Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th / 20th September 2026

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2026 Annual Holidays

I would like to share a brief overview of my holidays during my 2026 annual leave. Before leaving for India though, I had the privilege of blessing two marriages in the parish, this was a great blessing for me.

I began my travels to India on 7 August. On 9 August, I celebrated Mass in my home parish, which was a special and joyful experience. Soon after arriving, I left my luggage at that Parish and embarked on a trip to Ladakh for six days and five nights. It was a fascinating journey. I was surrounded by majestic mountains, long winding roads, and beautiful rivers flowing alongside them. The natural beauty of Ladakh was breathtaking, and I enjoyed exploring this unique region.

After returning from Ladakh, I went back to my hometown and stayed with a priest in a neighbouring parish. Every day we celebrated Mass at 6:00 a.m. This was a newly developing parish. Although there was not yet a church building, the parishioners had constructed a hall in a field where Mass was celebrated regularly. The community is growing, and it is gradually becoming an established parish. One generous parishioner offered an apartment for a Priest to stay in until a parish residence could be built.

It was the monsoon season, and it rained almost every day. Because of the constant rain, I was unable to travel much, but I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. My house was about five kilometres from the parish where I was staying. Each morning, we travelled to celebrate Mass at the Mother Teresa Convent. During the rainy weather, the priest would ride the motorbike while I sat behind him holding an umbrella!!! I also had the opportunity to spend time with my family. Since they lived only about five kilometres away, I would sometimes go and visit them and enjoy some precious time together. Despite the rain, I enjoyed visiting parishioners, sharing meals with the priest, and spending time with my family. These simple experiences made my holiday both joyful and memorable. I also enjoyed spending time with the priests, preparing meals together each day and visiting parishioners despite the rain. Although the weather was wet throughout my stay, I truly enjoyed my rainy holidays. The time provided an opportunity for prayer, ministry, rest & fraternity making it a very meaningful annual leave.

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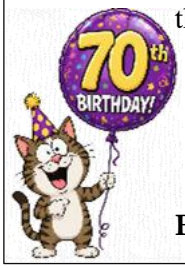
Caboolture has once again become my home, and returning here has been a great blessing. I am especially grateful to Fr John, who has been an excellent mentor, friend, and guide.
During my time at Living Waters Parish, I learned so much and was given many opportunities to grow in my priestly ministry. I was privileged to lead Benediction, celebrate Anointing Masses, assist with the Multicultural Mass, and be involved in the RCIA program. These experiences helped me develop my pastoral skills and deepen my confidence as a priest. Being part of this parish has truly shaped me and provided countless opportunities to serve God's people. Your love, generosity, kindness, friendship, and companionship is a constant source of strength and encouragement in my ministry.
I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Sharron for her love, support, guidance, friendship & unwavering encouragement. Her kindness & generosity have been a tremendous blessing in both my life and ministry. My sincere thanks also go to Kath for her financial guidance and generous assistance. I am deeply grateful for all that both of you have done for me.
Thank you, Living Waters Parish, for everything you have done for me. You will always hold a special place in my heart and will forever be my first home in Australia. May God abundantly bless each of you for the goodness, love and support you have shown me.
See you again very soon. **God bless you all. Fr Akesh**

Fr John's 70th Birthday Celebrations

6pm Mass Saturday 3rd October at St Peter's.

If you are planning on coming, please put your names on the sheets provided. If you can bring one of the salads that's listed that would also help us in our catering.
We would love it if you could join us in celebrating this wonderful milestone and of course it's not a secret now, we think he knows the cat's out of the bag!



Please note that all other Mass times across the Parish will remain as per the normal weekend schedule, there will be no changes.
Fr Wrex & Fr David will supply for us.

Parish Ministry Weekend

~ 26th/27th September ~

Thank you for your consideration to the call to ministry. Last weekend we invited you to take a ministry sheet home with you and prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to offer your gifts. **Whether you are an existing minister or new to Parish Ministry, we ask you to complete the sheet and return it on the weekend of the 26th / 27th of September**. Thank you for your consideration and may you be blessed as you help to enrich our parish life and ministry.

