

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

## First Sunday of Lent

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

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**Cánite tuba** (*Blow the Trumpet*)

*Sound the trumpet in Zion!*

In the Prophecy for Mass of Ash Wednesday, we heard about when the prophet Joel, inspired by the Spirit, called the people of Sion to a joint act of repentance.<sup>1</sup> The people of God make up a spiritual city. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by virtue of His human nature, is like the first citizen of the city. In an earthly city, every citizen is connected at some level. The is true for the spiritual city, I think. Our spiritual life overlaps with that of others. Which is to be expected since we have received the same Spirit of God, as the Apostle says in his letter to the Romans. Lent, which started a few days ago, calls the city of the Church into a joint act of repentance.<sup>1</sup> Ash Wednesday is like Joel's trumpet.

*Order a fast*

In Lent, which is about forty days, the Church enters a state of greater prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lenten fast applies to those over fourteen and below sixty. Some are dispensed from fasting, because of their age or for medical reasons. Yet, they can offer extra prayer and alms. Some, weighed down by duty would struggle to make longer prayers. Yet, they fast well and give to the poor. Some are the poor in need of alms. Their fasts and prayers make the city of God rich in love. Because Lent is a joint act, the strength of one completes the strength of the other. So that, in the Church, there is not lack of prayer, nor fasting, nor almsgiving during Lent. Every citizen both gives to and gains from the common war effort. Therefore, may you and I throw ourselves into Lent according to our capacity!

*Carl Keller, "Joel," in The Oxford Bible Commentary, ed. John Barton and John Muddiman (Oxford University Press, 2001), 580.*

*Leo, Sermones. 88. 4.*

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**UNITE  
AGAINST  
POVERTY**

This Lent, our parish community is called to **Unite Against Poverty** with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Over the coming weeks you'll hear four stories of resilience and strength ~

**Sisilia**, a young student from Tanzania.

**Monoranjon** from Bangladesh.

**Manaini** from Fiji

and **Ahmad**, a Caritas Jerusalem worker from Gaza.

Each week we'll bring you their stories of courage and hope as they strive for a better and more secure future.

**You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes or envelopes. Please take one home with you and each week put your gift in it. You may return either the box or envelope at the end of Lent.**

### Lenten Discussion Groups

**Little Flower – 4pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Please bring a shared plate for supper after the discussion.

**St Mary's - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am**

At **St Peter's** please see the sheets at the front of the church for the group to which you have indicated you would like to join.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Will be held every Friday during Lent**

- St Mary's Church - 9.00am
- Little Flower Church - 5.00pm
- St Peter's Church - 5.30pm



**Pope Leo** reminded us last Sunday that Lent is a season that helps us "identify and order our appetites," keeping alive our hunger and thirst for justice and freeing us from the complacency that so easily settles into our hearts. He also invited us to consider another kind of fasting ~ a fast from words that wound.

In a world where criticism comes quickly and harshness spreads easily, Lent becomes a school of gentleness. It teaches us to speak in ways that heal rather than harm, to choose silence over sarcasm, and to let our words reflect the grace and love of Christ. This season asks us not only to give things up, but to allow God to reshape our desires, our habits, and even our conversations. When our desires are guided in the right direction and our words grow more thoughtful and kinder, our lives begin to reflect more clearly the justice, compassion, and hope at the heart of the Gospel.

### World Day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March



Please show your support for the women of Nigeria by attending one of the venues across our Parish.

**Caboolture -host: St Peter's ~ starting at 10am.**

**Bribie Island - Host: Uniting Church, Webster St, Bongaree. Starting at 2pm.**

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

**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Genie & Ches Kahler.** May God's peace and joy fill your hearts as you mark this very special milestone.



### Priests Commitments

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> February ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

- 9.30am Mass St Mary's (Fr Sean)

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

- 9.30am Mass St Mary's (Fr Sean)
- 10am Graveside Funeral Redcliffe (Fr John)

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

- 9.15am Mass Little Flower (Fr John)

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

- 7.45am Mass St Columban's (Fr Akesh)

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> Mar ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

#### Reconciliation Times: 5pm - 5.30pm

**St Peter's and Little Flower Churches**

This week we warmly welcome Fr Akesh back to our Parish family. This Thursday Fr Sean will be away at a 'New Pastors Day' so Fr John will preside over the Mass at Little Flower on Thursday.

