

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st / 2nd March 2025

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"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Today is the **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the last Sunday before Lent begins.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penance. It is a time when we reflect on the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. Catholics have three main practices during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Lent is a season of sacrifice, prayer, and reflection. It is a time to let go of distractions and focus on our relationship with God. Giving up video games during Lent is one way to make room for spiritual growth. Video games often take up a lot of time and attention, making them a good choice for a Lenten fast.

Prayer is an essential part of the Lenten journey, as it allows individuals to deepen their relationship with God and seek guidance and strength.

Lent is a time to pray for others. There are many people who are in need of prayers, such as the sick, the lonely, and those facing difficult circumstances. Take time each day to lift up these individuals in prayer, asking God to provide comfort, healing, and strength.

Stations of the Cross is a beautiful Lenten tradition that allows us to journey with Jesus to Calvary. This devotion invites us to reflect on his suffering for us and his encounters along the way. As we walk the path with Jesus, we are reminded of his immense love and sacrifice. Attending the Stations of the Cross provides a powerful opportunity for prayer and contemplation during Lent.

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we reflect on the power of our words. *Sirach 27:4-7* teaches that our words reveal who we really are. Good words show a good heart, while bad words reveal inner problems. Our speech can lift others up or tear them down.

We celebrate the victory over death. In *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*, Paul reminds us that Jesus defeated death. This victory gives us hope and courage to stay firm in our faith. Death is not the end; through Christ, we have eternal life.

Jesus also teaches us to look at our own faults before judging others. In Luke, He warns against the "blind leading the blind" and calls us to self-examination. We often judge others without seeing our own sins. This lesson challenges us to be humble and aware of our own flaws. By focusing on ourselves, we can grow in humility and treat others with compassion.

As we embark on this Lenten journey, let us open our hearts to God's presence and guidance through prayer. Let us seek God's presence and grow in our faith as we journey through this sacred season.



Congratulations to **Hudson Houston,**
Margaux Reyes & Nevaeh Spry

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

Parent Baptism Meeting Our next Parent Baptism Meeting will be this Monday at 6pm in St Peter's Church. Please register your attendance with the Parish Office prior.



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.

PANCAKE TUESDAY ON THURSDAY

Would you like to do your bit in supporting the great work Caritas Australia does? After the 9.15am mass on **Thursday 6th March at Little Flower**, we will be sharing pancakes and coffee. raising funds for Project Compassion. So do please join our Hospitality ladies as they create a wonderful morning tea for you that will help us all *Unite Against Poverty!*



LENTEN DISCUSSIONS GROUPS

This year's Lenten theme is 'Start anew in Christ' and provides you with an opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts.

Lenten Groups at St Mary's commence this **Friday at 9.30am** and then every Friday until 11th April. At **Little Flower** they begin **Wednesday 12th March** at 3pm and then every Wednesday through Lent.

Parish Collections: for 22/23 February \$4761.20

Thank you for your support of the Parish.

Across the Parish during March

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

15th March El Shaddai Mass & Fellowship St Peter's

16th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

17th March ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's

20th March St Paddy's Day Concert with the 'Young @ Heart' Singers. Little Flower Church

20th March KSC General Meeting – 6pm Mary McKillop Hall

21st March Encounter Youth 6pm St Peter's Church/Hall

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT TO PARISH

23rd March Filipino Mass 12noon St Peter's

24th March ROSARY 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's

24th March Little Flower Hospitality Meeting

24th March 'Growing St Peter's' - 4pm Mary McKillop Hall

28th March Fourth Friday Lunch St Mary's Hall

This coming Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, the start of our Lenten journey to Easter. We begin this journey marking ourselves with ashes as a 'new beginning' allowing the life of Christ to make us whole and new again. It has been a long Catholic tradition to begin these 40 days of Penitence by gathering for Eucharist.

Mass times across our Parish will be:



Little Flower: 9.15am

St Peter's: 9.30am and 6.00pm

St Michael: 4.00pm

St Mary's: 6.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday during Lent

St Mary's Church - 8.30am

Little Flower Church - 5.00pm

St Peter's Church - 5.30pm



World Day of Prayer this Friday

Please show your support for the women of the Cook Islands by attending on of the venues across our Parish –

Bribie Island – Host: Freedom Church, 195 First Ave, Bongaree. Starting at 2pm.