Public Rosary Rally. 10am 10th October. Sutton Beach corner of MacDonnell Rd and Marine Parade, Margate

Priests Commitments

Sunday 20th September – 25th Sunday in Ord Time

8:00am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Tom)*
8:00am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr Wrex)*
10:00am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Akesh)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's	*(Fr Wrex)*
11.00am Baptism St Michael's	*(Fr Wrex)*
5pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*

Wednesday 23rd September – *St Pius of Pietrelcina*

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

Thursday 24th September

9.15am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Wrex)*

Friday 25th September

7.45am Mass St Peter's NOTE CHANGE	*(Fr John)*

Saturday Vigil – 26th Sept 26th Sunday in Ord Time

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

Reconciliation Times

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

Thank you to all the organisers for their hard work and commitment in helping create another beautiful Multicultural Mass that celebrated the rich diversity of our faith family.

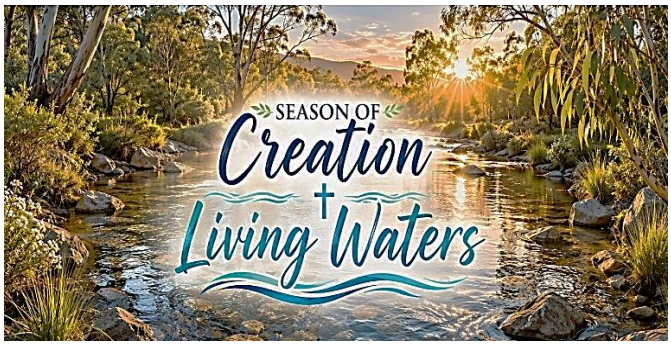
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

This Monday, the worldwide community marks the International Day of Peace. This year's theme, "Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day," invites us to recognise that peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but a gift that grows through our daily choices, relationships, and actions.
As a parish family, let us take time this week to pray for peace in our world, our communities, our homes, and our hearts. We remember especially those suffering the effects of war, violence, and division, asking God to bring healing, hope, and reconciliation. We also give thanks for all who courageously work for peace and justice, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, including peacekeepers, aid workers, and humanitarian agencies. May Christ, the Prince of Peace, help us to be instruments of His peace each day through kindness, understanding, compassion, and forgiveness. Peace is possible when each of us responds to God's call to build a more loving and harmonious world.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome to our parish family

Grayson Bassett & Georgia Amara Smith



Season of Creation - Week 3

Throughout Scripture, water is a sign of God's presence and life-giving love. As members of Living Waters Parish, this image holds special meaning for us.

This week, we are invited to reflect on the gift of water; from the waters of Baptism that welcome us into God's family, to the rivers, streams and oceans that sustain all living things. Water reminds us of both our dependence on creation and our responsibility to care for it. Pope Francis taught us that gratitude inspires stewardship. As we give thanks for God's gifts, may we be moved to protect and cherish our common home for future generations.

Creator God, we thank You for the gift of water, which refreshes the earth and sustains all life. Teach us to be faithful stewards of Your creation and help us to protect this precious resource for generations to come. Amen.

Pope Leo's September prayer intention - For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. Amen.

Rosary at St Mary's will be on hold while there is no Monday Mass being celebrated. Both these will resume in November.

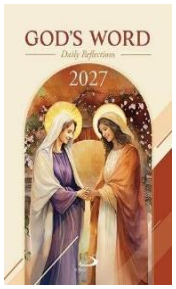
Parish Giving for 12/13 Sept $4735.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

The vineyard workers learned an important lesson:
God's maths is different from ours... and thankfully, He's the one doing the calculating!

Thought for the week: "Thank goodness God gives us what we need, not just what we deserve!"

Our school & college communities begin their end of term3 break from this Monday. **We wish them a prayerful and safe time away from their school commitments.** With this in mind, please be aware that **Friday Masses will be celebrated at St Peter's for the next few weeks.**



God's Word 2027 is now available!

