

ALL SAINTS PARISH ALBANY CREEK



Centred on Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, All Saints is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community of missionary disciples, embracing shared leadership, to serve God and others



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MASS Times

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 7.00am & 9.00am

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 4.30-4.50pm

Healing Mass/Anointing Mass -

1st Wed of each month 9am

The Secret of our Life

It's the pattern of loss and renewal that runs throughout our lives and our world. Even if you've never thought of this as the secret to life, you've lived and experienced it, sometimes by choice and other times by chance. Either way it's there.

What are the costs, the losses, you paid for an education or a career? You chose certain losses and let go of some things so that other things could arise. For every choice we make, every 'yes' we say, there is at least one 'no' and probably many.

This same pattern is in nature. You can see it in the changing of the seasons, falling leaves and new blooms, and the setting and rising of the sun. What in your life do you need to let go of today? What might you need to leave behind? What needs to die so that something new can arise?

You've probably had at least one time in your life that when you look back on it you say, "I never want to go through that again. But I wouldn't trade that experience for anything." What is that time for you? And you've got to know that dying is about more than our physical death. Yes, it is that but it's also more than that.

We die a thousand deaths throughout our lifetime. The loss of a loved one, a relationship, health, opportunities, a dream; all deaths we didn't want or ask for. Other times we choose our losses and deaths. We give up parts of ourselves for another. We change our beliefs and values so that we can be more authentically ourselves. And sometimes there are things we need to let go of, things we cling to that deny us the fullness of life we want and God offers: fear, anger or resentment, regret and disappointment, guilt etc

Maybe the thing I cling to, is my grain of wheat that needs to fall into the earth and die. That doesn't mean it will be easy. It just means that I want to trust Jesus' promise of new life more than my own desire. And, sometimes that's really hard.

Letting go, however, does not mean rejection or walking away. And it does not mean choosing absence over presence. Instead, letting go is what allows us to be more authentically present to ourselves and another. It makes room for new life and new ways of being present to arise. Our letting go gives God something with which to work.

This secret, this pattern of loss and renewal, will be unveiled everyday throughout Holy Week. I think that is why we hear this text today, a week before Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. It's our preparation for Holy Week. And you know where Holy Week ends, right? At Easter, the empty tomb, the dawn of a new day, and the renewal of life. The single grain has become the Bread of Life.

But you also know that you don't plant a seed and go back in ten minutes or the next day and see a new sprout. Growth can be slow and the fruit of new life takes time, usually longer than we want it to. Yet, even when unseen, unbelieving, or unrecognized, the power and life of God are present and at work in the depths of our life, in the dark and hidden places. That's the mystery of life.

(Taken from *Interrupting the Silence*)

Blessings,
Joson Antony, MCBS

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 3pm Passion

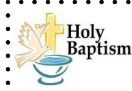
Easter Vigil Saturday 6pm

Easter Sunday 7am and 9am



Palms for Palm Sunday

We welcome donations of palm branches to be used for decorating on Palm Sunday. Please drop them at the Church on Saturday, 23 March between 8-10am. Thank you!



Congratulations dear

Michael & Sarah

for your Baptisms this weekend.

May your lives be filled with the joy, love & endless blessings that come from God.

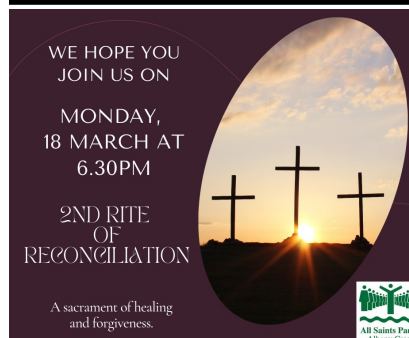
COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS

PLT:	March 16, 9am
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	March 17, 9am Mass
STATIONS' REHEARSALS:	March 17, 24, 29
TRY BOOKING EUCHARIST:	March 17, 11pm, Closes
RAP TEAM MEETING:	March 18, 9.30am
INTERCESSORY PRAYER:	March 18, 9.30am
2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:	March 18, 6.30pm
LENTEN PROGRAM:	March 20, after 9.00am Mass
MEN CONNECT:	March 20, 7.30pm
MEDITATION:	March 21, 9.30am
CONFIRMATION ZOOM:	March 21, 7pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS:	March 22, before 9.00am Mass
ALL SAINTS SOCIAL:	March 23, 2.30-4.30pm
YOUTH GROUP:	March 23, 5.00pm Mass
3G & 1R BUDDY MASS:	March 27, 9.00am
GROUNDS WORKING BEE:	March 30, 7.45am
CHURCH WORKING BEE:	April 1, 10am
ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:	April 8, 1.30pm
PLAYGROUP:	April, 12-11.30am
FAMILY MASS:	April 14, 9am

Easter Rosters

Please look out for our Easter Ministry sign up sheets! We need volunteers who are already on the roster for our HOLY WEEK Masses and ceremonies. Welcomers will be especially important too!

