

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th / 25th January 2026

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Psalm 2

In the weekday Lectionary we recently heard: 'Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations, put the ends of the earth in your possession'. The verse is from Psalm 2. It anticipates God giving someone an inheritance. The traditional reading applies it to Christ.

The earth and her people belong to God. By the Holy Spirit, His Divine Son became human and visible — without ceasing to be divine. The Father visibly delivers nations into the Son's possession. They are given to the Son as His inheritance, so to speak. The inheritance takes the form of the Church, which is made up of various nations.

Recall that Christ received the homage of the Magi, who were from a faraway nation. The Magi were an early sign of the Son receiving His inheritance. When you and I do homage to Christ, it shows that we have become His inheritance. Furthermore, that we are witnesses to the Father's love for His Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns. Amen.

Note on the mysterious plate.

On the 1st of January a generous person left a plate of cake in Saint Peter's sacristy after Mass. I have no idea who this person was. The plate is now in the Parish Office. It is making me feel guilty. If it be yours, you are most welcome collect it from the Parish Office. And thank you so much for the cake!

In Christ,

Father Sean





Our parish community at St Mary's is advised that the much-loved former presbytery will soon be demolished following comprehensive assessments that identified severe termite damage and significant structural deterioration. These assessments, carried out with independent specialists as well as our Parish WH&S team and Finance Committee, confirmed that the building now presents a safety risk. As a result, we have no responsible option other than to proceed with its removal.

We recognise that many parishioners hold deep affection and cherished memories connected to this building. As we take this necessary step, we do so with gratitude for the many years it served our community, and with hope for the new possibilities this space may offer in the future.

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!

As we celebrate Australia Day, we are invited to reflect on what it means to be Australian. To celebrate all the things, we love about our country. Australia Day is also an opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity and rich migrant heritage which is very much part of our unique Australian identity and of course to show our respect for our First Nations People whose heritage began more than 65,000 years ago.

It is also an opportunity to give thanks to God for this "Great Southland of the Holy Spirit" to show our gratitude for the land we walk upon and the freedoms that we enjoy. So please join us for Mass as we celebrate & give thanks to God for truly living in the 'lucky country'

Little Flower 9.15am

St Mary's 9.30am.

Please stay after Mass at both Centres to enjoy an Aussie morning tea.



Changes to note for our St Peter's Community, especially our Parishioners who have been attending the 8am Mass. Due to the reality of two priests, from next weekend onwards Mass times will be 6pm Vigil, 10am & 5pm Sunday. There will be **NO 8am MASS**.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Fr Gerry for so kindly guiding our St Peter's Masses throughout January while Fr Akesh spent time with his family in India. We have been blessed by Fr Gerry's presence and generosity. As he now moves on to support another parish in the Archdiocese, we offer him our gratitude and prayers, and we look forward to settling back into parish life with just two priests while Fr Akesh returns to Burleigh for the time being.

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday for the Australia Day holiday

~ Changing the Narrative ~

Joondoburri Walk

(Cotterill Ave, Bongaree, next to the Kindy)

Monday 26th 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. Everyone most welcome!



Parish banking for the weekend of the 17th / 18th January ~ \$6235.00. Thank you!

Supporting our parish community financially is generous way to share in its mission, and you can do so through ~

- envelopes
- direct debit
- credit cards or electronic giving

If you'd like a hand setting anything up, Kath in the Parish Office is always happy to help, give her a call on either **Tuesdays or Wednesdays**.

Priests Commitments

25th January ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday 26th January AUSTRALIA DAY MASSES

9.15am Mass Little Flower	(Fr John)
9.30am Mass St Mary's	(Fr Sean)

Wednesday 28th January

9.30am Mass St Peter's	(Fr Sean)
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Thursday 29th January

9.15am Mass Little Flower	(Fr Sean)
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Friday 30th January

7.45am Mass St Peter's	(Fr John)
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Saturday 31st January - 4th Sunday in Ord Time