**Work Health & Safety** is important in our parish community because it helps us care for one another. Every so often our WH&S team will share a simple focus, this week it's about keeping **heavy items at waist height**. Storing heavier things where they can be lifted safely helps prevent strain and injury, especially for our volunteers and older parishioners. It's a small, thoughtful way we make sure our parish stays a safe and welcoming place for everyone.



*From the Desk of Catherine Meiklejohn*  
*Assistant Principal Religious Education*



*From the Desk of Angela Woodruff*  
*Assistant Principal Mission & Identity*

### Parish Pastoral Council Update

Last Friday evening, our PPC Team members joined about 200 people from across the Archdiocese who are members of local parish councils. We gathered for dinner and a chance to listen to Archbishop Shane speak about Synodality and the impact that will have on Church life into the future. It was a great evening and a good opportunity to just see who's Parish pastoral Council across the Archdiocese.

Then on Tuesday evening, we welcomed Teresa McGrath from the Archdiocese who travelled all the way out from Brisbane to lead us in a workshop on the significance of the process of Parish pastoral Council at this time in the Church. Now, I have been involved with Parish pastoral Council throughout the whole of my priesthood, some 36 years almost, but I was surprised to hear just what Teresa had shared with us about the effectiveness of Pastoral Councils at this time in our Church. Our members certainly appreciated what Teresa had shared with us, and I have no doubt that much will come of her wisdom and insight to guide and direct our planning and pastoral management into the future. All we can do now is wait and see.

### Across the Parish during February / March

- 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February Come and See Mission** *St Peter's Church – 8.45am ~ 4.45pm*  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 'Growing St Peter's'** *4pm Parish Meeting Room*  
**26<sup>th</sup> February Mother's Prayer** *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*  
**26<sup>th</sup> February Holy Spirit Community Mass** *St Peter's Church*  
**27<sup>th</sup> February Fourth Friday morning Tea** *8.45am – 12pm St Mary's Church*  
**27<sup>th</sup> February Rehearsal WDP** *10am St Peter's Church*  
**27<sup>th</sup> February St Peter's Craft Group** *10.30am Mary McKillop Hall*  
**28<sup>th</sup> February Come and See Mission** *St Peter's Church – 8.45am ~ 4.45pm*  
**28<sup>th</sup> February Samoan Youth Group** *St Peter's Church 6pm – 8pm*  
**1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> March SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March Rosary** *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*  
**4<sup>th</sup> March Christian Meditation** *8.45am Little Flower Church*  
**4<sup>th</sup> March Finance Council Meeting** *4pm Parish Meeting Room*  
**5<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Prayer** *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*  
**6<sup>th</sup> March St Peter's Craft Group** *TBA*  
**6<sup>th</sup> March World Day of Prayer** *St Peter's Church*  
**9<sup>th</sup> March Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** *4pm Parish Meeting Room*



Last Tuesday we burnt the palms (well Fr Sean & Darren, our school groundsman, burnt the palms, I just took the picture!) It's a simple tradition where the palms we used last year on Palm Sunday become the ashes placed on our foreheads for Ash Wednesday. It reminds us that Lent is the opportunity for all things to be created anew.



Parish banking for the weekend of 14/15 Feb \$4972.10 Thank you for your continued financial support.

#### LIVING WATER'S PARISH WH&S POLICY STATEMENT

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all who worship, work, volunteer, or visit. We will identify hazards, manage risks, comply with legislation, and foster a culture of care consistent with our Catholic values.

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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.

#### Pope Leo's February Prayer Intention

**For children with incurable diseases.** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases & 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** ~ Eileen Feldman, Jeanette Perak, Terry Woolnough, Terry Burns, Fr Peter Casey, Margaret Jones, Alan Petty, Della Lopez, Fr Ivan Hernan, Lydia Krenn, Anita Krasucki.

**Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time** ~ Merles Spencer, Eileen Webber, Annie Van Bekkum, Kevin Cahill, Jill Eldridge, Stewie Grainger, Mirium Duncan, Kenny Carbery, Beverly Brewer, Susan O'Donnell, John Batt, Lillian Rafter, Joseph Gali, Margaret Glasson, Edna Houchin, Ray McNamara, Joan Summer, Gilbert Leach, Jean Cousins., Nancy Elmer, Bill Sechi, Ron Parker.

**Our Sick** ~ Pam Greal, Richard Hooper, Neil Clunes, Erin Greentree, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Gerry Butler, Sergio Spigariol, Sue McIntyre, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, Pat MacDonald, , Kathryn Sotiriadis-Mobley, Peter Brown, David Stott, Mary Loveday, Kira Wojtowicv, 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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