

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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### Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri  
9.00am – 4pm  
Wed 9.00am – 10.30am

### Parish Website

Living Waters Parish

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### Ministry Matters

I have some unfortunate news to share with the parish. Last weekend, a representative of the Archdiocese contacted me to advise me that with my endorsement, Fr Akesh is being temporarily transferred to Infant saviour Parish at Burleigh Heads. The reason being is that Burleigh Heads parish, the biggest parish in Australia, has only one priest to administer to the wider parish community at this time, and Fr Akesh is needed down there for a time.

The Archdiocese is waiting on the arrival of between 3 and 5 priests coming from India to work locally. Unfortunately, the process of arrival is somewhat slow because of the requirements of the Australia Government, and it is taking some time for the arrangements to be made.

Until that happens and we welcome new priests into our Archdiocese, the Archdiocese administration needs to find ways of sharing the limited resources of clergy across parishes. Three priests in Living Waters Parish under the current situation within the Archdiocese is perhaps benefiting our communities but at the cost for other parishes that are also in need of priests to respond to the needs of the locals elsewhere.

It is somewhat a sad situation and unfortunately, we cannot afford to keep Fr Akesh to ourselves while other parishes struggle for clergy.

So, when Fr Akesh returns from his holidays in India, he will transfer to Burleigh Heads Parish to begin serving the people of that community until a new associate priest is appointed at some time in the future.

The hope of the Archdiocese and myself is that when such an event happens, Fr Akesh will return to Living Waters parish to pick up where he had left off in January.

But the reality is that with declining clergy numbers in the Archdiocese and the need for priests to minister to parishes increases, the possibility of three priests in Living Waters Parish cannot be sustained. So, Fr Akesh will leave us temporarily to supply for Burleigh Heads parish, and then return for a time, until he is called to take on a new ministry somewhere in the Archdiocese. But for now, there is just Sean and myself, so the original Mass schedule will be re-introduced on the 28<sup>th</sup> January until further notice.

Sadly, the 8:00am Mass at St Peter's Church on Sunday Morning will cease until there are three priests appointed to the parish once again. Sad state of affairs but the reality for life for our Church at this time.

God Bless, Fr John

## PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

With the Christmas and New year holidays now a faint memory the opening hours of the Office return to the normal times of Monday to Friday from 8.30am – 4.00pm. There are occasions when both myself and Kath have to leave the Office but don't worry if this is the case, we leave it in the good hands of our Priests (and they're pretty good at answering the door or phones!)

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## NEW ADDED CARPARK

You may have noticed the construction of a new carpark at the front of the Office over the holidays. **These extra spaces will house our Priests vehicles only.** New line marking in the carpark and new fencelines will happen over the next four weeks. If you are visiting the Parish Office during week please be mindful of the parking restriction around school times.

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## ARE YOU PLANNING A BAPTISM?

The celebration of Baptism across our Parish will change slightly from the end of January. Baptisms will happen at 11am at St Peter's and St Michael's on the first and second Sunday of each month.

Parents will be asked to take part in a preparation program to enable them to understand the sacrament and the commitment they will be making to support their child's growth in faith and life. This can be done online through our website. The First step towards celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish is to complete a registration form (these can also be found on the Parish Website) once completed the documentation will need to be sent into the Parish Office. Once received we will make contact and walk with Parents towards celebrating the Sacrament.



Parish banking for the weekend of the  
10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> January ~ \$6629.10 Thank you!

