

ALL SAINTS PARISH ALBANY CREEK



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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**

A Place for Worship

Dear friends,

Can you imagine the town or city you live in swelling to six times its normal size? That is what happened to Jerusalem at the time of Jesus.

According to scholar Joachim Jeremias, Jerusalem had a population of about 20,000 to 30,000 people. However, at Passover, one of the three festivals that must be celebrated in Jerusalem, the Holy City's population swelled by perhaps another 150,000. Imagine every room filled, with campsites popping up on every available hillside, inhabited by Jewish people who had travelled from throughout the world.

Preparations for Passover in Jerusalem were a painstaking task. According to Edersheim, bridges and roads had to be put in shape for the thousands of pilgrims that would stream into the city, and special care would be taken to keep Jerusalem and its environs ceremonially clean for the feast. Then, the Passover Lamb would be sacrificed between the evenings of the 14th and the 15th day of the month of Nisan.

The temple was designed as a place for God's people to gather to offer sacrifice and praise and to experience his presence. Over the years, various outdoor courts were added to allow for more people to gather. The central part of the temple was the Holy of Holies was the place where God manifested his presence to the high priest who'd enter once a year on the day of atonement. However, various other courtyards were designed for people to gather and pray and offer sacrifice, including the court of the gentiles.

Since people were traveling from all over the nation to offer sacrifice, the law of God made provision for people to buy an animal for sacrifice instead of traveling for weeks with one to the city. It appears that various merchants would set up shop down in the Kidron Valley outside the temple, but over the years, these merchants moved closer and closer to the temple area even taking up residence in the court of the Gentiles. Instead of being a place where you'd hear prayers to Yahweh, you'd instead hear people haggling over sheep and the changing of money etc.

Here, Jesus comes into the scene. Jesus drives out the merchants and animals that were to be sacrificed at Passover. In the words of Cardinal Sarah, they lost the sense of God. Or, as Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict xvi) says, they had a crisis of faith. Refusing to let God enter into our lives could be a sin. I wonder sometimes if we are in the prison of reason, trying to alter things according to our likes and dislikes. Or if we even feel the poverty of faith.

Jesus' act dramatically reveals that Passover sacrifices will no longer be necessary. By the end of his ministry, Jesus becomes the ultimate Passover (paschal) lamb. At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus' crucifixion happens on Passover. At the beginning of the Gospel, John the Baptist had proclaimed, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). By expelling the animals and merchants, Jesus visually confirms that they are no longer needed because he will be the paschal lamb who will die and rise from the dead. Therefore, friends, let us try not to lose the sense of sacred reality, sentiments of respect and gestures of veneration where we meet our God.

Blessings,
Joson Antony, MCBS



Congratulations dear **Yi-deun & Lucinda**
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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	March 3, 9am Mass
INTERCESSORY PRAYER:	March 4, 9.30am
HEALING MASS:	March 6, 9.00am
MEN CONNECT:	March 6, 7.30pm
MEDITATION:	March 7, 9.30am
STATIONS OF THE CROSS:	March 8, before 9.00am Mass
PLAYGROUP:	March 8, 10-11.30am
TRY BOOKING EUCHARIST:	March 9-17
WORKING BEE:	March 9, 7.45am
FAMILY MASS/ RITE OF ENROLMENT:	March 9, 5.00pm
ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:	March 11, 1.30pm
4B & 2Y CLASS MASS:	March 13, 9.00am
LENTEN PROGRAM:	March 13, after 9.00am Mass
THE WELL:	March 15, 5.30pm
PLT:	March 16, 10am
STATIONS' REHEARSALS:	March 17, 24, 29
2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:	March 18, 6.30pm
CONFIRMATION ZOOM:	March 21, 7pm
ALL SAINTS SOCIAL:	March 23, 2.30-4.30pm



Rite of Enrolment

At next weekend's Family Mass, our first communion children will present their names as a sign of commitment to discipleship. This Rite is the next step on their sacramental journey. We would be grateful for your prayers.

Kindly note there will be no 9am Mass on Monday, 11 March.

Please note there will be no Lenten Program on Wednesday, 6 March due to the Healing Mass & Hospitality.

Healing Mass: Wednesday, 6 March
Our Parish will celebrate a Healing/Anointing Mass Wednesday at 9.00am for those who desire to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please join us for hospitality after.

Baptism for School Aged Children

If you have an older child who would like to be baptised, we would love to talk to you. We run preparation sessions for children who are at school, and one is starting soon. Contact Anne: albanyck.spc@bne.catholic.net.au

Reflections on Our Lenten Retreat with Bishop Tim Norton

I was not sure what to expect upon entering the retreat. Actually, I was not going to attend at all, and was convinced at the last minute. Bishop Tim was the main selling point as I have only heard great things about him.

Bishop Tim drew us in with his meaningful storytelling. His diverse life experience has enabled him to be insightful and relevant in his delivery of information and inspiration.

I do not regret giving my Saturday morning to attend. I left with new insights into reconciliation and forgiveness, acceptance and inclusion, and making deliberate choices towards these – especially during the time of Lent. Helen

What is a Second Rite of Reconciliation?

This is a communal liturgy, which includes scripture, a short homily, an examination of conscience and concludes with prayers and blessings. Each person then individually confesses and receives absolution from one of the priests positioned around the church. This is an opportunity to confess a more important lapse, so that we limit our time with the confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite. For more information:

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/resources/liturgy-lines/the-second-rite-of-reconciliation/>

DISCIPLE SHEET PONDERINGS:

Mountains are important places in the bible where sacred encounters with God happened. Name some places that are special and sacred for you and tell why.



