

NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We will celebrate another Australia Day and once again obvious, valid and deeply felt and diverse opinions cannot be expressed without very hateful words and actions being the consequence. Is that an aspect of 'who we are' and the 'identity we value' that is remembered on our National Day?

Clearly there are at least two very important aspects to the argument. What are we celebrating and if we wish to dedicate a day to this then what is the best day to do so?

Bring on all the opinions and insights and feelings associated with our very strong beliefs but may I suggest a few conditions. Firstly, let's be respectful. Yes, I agree with some, disagree with just as many and do not at all understand several others. But surely other viewpoints can be listened to and heard without rude dismissal. Secondly, explore the facts, especially the historical facts, upon which my firmly held views are based and, once again, this will be an important time to listen. Thirdly, what does the day, whenever it is, mean and what do I want it to express to other nations of the world?

England, unlike many nations, does not have a National Day as such. The most imaginative they can get is to have three Bank Holidays a year and they are not determined by a particular date.

I hope you enjoy your Australia Day and God bless,
Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Bernie Spoerlein, Meripa Toma Deir, Bernard Larkin **recently deceased and also for** Dolores Reyes, Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, John Smith, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka, Les and Ruby Richards, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Norma, Katie, Norman, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker, Mike West, Begley and Bourke families.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Mick Shelton, Ray Moresi, Megan Stuart, Remy Rossi, Lance Tutanoa and Roy Hogan.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 29 January – 4 February 2024			
Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	St John Bosco	Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am	Presentation of the Lord	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings – Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19 Mark 1:29-39			
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 28 January 2024

Social Justice Group meet at 9am

Thursday 1 February 2024

Playgroup 9am-11am

Friday 9 February 2024

Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall

Wednesday 14 February 2024

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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The BRISBANE EAST DEANERY has commenced **Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant** – an 8-week study - sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays and evening sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, ending the week of Friday 22nd March. This study will highlight the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants and give participants an appreciation of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. **Please contact Louise 0456 700 040 as soon as possible for further details.**

DROP-IN-FRIDAY Come and enjoy hospitality plus morning tea and join in the conversation with some friendly people on the second Friday of each month. Held in the parish hall from 10am-12 noon. Next date is 9 February 2024. All very welcome.



ADORATION with **BENEDICTION** follows the 8am Mass on Fridays. Drop in for a quiet prayer in the presence of Christ.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

What goes tick, tick, woof, woof?

A watch dog

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks as one having authority. As we follow God's call, we remember the same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ and help us discern our vocation. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or please telephone the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or visit www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL – an evening of Music and Reflection to launch the MASS OF THE ASCENSION will be held at 6pm Wednesday 8 May 2024. This evening brings together a new composition of the Eucharist, other songs and pieces of music which seek to do just this: to name God in song in ways that help us to pray; to voice God in ways the generations of the future might resonate with. For more information contact xaviercentre@acu.edu.au

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a **“WELCOMER” AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** will be held on Thursday 1 February from 9:30am until 1pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. Please register your interest with the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

POPE FRANCIS has announced the start of a **YEAR OF PRAYER** in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. In his Angelus address, the Pope said that a Year of Prayer will be “a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world”. “Dear brothers and sisters, the coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the jubilee,” Pope Francis said “I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer.” Keep an eye out for further resources to help our communities to more fully participate in the Year of Prayer.



This week's goal: Ecological Education

This week's goal refers to the need of continuous learning about the environment. Consider how we can put this into action by watching a film screened on issues like climate, water, biodiversity, forests, agriculture, oceans and other threatened environments.

ALPHA LAUNCH 2024 - Are you someone aged 18-25 who is curious about life, purpose and faith? Then ALPHA Young Adult is the program for you. Our Lady of Graces, Carina are currently preparing for ALPHA and invite you to join for food, fellowship, discussions and questions. Continuing on Thursdays from 6pm-8.30pm in the parish library. For further information, contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD recommences this Sunday 28 January during the 8am Mass. Children are supervised in the parish hall to learn about the Gospel in simple terms. All welcome.

MEDITATION recommences at 4pm on Tuesday 6 February at Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne. All welcome.

WHAT IS A PLAYGROUP? Play Matters Australia supports children and families to build relationships, skills and confidence through play. Playgroup at Sts Peter and Paul's has commenced for Term One. All families are welcome to attend on Thursday in the parish hall from 9am-11am.



PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - Our first meeting begins on **Sunday 28 January at 9am in the Parish Board Room**. New members are always very welcome. Come and see how we work together to seek justice, peace and reconciliation for the most vulnerable in our society.



MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

GATHERING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

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and on earth peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified died and was buried; he descended into hell
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION HYMN

BE STILL, for the PRESENCE of the LORD

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;

Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned;
How awesome is the sight our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace;
No work too hard for him in faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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