SIGN UP



Piety Stall: Come and have a look. Cards, gifts & more! If there is something you are chasing please ask and we will do our best to source it for you.



All Saints school students have organised an Easter Raffle and will be selling tickets after Masses this weekend and next weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each and all money is being donated to Project Compassion. They would love our support.

What is the Triduum?

The Triduum is best understood as one three-day-long liturgy. Or as one liturgy with three different moments (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day) which move us from suffering and death, to new life. The purpose of these days is our participation in the paschal mystery through sacramental signs – foot washing, cross, fire and light, water and oil, scripture stories, the paschal meal – so that it becomes our way of being Christian in daily life.

Holy Thursday, 28 March, 7pm

Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or three days. It celebrates the institution of the Eucharist, and the sacrament of the priesthood. After Holy Thursday, no Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil. Adoration, where we remain in the presence of the eucharistic Christ, follows Mass.

Stations of the Cross-Good Friday, 29 March, 10am

Whilst not strictly part of the Triduum, this is a popular devotion on Good Friday morning. We gather to pray and experience each step on Jesus' journey to Golgotha, and take our place in his rejection and death. At All Saints, our young people dramatise each station, adding a powerful visual to our prayer.

The Solemn Ceremonies of the Lord's Passion— Good Friday, 29 March, 3pm

The focus is the passion, crucifixion and death of Jesus. However, this is not an historical re-enactment. We are drawn into the paschal mystery in the present through the proclamation of John's gospel, the general intercessions, veneration of the cross and holy communion, so that it becomes part of our daily lives. This is not a Mass, so Eucharist which was placed in the tabernacle on Holy Thursday is distributed.

The annual collection for the Holy Land takes place as we leave the church. This money supports missionary, education, health, social welfare and the the Holy Sites. Our help is needed more than ever in the land where Jesus lived.

Easter Vigil—Saturday, 30 March, 6pm Easter Sunday, 31 March, 7am & 9am

This is our night of night! We come together on this night to 'remember, celebrate and believe' the dying and rising of Jesus – the paschal mystery in which we share by baptism and eucharist. Rich in symbol, story and sacrament this Mass leads us from darkness into the light of the risen Christ. Yes, it's longer than a normal Mass, but O, the beauty and the blessings are boundless! The celebration continues on Easter Day as we begin the seven week long Easter Season, ending with Pentecost.

Since I am completing 10 years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Archdiocese has offered me sabbatical leave. On sabbatical, I will be re-joining my congregation in India to reconnect and to visit my communities and institutions. I will also be attaching my holidays to my sabbatical. I will be away from June through to September and during this time, Fr. Wrex Woolnough (Archdiocesan priest) will be supporting All Saints with ministries. Fr Joson



Palm Sunday
23/24 March
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 7am & 9am

Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by Palm Sunday so they can be brought to the altar on the Holy Thursday. Please place them in the collection box at the front of the altar.

Youth Group next

Saturday, 23 March.
Join us for Mass at 5pm
and fun till 8pm!

Discipleship in Action

A big All Saints thank you to Cheryl G who stepped in as Sacristan while Jeanette enjoyed a wonderful holiday!

DISCIPLE SHEET PONDERINGS:

God truly loves each one of us and in fact we are God's greatest work of art. Finish this story: 'I am God's wonderful work of art because...'



- * **I am smart.**
- * **I am a nice faithful girl and I can help people in need.**
- * **I am kind and full of love, also I have a big heart. I think I belong to the Church.**

All Saints Four Pillars of Missionary Discipleship

The Church teaches that there are 4 ways we live and grow as disciples:

1. **WORD**-Listening to God's Word & Church teachings
2. **WORSHIP**-Worshipping by coming to Mass
3. **WELCOME** -Being with other people in our parish community
4. **WITNESS**- Witnessing through service with the community

All of these take place at Mass and regular Mass attendance is at the heart of being a missionary disciple.

We are so glad to be on this journey with you!

Yarning Circle

National Close the Gap Day is an annual event that raises awareness and seeks to close the gap with respect to life expectancy, child mortality, educational and employment outcomes between Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and non-Indigenous Australians. It also aims to educate the public about the health issues and barriers to well-being faced by indigenous Australians.

To find out more, visit **NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY - March 21, 2024 - National Today**




Caritas AUSTRALIA

Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for *all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Playgroup Update

Please note there will be no Playgroup for the next 3 weeks, due to the cross country and school holidays. Playgroup will resume Friday, 12 April at 10am.





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you help at 10am on Easter Monday, 1 April to clear out the church for the carpet installation?

Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

A vocation view: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Unless a seed dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends. Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com

COMPASS

Join us to examine the Biblical principles applying to money and possessions. Over 2500 verses and half of the parables deal with these topics. The lessons change worldly attitudes about money and will provide a direct link between daily life and your faith. God cares for all areas of your life, even how you handle your money. The Faith and Money Matters Study runs for 8 weeks and start on Wednesday mornings, 10th April at 8am to 10am. Please contact Oriano Giammichele for more details. 0414562148.

Catholic Ministries


CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE
ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual




Chrism Mass:


We are looking at organising some carpooling, so contact the Parish Office by Monday morning 18 March if you would be interested in attending.

Reminder: Eucharist Families

Please note Trybooking closes Sunday, 17 March, 11pm




Funeral Mass for Jan Russell will be held at Mary Immaculate Church, Ashmore on Tuesday, 19 March at 2pm. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.



TRUTH TELLING

Where to from Now?

RAP Networking Workshop

FRI 23 MARCH 8:30am - 3pm

OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH
70 Appleby Road, Stafford



SCAN TO REGISTER

All Saints Parish Finance Council

Our deepest gratitude to so many parishioners who are contributing financially to support our parish mission.


There are many ways to contribute:

- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- Our \$10 Tap N Go box in the Church
- The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one-off giving. To download the App on to your mobile phone or device, <http://www.allsaintsparish.com.au/parishgiving.htm>
- Direct Debit: You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account: **PLEASE NOTE NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER IF YOU COULD PLEASE USE BSB 064786; Acc No. 100012687 -** Ref your name.

The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically)

Once again a huge thank you for your continued support.

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Dear Jesus, we pray for the sick members of our parish family: Fr Ron, Carmelina V, Paula G, Jo-Ellen S, Jen H, Elizabeth L, Eva K, Jordan M, Carissa, Wendy R, Susan B, Margaret H, Elsie M, Annie S. **We pray for the recently deceased:** Michael Hart, Jan Russell, Lynette Smith **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Julia Fox, Reginald Treston, Pat Strickland, Robert Lewis, Agnes Breen, Matthew Shinnars, Isobel & Sam Milfull.

May they rest in peace.

Prayer requests will be published for two weeks only as we have many requests. If you are submitting a Holy Mass Offering envelope, please indicate whether you would like your intention published in the newsletter.

Readings for Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12:20-30

WEEKEND ROSTERS

	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.00am	Sunday 9.00am
16-17 MARCH 2024			
CM	Simon M-P Sharron M-C Jill G-C	Rita D-P Cheryl G-C Frank T-C C= Cup P= Plate	Geraldine B-P Irene N-P Jenny M-C Joan T-C Gina V-C
R	Peter G John B	Zach W Cheryl O	Mike W Trish T
W/M	Chris S Paul H	Denise K	Patrice M Ross M

Church Cleaning: Marianne B, Vicki O, Diane T

23-24 MARCH 2024

CM	Grace P-P Geraldine B-C Jill G-C	Rita D-P Anna W-C Cheryl G-C C= Cup P= Plate	Jess M-P Lyn M-P Gina V-C Brian W-C Amrita M-C
R	Naomi D Georgia M	Kaye F Donna J	TBC
W/M	Cindy C Chris H	Michelle M	Arthur D Shirley D

Church Cleaning: Gabrielle C, Zerlene F, Claire



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The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from GOD with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. *'For it is to such as there that the kingdom of God belongs'* - (Mark 10:14).
The privacy of all individuals is important to All Saints Parish and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. Our Privacy Policy is available at ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/>

BIBLE JOTTINGS

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is a most beautiful gift from God – an opportunity we are given on a regular basis to be able to become a new creation and to strive to become a better person.” These words by Fr. Richard Green OSPPE, are from the Lenten Program reflection for 26 February 2024. “Reconciliation allows us the opportunity to rid ourselves of the baggage that hinders us and to look towards a more positive future. We sin over and over again, but we need to remind ourselves of the love and compassion of God in this sacrament.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #1441 tells us “Only God forgives sin” (Mark 2:7). Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, “The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” and exercises this divine power: “Your sins are forgiven” (Mark 2:5; Luke 7:48). Further, by virtue of his divine authority, he gives this power to priests to exercise in his name. John 20:21-23: “Jesus said to them again. ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’” CCC #1442: “Christ has willed that in their prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the “ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Cor 5:18). The apostle is sent out “on behalf of Christ” with ‘God making his appeal’ through him and pleading: “be reconciled to God” (2Cor 5:20).

We warmly welcome you and your family. A Special Welcome to Families with Children. If you have recently moved into this area and would like to join with the parish, we would like to meet you. Please contact the parish office/email us/ speak to one of us. **Thank You!**

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

- Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.
- Respond promptly & effectively to abuse concerns & complaints.
- Safeguard all involved in our activities, ministries & services.
- Prioritise the safety & well-being of children & adults-at-risk.

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