Caboolture – Host: Salvation Army, cnr Dux & King St, Caboolture. Starting at 9.45am.

Kilcoy – Host: Anglican Church, 67 William St & Service Rd. Starting at 9.30am.

Woodford – Host: Anglican Church, 88 Archer St. Starting at 2pm St Matthias Church.



From the Desk of Chris Inglis

Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

As our students begin to prepare for Lent, we have been discussing the significance of 'Shrove Tuesday.' For many of our students, this is seen simply as a day on which we have pancakes. It has been great engaging in discussions with students around the notion of shriving – to confess and receive absolution. We have explored where the tradition of making pancakes has developed from, along with the importance of preparing for the beginning of Lent.

This week, we also prepare for our first liturgy in the Church for the school year with Year 2 leading this focused on the theme of meditative prayer.

Wishing you all well, Chris



From the Desk of Angela Woodruff

Assistant Principal Mission & Identity

This week was filled with exciting activities for our students. The Year 8 students enjoyed a

memorable camp at Yandina, where they participated in team-building exercises and outdoor adventures, fostering resilience and camaraderie. Meanwhile, the Year 7 History students had an enriching incursion with the Ngutana-Lui Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre, deepening their understanding of Indigenous cultures through interactive sessions. On Thursday night, we held our first Seek Rally, where students from various year levels gathered for an evening of faith, worship, and community. The event featured meaningful discussions, uplifting music, and reflective prayer, leaving everyone spiritually enriched. These experiences have not only provided valuable learning opportunities but also strengthened the bonds within our school community.

Many blessings Ange.

Join Our Parish Team – Housekeeper Wanted!


We are looking for a dedicated and reliable Housekeeper to help keep our priests' residences and parish office clean, comfortable, and welcoming. If you take pride in creating a tidy and organized space, we'd love to hear from you!

 **Permanent Part-Time** - 10 hours per week

Locations - Caboolture & Bribie Island

Duties include (but not limited to) - Making beds, laundry, ironing, vacuuming, mopping, and general housekeeping.

Enjoy a consistent and rewarding role working across the Parish. If you have an eye for detail and a heart for service, apply today!

 to express interest please contact Sharron

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PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS



Heavenly Father,
we pray for Pope Francis.

We ask for Your healing hand
to be on him. Give him strength
in his body, mind, and spirit
as he endeavours to recover from his illness.

May Your grace surround him, bringing comfort,
peace, and restoration.

Protect him with Your love and may the light of
Your wisdom continue to guide him in his mission.

We trust in Your mercy and know You are with
him. Amen.



Focus Areas (Decrees) of the Archdiocese of Brisbane SYNOD 24

Decree 1: -Reconciliation: Healing Wounds Receiving Gifts The focus here is on the need for a new engagement of the church with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, beginning with a new kind of listening in the belief that we all can and must learn from the first inhabitants of the land.

We reiterate what St John Paul II said to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples back in 1986: "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others." Let us recommit ourselves to this mission of listening, inclusion, and unity.

Have you changed your email address or phone number and not informed the Office? Unfortunately, we can't make contact with you if we don't have your correct details. A little while ago we introduced everyone to our new data base FLOCKNOTE. If you didn't respond to the invitation to sign up and would like to do so now, please get in touch with us asap. Emails are fast becoming the way to get in touch and if we don't have your correct one you may miss receiving some important info. Thanks for your consideration to this request.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased: Brenda Fyshwick, Edna Houchin, Br John Wells, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Derek Evans, Greg Holdsworth, Marie Howard, Peter Dinneen, Bro Pat McKeon, Bev Wilson, Kath Burgess, Suzi Henri, Terre Simmons, Noela Riethmuller, Eleanor Copeland & Peter Gray.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time: Anna Saric, Bernard Pattel, Trevor Meehan, John Nunn, Colleen Thompson, John Anderson, Mari Carmen Cabrera, Maree Hazbourn, Jim Montague, Hendirka Janssen, Henrietta McLennon, Harold Gillan, Greg Cox, Tony Grealy, Reg King, Neil Weekes, Ron McCarthy, Aaron Joku, Betty Rutkin, Sarah Hawker, Maureen Moane & Gloria Jewell.

Those who are Sick: Kira Wojtowicv, Alex Azzopardi, 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.

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