer, Helen Johnson, Tricia Fischer, Joshua & Myra Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Della Lopez, Anne Kelly, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ray Davis, Helen & Gerry Van Dinter, Eileen Hangan & Gerard Brown.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. (Luke 5:4-6)

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that 'deep water' to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, 'Master at your command I will lower the nets.' Say Yes to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

Thought for the Week - 'When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed'

Maya Angelou

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