

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January / 1st February 2026

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Ministry Matters

On Wednesday of last week we welcomed back the staff, students and families of our Primary and High Schools. So, obviously the year has now begun and we are about to plunge into the busy-ness of life once again.

In the days and weeks ahead, our Parish Finance Meetings will commence and the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team will come back to life as well. No doubt the many groups that meet across the parish will begin to emerge from the darkness of holidays that marked our December and January months. So, as we begin to come back to life, welcome. Welcome to this New Year that has now arrived to lead and guide us into life once again.

Having said that though, it seems that in these early weeks of 2026, our parish has been somewhat busy already. In spite of the fact that our Finance Council has not met, much is taking place that will impact upon a number of our local communities.

Little Flower and St Peter's Communities are stable at present, and I do not think that there is anything taking place there to warrant conversation. But St Mary's and St Michael's are a different situation. The Church at St Michael's is in need of painting and we have received a Quote for the sum of about \$70,000 to complete the work. We are just waiting on approval from the Archdiocese to begin the job. As well as that, much electrical work is in the pipeline to endeavour to stabilise the property. That is also a challenge electrically, but we are endeavouring to make the place as safe as we can do at this time.

St Mary's property holds the old presbytery that has reached its end of life. Sadly, the stumps are too damaged to repair. The floor in the lounge is a 'hole-in-the-wall', and the building is too damaged to repair. It has been decided to remove the building and begin a new phase of building work at St Mary's as soon as it is feasible.

So, our New Year begins and it begins somewhat busy with all of this work planned. Let's hope the year is not as busy as January has been for us.

God bless, Fr John

This Sunday we celebrate Word of God Sunday, a day set aside across the Church in Australia to honour the place of Sacred Scripture in our lives. Pope Francis established this celebration to remind us that the Bible is not simply a book, but a living encounter with Christ who speaks to His people today. Word of God Sunday invites us to:

- ❖ **Renew our love for Scripture.**
- ❖ **Listen attentively to God's voice in the readings.**
- ❖ **Allow the readings to shape our choices, relationships and daily life.**
- ❖ **And grow in confidence to share God's message with others.**

As we gather this weekend, may our hearts be open to the transforming power of God's Word, and may it continue to guide our parish community in faith, hope, and charity.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on February 2, inviting our community to lift up in prayer the men and women who have dedicated their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. This day is a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for their witness, their service, and their quiet perseverance in living the Gospel. As we mark the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, may we be inspired by their example and pray that many more will hear and answer God's call to consecrated life.

LENTE DISCUSSIONS GROUPS

With **Ash Wednesday** just a few short weeks away and Lent drawing near, we invite you to pause and reflect on how you might enter into your own Lenten journey this year. Lenten discussion groups offer a prayerful and practical way to prepare your heart for Easter.

This week, we encourage you to consider joining a group or even leading one. Sheets will be available at the rear of our churches for you to put your names on. Our parish will be using **The Journey Home**, an Archdiocesan resource featuring reflections by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, to guide our prayer and conversation.

Our Lenten discussion and reflection group will begin ~

Little Flower - Ash Wednesday at 4.00pm (18th Feb)

St Mary's - Friday 20th Feb at 9.30am

For all our other Mass Centres dates and times will be shared in the coming weeks.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Monday 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord celebrates Jesus being brought to the Temple, where He is recognized as the Light of all Nations.

Mass at St Peter's 9.30am

Mass at St Mary's 9.30am



Priests Commitments

1st February ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass Little Flower *(Fr John)*

8:00am Mass St Mary's *(Fr Sean)*

10:00am Mass St Peter's *(Fr John)*

10:00am Mass St Michael's *(Fr Sean)*

5:00pm Mass St Peter's *(Fr Sean)*

Monday 2nd February ~ Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Mass St Mary's *(Fr John)*

9.30am Mass St Peter's *(Fr Sean)*

Wednesday 4th February

9.30am Opening School Mass

Multi-Purpose Centre ~ St Peter's School *(Fr John)*

Thursday 5th February ~ St Agatha

9.15am Mass Little Flower *(Fr Sean)*

Friday 6th February ~ St Paul Miki & Companions

7.45am Mass St Columban's *(Fr Sean)*

Saturday 7th February ~ 5th 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

The Parish Office opening hours have changed slightly on Wednesdays. This allows for leadership meetings & banking.

How you make others feel says a lot about who you are.



Parish banking for the weekend of the 24/25 January ~ \$5240.95 ~ Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish.