## Priests Commitments

### 18<sup>th</sup> January ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass Little Flower (Fr Sean)  
8:00am Mass St Mary's (Fr John)  
8.00am Mass St Peter's (Fr Gerry)  
10:00am Mass St Peter's (Fr Gerry)  
10:00am Mass St Michael's (Fr John)  
5:00pm Mass St Peter's (Fr Sean)

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Mass St Mary's (Fr John)

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

9.30am Mass St Peter's (Fr John)  
1.30pm Memorial RIP Norma Connolly (Fr John)

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

9.15am Mass Little Flower (Fr Sean)  
Midday Funeral RIP Margaret Jones (Fr Krupa)

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

7.45am Mass St Peter's (Fr Sean)

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord Time

6.00pm Mass Little Flower Bribie (Fr John)  
6.00pm Mass St Peter's Caboolture (Fr Gerry)

**Reconciliation Times: 5pm – 5.30pm  
St Peter's and Little Flower Churches**



### **Australia Day ~ Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Mass times for the Parish**

**Little Flower 9.15am** ~ followed by morning tea with damper & golden syrup & billy tea (sort of!)

**St Mary's 9.30am** ~ followed by morning tea

For our Parishioners who belong to the **Little Flower Hospitality Group**. Please be aware that due to the Australia Day holiday the meeting will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time**. Thanks

**And because it's almost Australia Day.....** a Scotsman an Irishman and an Aussie, decided to trek across the Nullarbor. It was a major event, so the newspapers and the TV's sent reporters to cover the story. The day arrived and a great crowd had gathered for the spectacle and to wish the intrepid travellers well on their journey.

One of the reporters approached the Scotsman and asked how he had prepared for the journey. He said that he had organised for great quantities of water for the trip so they would not run out of water on the journey. Very good said the reporter.

Next, he asked the Irishman how he had prepared for the journey. The Irishman replied that he had arranged for a great quantity of food to sustain them on the journey because there will be little available across the plain. Very good said the reporter.

Next, he came to the Aussie, who was standing there ready to depart on the journey and he was holding a car door. The reporter was shocked to see such a thing. So, he approached the Aussie and asked him why he was standing there with a car door. The Aussie replied, well I am taking it with me on the trip and as we head out across the Nullarbor and it starts to get too hot, we can wind down the window!!



Term 1 for 2026 will begin on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to welcoming all back for another year.

Upcoming prayer  
retreats & Gatherings



**\*\* Little Flower's Way of Faith** Group on Bribie are planning a pre-Lenten retreat for interested parishioners. More on this in the coming weeks.

**\*\* The St Peter's Prayer & Praise** Group will hold their "Come and See" Mission at St Peter's church over 2 Saturdays - February 21st & 28th.

For all enquiries, please call Roger on 54952665 or you email [joan.and.roger@bigpond.com](mailto:joan.and.roger@bigpond.com)

**\*\*Couples for Christ Christian Life Program.** March 14 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at St Michael's Church Kilcoy. For all enquiries, please call the Parish Office.

Groups and Ministries in 2026



**Mother's Prayer Group -**

Parish Office Meeting Room 9.30am Thursdays

**St Peter's Craft Group -**

Mary McKillop Hall 9.30am Fridays.

**Rosary - St Peter's Church 9.30am every Monday.**

St Mary's Church 9.00am every Monday

**Chatters - 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month. (watch this space)**

**Prayer and Praise - St Peter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 1pm - 4pm**

**St Vincent De Paul Bribie Island Contact -3408 3747**

**St Vincent De Paul Caboolture Contact - 5495 7017**

**Knights of the Southern Cross - please call the Parish Office.**

**Little Flower Hospitality - Dianne 0408 828 047**

**St Peter's Hospitality - Please call the Office.**

If you are new to the Parish, getting involved is the first way of finding your feet and feeling 'at home'. Each of these groups would warmly welcome you. Name badges are also a great way of introducing yourself & are available from the office for \$5.00

**A New Year Prayer of Kindness**

A new year opens like a quiet door, inviting us to be **kinder than before**; to pause, to breathe, to gently choose a **softer word**, a **wider view**.

May we be schooled in the tender art of guarding well a **forgiving heart**, letting old wounds loosen and depart.

For every soul we chance to meet may carry burdens, sharp or sweet their hidden struggle, incomplete.

With **Christ lit eyes** we learn to see God's love at work in mystery in strangers met, in friends or foes, in quiet moments no one knows.