My balcony because it's peaceful and quiet. Also my room and the church where I can pray. I feel most safe with my family.

Discipleship in Action

We are grateful to the parents who have attended our sacramental information sessions over the past month. Your faith and commitment to raising disciples for Jesus is a gift to us all. God bless you!

All Saints Four Pillars of Missionary Discipleship

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

- WORD**-Listening to God's Word & Church teachings
- WORSHIP**-Worshipping by coming to Mass
- WELCOME**-Being with other people in our parish community
- 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!

WE HOPE YOU
JOIN US ON

MONDAY,
18 MARCH AT
6.30PM

2ND RITE
OF
RECONCILIATION

A sacrament of healing
and forgiveness.

All Saints wishes Gina & Mario Vecchio a wonderful 45th wedding anniversary! (Sunday, 3 March) May God bless you both. Congratulations!

All Saints Parish
Albany Creek

As part of a review, the Archdiocese is seeking the views of parishes, ministries and Local Safeguarding Representatives on the role.

Please take the time to answer the 5 question survey. It should take only 1 minute to complete. Your responses will be important to the review of the Local Safeguarding Representative role.

ALL RESPONSES ARE ANONYMOUS.

Click on the below link or scan the QR code to access the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5rs9fr7B4v?origin=lprLink>



Caritas AUSTRALIA Third Sunday of Lent 2-3 March 2024

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.



Stations of the Cross Drama

When: 10 am Good Friday
Where: In the church
Who: Age 10 and over
What: Acting the story of Jesus' final journey to the cross

Rehearsals: 10.15am March 17, 24 (after 9am Mass) 8am March 29 (before 10am Good Friday service)
 Contact Anne for more information: albanyck.spc@bne.catholic.net.au



Ground Maintenance & Working Bees:
Next Working Bee:
Saturday, 9 March, 7.45am
 Any enquires & updates please contact: Paul Hayes 0401 333 549

Sacraments 2024

If your family has participated in our sacramental process in the past and you have a new child to enrol, please contact Anne asap, if you haven't already.

A vocation view: Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult, and wonder. Such is a vocation.

Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 www.vocationbrisbane.com



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Liturgy in Focus



Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents

Living Liturgy: *Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*

Wednesday 13 March 2024

Richard is an inspiring and entertaining speaker. We are looking at organising some carpooling, so contact the parish office if you would be interested in attending this presentation.

Yarning Circle

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect deeply. Are the commandments life-giving words for us? Have we grasped the wisdom of the cross? Are we conscious of Christ swelling in us and us in Christ? Now is the time to welcome the wisdom of the Spirit.



Piety Stall:

Come and have a look. Lots of 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 Parish Playgroup

Join us on **Fridays from 10-11.30am**
 0-5 year olds and parents/carers

4 Fahey's Road East
 Albany Creek (in OSHC building)
 Enquiries to: albanyck@bne.catholic.net.au



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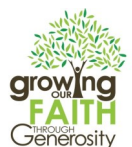
Our deepest gratitude to so many parishioners who are contributing financially to support our parish mission.

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.
 All Saints Parish Finance Council



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.

We pray for the recently deceased: Kevin Robertson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sebastiano Calabro, Thelma Strickland, Andrew McCaskill

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:

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 2:13-25

WEEKEND ROSTERS

	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.00am	Sunday 9.00am
2-3 MARCH 2024			
CM	Jill G-P John B-C Geraldine B-C	Margo C-P Brooke M-C Cheryl G—C C= Cup P= Plate	Joan T-P Jenny M-P Majella B-C Gina V-C Amrita M-C
R	Vicki O Margaret R	John D Frank T	Maria K Paula G
W/M	Sue H Laurie H	Kaye F	Patrice M Ross M

Church Cleaning: Anthony M, Rory C

9-10 MARCH 2024

CM	Sharron M-P Donna B-C Tim C-C	Kaye F-P Donna J-C Anna W-C C= Cup P= Plate	Brian W-P Marie-Ann V-P Tony D-C Trish T-C Arthur D-C
R	Family Mass	Margaret R TBC	Amrita M Michael L
W/M	Simon M Chris H	John D	Gina V Marie-Ann V

Church Cleaning: Lynn S, Vicki O, Diane T



Our Newsletter is available via Email! Why not contact the Parish Office albanyck@bne.catholic.net.au and let them know if you or other parishioners you know need access to the newsletter? You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website: <https://www.allsaintsparish.com.au/>

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

"Repent and believe the Gospel." These were the words spoken when we were marked with the ash at the beginning of Lent. What does 'repent' mean? Repentance is a translation of the Greek word 'metanoia' and it means 'to change your mind.' In Ezekiel 14:6, God told the people of Israel to repent and turn away from their idols; and turn their faces from all their abominations. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says: "Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance towards the evil actions we have committed. At the same time, it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace" (#1431). "Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O Lord, that we may be restored!" (Lam 5:21). The human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced. (John 19:37, Zech 12:10). "Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation, it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance" (St. Clement of Rome) (#1432). The first step to repentance is to recognize that we are lost without God. We must turn away from anything that would lead us away from God, and turn back to God in faith. In Luke 15:7 we read: 'There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.'

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 Commitment

- 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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