Promoting a Culture of Care, Responsibility & Awareness

Work Health & Safety Update ~ Our Parish WH&S team recently completed a walk-around of our church grounds and facilities. During this review, they identified several areas where improvements can be made to ensure our Parish remains a safe, welcoming, and well-cared-for environment. The team will now begin working through these items and planning the steps needed to implement them. **Work Health & Safety** is an important part of our mission as a faith community. Caring for one another's wellbeing is a practical expression of our Christian values ~ by maintaining safe spaces, we honour the dignity of every person and support the good stewardship of our Parish resources.



**ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ OPENING SCHOOL MASS ~ WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY
9.30am in the multi-Purpose Centre.**

Please join our school community in celebration as they begin another school year, asking God's blessings upon our teachers, students, and staff as they embark on the journey ahead.

Please note that Mass on that day will be with the school and not in the church.

Just a note to share regarding Friday Morning Mass, our College family is looking forward to sharing Mass with you again starting from this Friday 6th

Across the Parish during January / February

- 31st January Samoan Youth Group 7pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 31st January Members Way of Faith Meeting 7pm Bribie
- 2nd February Rosary 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 3rd February Finance Council Meeting Parish Meeting Room *Note change*
- 5th February Mother's Prayer 9.30am Parish Meeting Room
- 6th February WDP Planning Meeting 10am Parish Meeting Room
- 6th February St Peters Craft Group 9.30am Mary McKillop Hall
- 7th February Samoan Youth Group 7pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 9th February Rosary 9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's
- 9th Feb Ecumenical Vinnies Meeting 10.15am – 12.15pm St Mary McKillop Hall
- 9th February KSC Executive Meeting 3.30pm Mary McKillop Hall
- 10th February Chatters – 9.30am Parish Meeting Room
- 12th February Mother's Prayer 9.30am Parish Meeting Room
- 17th February Parish Leadership Formation Session 4pm Parish Meeting Room
- 18th February ASH WEDNESDAY
- 19th February KSC General Meeting 5pm Mary McKillop Hall

Following Fr Gerry's mention of an '*Architect of Freedom*' in his homily last week, quite a number of parishioners asked him how they might obtain a copy of the book. At present, 2nd hand editions appear to be available on eBay Australia for \$90. The book, originally published by ANU Press in the 70's & written by John N Moloney, is also held in both the National & State Libraries. Our Local libraries may have copies, so could be worth giving them a call.

Thanks to our Lovely ladies at both Little Flower & St Mary's for the wonderful Australia Day morning tea & for the Parishioners who made their way to both churches from our other Mass Centres. It was a wonderful celebration!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PLANNING MEETING

We hope to see you at the planning meeting for the World Day of Prayer on **6 February** in the parish meeting room, beginning at **10am**.

This year's focus is Nigeria, and our gathering will help shape a meaningful celebration that reflects the faith, resilience, and rich cultural heritage of the Nigerian people. St Peter's Church is the host church this year at Caboolture.

Vale: Terry Burns

It is with sadness we advise that Terry passed away last Thursday. His funeral service will be held from St Mary's, Kingaroy, where Terry & Noela were from.

May Terry rest now in the arms of his God & may comfort surround his family in their time of grief.



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network

Pope Leo's February Prayer Intention ~ For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. Amen.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers ~ Our Recently Deceased ~ Terry Burns, Fr Peter Casey, Margaret Jones, Alan Petty, Della Lopez, Fr Ivan Hernan, Lydia Krenn, Anita Krasucki, Ian Wedge, Pat O'Connor, Alex Azzopardi, John King, Gus Hatter.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Frank Hammond, Briona McKone, John Sutton, Ben Hollist, Kathleen Thornton, Kevin McKennarney, Jan Maloney, Ivan Zivkovic, Joe Casha, Jim Smith, Peg O'Sullivan, Norma Schott, Dora Loi, Mandie Mills, Ev Kilday, Joyce Nagel, Eunice Stringfellow, Antonio Iannelle, Danny Drew, Des O'Reilly, Kevin Byrnes, John Barlow, Iren Milaluti, Bernadette Duckworth, Cath Ross, Helen Stevens, Kath Street. Gregoria Grimstone, Maria Mari, Maurice Cohen, Franc Vravnik & Jack O'Brien.

Our Sick ~ Erin Greentree, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Eileen Feldman, Gerry Butler, Sergio Spigariol, 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, Jayden Lowe, 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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