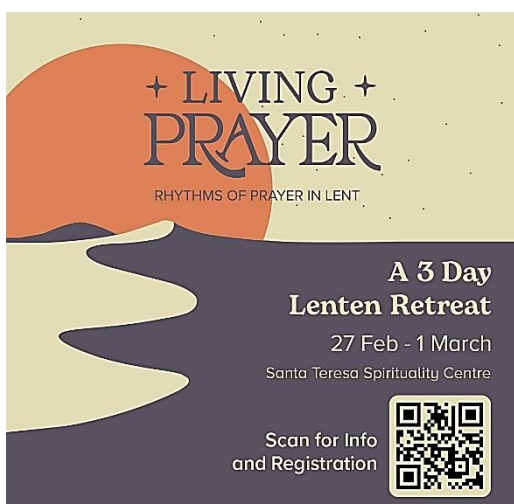
6.00pm Mass Little Flower Bribie	(Fr Sean)
6.00pm Mass St Peter's Caboolture	(Fr John)

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

Welcome back to all our teachers, school staff and students as we begin a new school year this Wednesday. We hope the break has been refreshing and that everyone returns feeling inspired, recharged and ready for another year of learning and growth. Once again, a reminder of parking restrictions during school hours.

Every month Pope Leo entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. The request for the month of January is **'Praying with the Word of God'**. *Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. Amen.*


Ash Wednesday is now less than a month away, which makes this a perfect moment to think about your own Lenten journey. This year, our parish will be offering as a resource 'The Journey Home', an Archdiocesan program featuring reflections by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. Over the coming week, we invite you to consider a call to lead a group or to join one. It's a meaningful way to prepare your heart and mind as you enter more deeply into the Easter journey. We will have sheets at the rear of the Churches for your interest.



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A 3 Day Lenten Retreat
27 Feb - 1 March
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

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CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO

Brisbane launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 Social Justice Statement. Launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay with a reflection from Trish McMahon, State President for St Vincent de Paul Society.

THE COST OF OUR LIVING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

10 FEB | 7PM | ST JAMES PARISH HALL
92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo (Off-street parking available)



Register your seat or connection through this link.



LIVE STREAM Hosted by the St James Catholic Parish Social Justice Group and the Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission

Quote of the Week

It always seems impossible, until it's done.
(Nelson Mandela)

Across the Parish during January / February

- 26th January AUSTRALIA DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
- 26th January **'Growing St Peters'** 4pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 28th January Term 1 starts for our School Communities
- 29th January Mother's Prayer 9.30am Parish Meeting Room
- 30th January St Peters Craft Group 9.30am Mary McKillop Hall
- 31st January Samoan Youth Group 7pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 2nd February Rosary 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 4th February Finance Council Meeting Parish Meeting Room
- 5th February Mother's Prayer 9.30am Parish Meeting Room
- 6th February St Peters Craft Group 9.30am Mary McKillop Hall
- 9th February Rosary 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 9th February KSC Executive Meeting 3.30pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 10th February **Chatters** – 9.30am Parish Meeting Room



And yes, cause it's Australia Day on Monday....we have to tell you about this man walking down the Queen St Mall in Brisbane with a little fairy penguin in tow. A policemen spotted him and came up to the man saying, 'you can't have a penguin in the centre of a city – take that animal to the Australia Zoo.' The next day the same police officer spotted the man, again walking down the street with his penguin.

He stopped him and said; 'I thought I told you to take that animal to the Zoo.' The man replied, 'I did take him to the zoo. He had such a great time, I thought today I'd take him to Dream World!!!!'



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The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to promoting and protecting the welfare and human rights of everyone involved in, or affected by, Archdiocesan activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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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 ~ John Patterson, John Morrow, Barry Gravener, Phyllis Smith, Shirley O'Connor, Mary Gillet, Bill Ross, Lorraine Tuckerman, Ted Batiste, Joan Nuss, Edward Kropp, Audrey Woolnough, Joyce Stoddard, Heather Newell, Ernest Kells, Reg Longden, John Loveday, Ray Walsh, Henry De Grono, Leslie Limbert, Jim Farmer, Margaret Pascoe, Kevin Mewburn & Frank Hammond.

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 Wojtowicz, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Wendy Brown, Jayden Lowe, Des Greentree, 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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