So may we shine with **Christ like grace**, a steady warmth in every place, so this new year may truly start with **healing hands and open hearts**

~ **Changing the Narrative** ~

**Joondoburri Walk** (adjacent to Bribie Kindy, Cotterill Ave, Bribie Island) **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.45am for a 10am start.** There will be Guest Speakers and a Smoking Ceremony by Uncle Ivan (Pickering) Please bring your own chair, free morning tea and water will be provided, a coffee van will be available to purchase hot drinks. All welcome to join as we connect and share in acknowledging the country where we are all fortunate enough to live, work and play and to celebrate the earliest inhabitants of Bribie Island.



These core modules are designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life & provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 9-10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. For info and Registration please email ~ [accf@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:accf@bne.catholic.net.au).

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Email: **[AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)**

Online: **<https://bncatholic.stoplinereport.com/>**



**Please Remember in Your Prayers ~ Our Recently Deceased** ~ Margaret Jones, Alan Petty, Della Lopez, Fr Ivan Hernan, Lydia Krenn, Anita Krasucki, Ian Wedge, Pat O'Connor, Alex Azzopardi, John King, Gus Hatter, Isa Robinson, Frank Dance, Ken Carmody, Rosaleen Harp, Thomas Young, Angie Purtill, Eamon Glasheen, Mark Hickson.

**Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time** ~ Alexander Humphries, Shirley Wust, Manuel Periera, Ruth McSweeney, Glitira Leca, Gene Rosenblatt, James O'Connor, Jane Allom, Anna Luda, Thelma Barclay, Kevin Larson, Freda Cole, Phillip Parker, Michael Brown, Cath Williamson, Peg Neumann, George Thornber, Aubrey Robinson, Peter Chapman, Adele Royston, Peter Barker, Kath Williams, Joan McKillop & Arnold Newitt.

**Our Sick** ~ Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Eileen Feldman, Gerry Butler, Sergio Spigariol, Terry Burns, Sue McIntyre, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, Pat MacDonald, Mitchell Williams, Kathryn Sotiriadis-Mobley, Peter Brown, David Stott, Mary Loveday, Kira Wojtowicv, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Wendy Brown, Jayden Lowe, Des Greentree, Margaret & Ron Jones, Xander Ferguson, Marlene Albert, Jeanette Herd, Don Joiner, Sheila Musarra, Helen Johnson, Tricia Fischer, Joshua & Myra Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Eileen Hangan, Gerard Brown.

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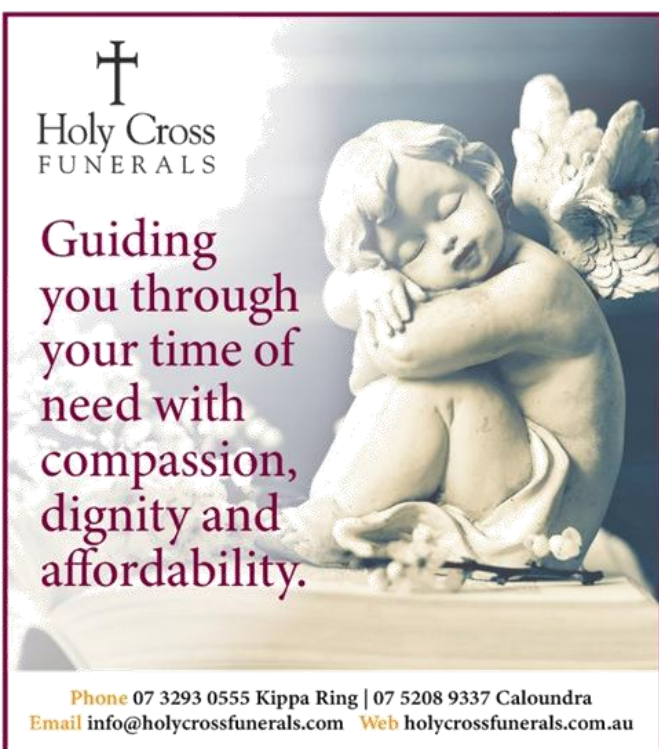
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