If you've reserved one (or 2) books, please get in touch with the Parish Office to arrange collection. The Books are just **$13.50 each** *(RRP $21.95)* so we got in at a great price!

If you've yet to order a book or would like additional copies, I've managed to secure extras this year.

Across the Parish during September/October

19th / 20th Sept 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21st Sept INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEACE
21st Sept Rosary *9.30am St Peter's Church*
23rd Sept Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
24th Sept Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
25th Sept St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
25th Sept St Vinnies 4th Friday morning Tea *St Mary's Hall*
26th / 27th Sept 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27th Sept 112th World Day of Refugees and Migrants
28th Sept Rosary *9.30am St Peter's Church*
28th Sept Little Flower Hospitality Meeting *10am Church*
30th Sept Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
1st October FEAST of ST THERESE LITTLE FLOWER
1st Oct Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
1st Oct Holy Spirit Indian Community Mass *St Peter's*
2nd Oct St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
3rd /4th October 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3rd Oct Fr John is turning 70!
5th Oct KSC Executive Meeting *4pm Parish Meeting Room*
5th October FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
6th October Rosary *9.30am St Peter's Church*
8th October Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
9th October Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
10th October St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop*

This Weekend's Readings
~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: ***The Lord is near to all who call him.***

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your son. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

~ Please Remember in Your Prayers ~

Our Recently Deceased ~ Michael MacGinley, Robert Lord, Judy Byrnes, Rebecca Devitt, Linda Watt, Lillian Poole, Patricia Twinchek, Pam Grealy, Margaret Turnbull, Boyce Morgan, Barbara Masterton, Gary Peterson,

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Mary Jones, Don Lord, Norm Pearce, Stephen Speak, Audrey Taylor, Charles Haylock, Petronille Delepeleer, Leslie Pearce, Frank Sullivan, Kevin Cummner, Frank Wust, Vincent Dhollande, Thora Parsons, Jean Hammond, Beryl Cecil, Leonie Meeres, Catherine Crowe, Henk Hendriks, Sheryl Patterson, Brian Florence & Angela Zedde.

Our Sick ~ Redmond Gurney, Isla Glover, Barbara Bateman, Eden McGovern, Helen Owen, Ailsa O'Shea, Rhonda Keane, Frank Del Rossso, Joel Campbell, Rita Jacobs, Theresa Vaugn, Horrie Hunt, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Sergio Spigariol, 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, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Gerard Brown.

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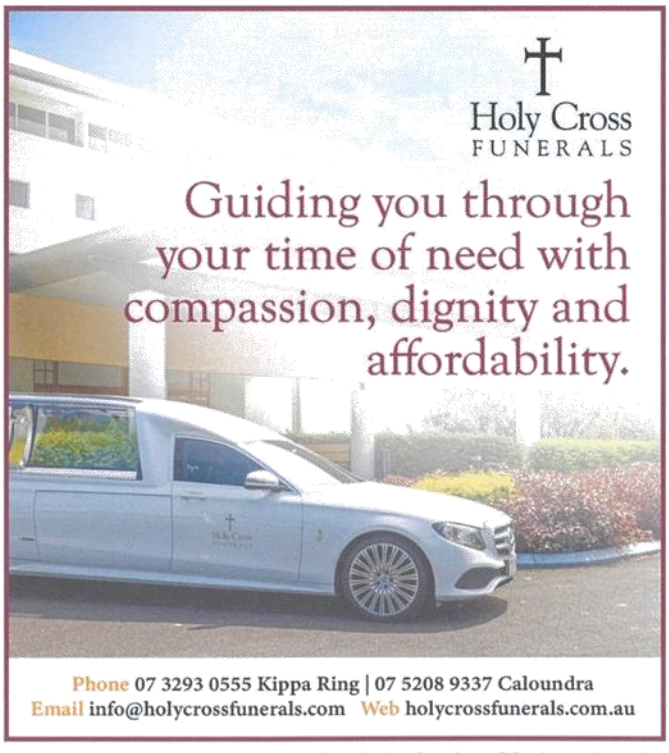

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