Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th / 16th August 2026

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Ministry Matters.

I think it was either last week, or perhaps the week before, that we shared the story of Elijah's remarkable journey. He had just done battle with the priests of Baal and was being pursued by Jezebel because he had destroyed the religious leaders of this pagan faith. So, he fled and hid in a cave. But God knew where he was. God had called Elijah to meet Him, and this is where the wonder of Elijah's story comes to life, not only for him but for all who consider themselves people of faith, people like you and me.

In the story we hear, Elijah encounters God, the all-powerful Creator. First came a mighty wind, then an earthquake, and then a fire. But God was not in any of these powerful forces that passed before him. Finally, there came the sound of a gentle breeze, and somehow Elijah recognised in that gentleness the power and presence of the Creator God. Elijah then went out to meet his Lord.

There may be times when we too seek the awesome power of a Creator God who can break into our lives and make a difference for us. We may look for God in the mighty wind, the earthquake, or the great fire set before us. Yet God is often not found there. So often, it is in the unexpected places that God touches our lives.

It may be in the gentle breeze that passes over us, the comforting touch of a friend, the love and care of parents, or the wonder of a special moment in our lives. Like Elijah, we are left in awe of what has happened. That is often the moment when God touches our lives, doing so in ways that are deeply personal. It is there that the power of our God of love can be experienced, and in that moment of encounter, our lives can be transformed.

God Bless, Fr John.

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Next weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to provide support for local ministries and care for people in need in our own communities. Funds raised will directly impact our parish and local communities.

The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, cares for our elderly and retired priests, provides children in need with access to a Catholic education and gives hope to those in our community who are suffering physically and emotionally.

Envelopes will be handed out at the start of Mass next weekend; you will have an opportunity to support this very essential appeal through a special collection that will be taken up after the Gospel (but prior to) the homily. Thank you once again for your generous support of the wider church and may God bless you for your generosity and faithfulness.

The Parish Office and Parish Family of St Peter's extend heartfelt sympathy to Mary and Kevin O'Connell on the sudden loss of their beloved daughter, Margaret, last Wednesday. We also remember Margaret's husband, Brad, and daughters Charlotte, Eliza and Laura in our prayers as they face this heartbreaking loss. May they find comfort in the love of family and friends and the support of our parish community. May Margaret rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold Mary, Kevin, Brad and the girls in His loving care.

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It is with deep sadness also we share the news of the passing of Pam Grealy, who returned to the loving embrace of God last Wednesday. May Carlene, Martin and their families be comforted by Christ's peace and held gently in His loving care during this difficult time.

RCIA has now commenced across our parish. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, we warmly invite you to contact the Parish Office for further information.

This Weekend's Readings
~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:6-7

Psalm Resp: ***O God, let all nations praise you!***

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13-15,29-32

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus preaches the Good News of the kingdom. and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Priests Commitments

Sunday 16th August – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Wrex)*
9.30am Baptism Little Flower	*(Fr Wrex)*
8:00am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr John)*
10:00am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Sean)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's	*(Fr John)*
5pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Sean)*

Monday 17th August

9.30am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr John)*
11.00am Funeral Little Flower	*(Fr Dudley McMahon)*

Tuesday 18th August

8.45am House Mass St Columban's	*(Fr John)*
11.00am Funeral Little Flower	*(Fr Wrex)*

Wednesday 19th August

9.30am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*
11.15am School Review	*(Fr John)*

Thursday 20th August

9.15am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Sean)*

Friday 21st August

7.45am Mass St Columban's	*(Fr Sean)*
11.00am Funeral Little Flower	*(Fr John)*

Saturday Vigil – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Wrex)*
6.00pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Sean)*

Reconciliation Times

St Peter's ~ 4.45pm – 5.30pm
Little Flower Church ~ 5pm – 5.30pm
For times outside of these, please contact the Office or see one of the Priests

Sharing Our Gifts in Service ~ *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4)*

In the coming weeks, we will be holding a Ministry Weekend, inviting parishioners to consider how they might share their time and talents in service to our parish community. We are currently seeking volunteers for a number of ministries, including Special Ministers to the Sick, counters and bankers, cleaners, and other important parish roles. These ministries are a vital part of parish life and help us care for one another and build a welcoming community of faith. As some ministries involve safeguarding responsibilities, certain mandatory requirements and training are necessary. Support will be provided to assist anyone wishing to become involved.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in one of these ministries. Even a small commitment can make a real difference in the life of our parish. More information will be available soon.

Our Schools Leadership Team

St Peter's Primary School
Principal: *Mr Russell Davey*
APRE: *Miss Catherine Meiklejohn*

St Columban's College
Principal: *Mr Michael Connelly*
APRE: *Mrs Ange Woodriff*

Next week, St Peter's Primary School will welcome a review team as part of its Catholic School Review. This process offers a valuable opportunity to celebrate the many ways our school nurtures faith, learning, and community, while also reflecting on areas for future growth. The review helps ensure that the school continues to provide a high-quality Catholic education grounded in Gospel values and committed to the flourishing of every student. We thank our dedicated staff, students, and families for their ongoing contribution and ask parishioners to keep the review process in their prayers.

Little Flower Chit Chat will take place on Monday 24th at the Woorim Golf Club at 12 midday. All Welcome especially any new Parishioners. It's a wonderful way to meet new friends.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into our parish family
Chester Villablanca

Bus trip to Caloundra – The Little Hospitality Group invite all Parishioners to join them for an exciting day out to the Caloundra RSL on the 26th October meeting at the 'Park & Ride' Bribie Island at 10.00am or 10.30am at the Sundowner Hotel. The day will include lunch at the club and tickets into the Buddy Holly Tribute show. Cost is $80.00 per person. For more information, please call Diane – 0408 828 047.

Across the Parish during August

15th / 16th Aug 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15th Aug ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
16th Aug RCIA Gathering Session *11.15am Meeting Room*
17th Aug Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *4pm Meeting Room*
19th Aug Christian Meditation 8.45am *Little Flower Church*
20th Aug Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
20th Aug KSC General Meeting *6pm Mary McKillop Hall*
21st Aug St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
21st Aug Encounter Youth *6pm St Peter's Church*
23rd Aug Filippino Mass *St Peter's Church*
24th Aug 'Growing St Peter's' *4pm Mary McKillop Hall*
26th Aug Christian Meditation 8.45am *Little Flower Church*
20th Aug Finance Council Meeting *1pm Parish Meeting Room*
27th Aug Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
28th Aug St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
28th Aug Friday Morning Tea *8.45am St Mary's Hall*

Parish Giving for 8/9 Aug $4590.80
Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released its 2026 Social Justice Statement, ***"Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division"*** calling all Australians to respond to growing division and hostility with Christian love, listening and encounter. The statement encourages us to build bridges rather than barriers, recognising the God-given dignity of every person.

Launching the statement, Bishop Tim Harris said that "our starting point is the conviction that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and possesses an inherent dignity that can never be diminished by race, religion, culture, language or background." He reminded us that genuine listening and mutual understanding are essential if we are to renew social cohesion in our communities.

In the preface to the statement, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the ACBC, writes: *"When we choose forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation and solidarity over vilification, we help to create the conditions in which a more peaceful society can prosper."*

As parish communities, we are invited to be people of encounter, compassion and hope, witnessing to the Gospel through simple acts of kindness, respectful dialogue and care for our neighbours.

To read the full statement please visit: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. The statement offers practical guidance for fostering respect, dialogue, and Christian solidarity in an increasingly divided society. Social Justice Sunday – 30th August

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.

Archdiocesan Northern Rivers Deanery Work Health & Safety Representative: Mr Michael Alcorn.

Pope Leo's August Mass intention ~ For Evangelization in the City. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

~ Please Remember in Your Prayers ~

Our Recently Deceased ~ Pam Grealy, Margaret Turnbull, Boyce Morgan, Gary Peterson, Neville McBride, Robin Kopittke, Sydney Tourle, Pat MacDonald, Joe Pinto. Leonila Daniels, Peter O'Leary, Owen Bellamy.

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Martin Jonkers, Maisie Gibson, Wladyslaw Bauman, Robert Linton, Paul Haydock, Gwyneth Eichamann, Mary McDonald, Josephine Loveday, Len Osborne, James Carpenter, Leonard Murray, Bill Dearlove, Joshua Eusebio, Margaret Evans, Michael Lynch, Max Donnelly, Dick Kean, Majella Matheson, Madonna Hickey, Celestino Campos, Jeffrey James, James O'Rielly, Margaret Visentin, Ben Kelleher, Bruce Hooper, Mary Gabriel Tennent. Francis Rutledge. Mary Jack, Kevin Gilbert, Doreen Drew, Edward Burton, Peter Burgess, Tom Heeney, Nancy Revie, Charles De Brueys, Moya McVeigh, Beryl Fleming, Joe Toth, Harry Phillips, Mary Davidson, Jimmie Castles & Eddie Ryan.

Our Sick ~ Barbara Masterman, Barbara Bateman, Eden McGovern, Helen Owen, Ailsa O'Shea, Rhonda Keane, Frank Del Rossso, Joel Campbell, Rita Jacobs, Theresa Vaugn, Vouge Gurney, Horrie Hunt, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Sergio Spigariol, Sue McIntyre, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, 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, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Gerard Brown.

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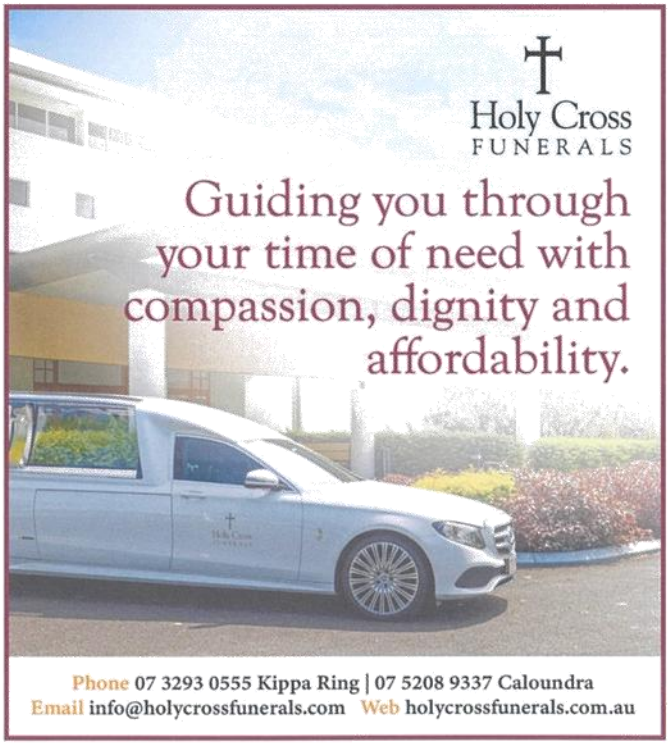

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