

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



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, 18 FEBRUARY 2024

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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**

Do you have a Desert Experience?

We all pass through a kind of desert experience at some time, especially during the pandemic time. I was feeling so dry during that time as I journeyed through the Easter season. There were no public Masses, no celebrations. I missed all the smiley faces in the church etc. Each year on this first Sunday of Lent, we read one of the synoptic accounts of the temptations of Jesus in the desert by Satan.

The same Spirit who descended on Jesus in his baptism now drives him into the desert for forty days. This is a moment of radical confrontation where Satan wants us to frustrate the work of God. The wild beasts represent the danger of the desert, and the angels remind us of the angel who supplied food for Elijah in the wilderness (1 King 19:5-7). In the desert, Jesus faces good and evil, but his obedience brings forth the new people of God where Israel's rebellion had brought death and alienation.

The word of God reminds us of the 40 days of Jesus' struggle in the desert. This experience of Jesus gives us an imprint of truth about fulfilment – that every achievement or triumph one attains always has its underlying 'rupture'. The 40 days in the wilderness of Jesus is his experience of abandonment or rupture. It was days of tests, temptations, loneliness, an internal "annihilation."

We can all identify with moments in our lives where we enter a 'wilderness', a place where we lack spiritual consolation. For because 'we walk by faith, not by sight', we perceive God as 'in a mirror, dimly' and only 'in part... our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice, and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it.' (CCC 164)

When our faith is shaken, and we are vulnerable we can be tempted to begin to believe that we are alone and that we are not loved. As Christians we know this can never be true, for we are never alone and we are always loved. Jesus, who is love, was never alone in the wilderness. In your Lenten 'wilderness' you are never alone, and you are always loved. God is good, in faith we know he gives us everything we need.

Along this line of thought, in Jesus' perspective, the wilderness is the time and space where things became crystal clear – his priorities, his mission – the love of the Father far beyond imagining. It was the source of his inspiration, firm dedication and unwavering commitment. In the same way, our own share of 'wilderness' should also aid us in "moving on" in our life. It is not a reason for us to be immobile; on the contrary, it should rather transform us and make us "active" in fulfilling our role in the lives of others and in the Kingdom of God as we move on to experience the great Joy of our faith.

Every blessings,

Fr Joson



A big All Saints welcome to Bishop Tim Norton who will be joining us for the Lenten Retreat this weekend as well as 5pm Mass! Thank you for being here with us!




Congratulations dear **Georgie & Evie** 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


LENTE RETREAT:	February 17, 9.00am-12.30pm
+TIM CELEBRATING MASS:	February 17, 5.00pm
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	February 18, 9am Mass
INTERCESSORY PRAYER:	February 19, 9.30am
SACRAMENTAL INFO SESSION:	February 21, 8.00am
LENTE PROGRAM:	February 21, after 9.00am Mass
MEDITATION:	February 22, 9.30am
STATIONS OF THE CROSS:	February 23, before 9.00am Mass
PLAYGROUP:	February 23, 10-11.30am
THE WELL:	February 23, 5.30pm
WORKING BEE:	February 24, 7.45am
ALL SAINTS SOCIAL:	February 24, 2.30-4.30pm
YOUTH GROUP:	February 24, 5.00pm Mass
5G & 1Y CLASS MASS:	February 28, 9.00am
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:	February 28, 7.00pm
SACRAMENTAL INFO SESSION:	February 28, 7.00pm
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:	March 1, 10.00am
HEALING MASS:	March 6, 9.00am
FAMILY MASS:	March 9, 5.00pm
ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:	March 11, 1.30pm
4B & 2Y CLASS MASS:	March 13, 9.00am
2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:	March 18, 6.30pm

Ground Maintenance and Working Bees:
Thanks to all the Volunteers, past, present (and future) for attending our Working Bees.
Next Working Bee:
Saturday, 24 February, 7.45am
Any enquires and/or updates please contact:
Paul Hayes 0401 333 549




Looking for volunteers: We are looking for leaders to co-ordinate Playgroup on Fridays. We would like to set up a weekly roster so it wouldn't need to be the same person every week. You would be responsible for setting up before playgroup starts and ensuring the room is left neat and tidy at the end of the day. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



 **Piety Stall:** Come and have a look. We have some **NEW STOCK!** 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.

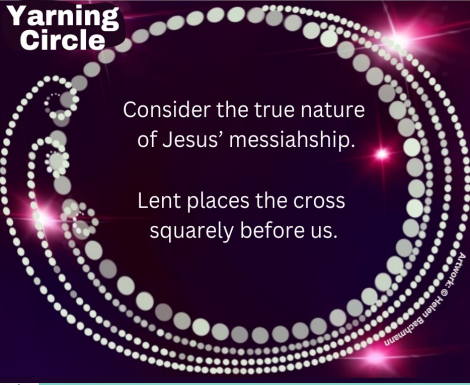
Looking to help out in some way? We are looking for more people to help assist Fr Joson with our Baptism families on Baptism Weekends at the 5pm and 9am Masses. Could you assist on the 1st or 3rd weekend of the month every couple of months? Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested!



Volunteers Needed **CALLING ALL WELCOMERS, READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS!**
Our current roster finishes 24 March. We are in the process of planning the next roster. If you could please contact the parish office via email with your availability between 6 April 2024 & 28 July 2024 or complete the sign up sheets when you are next at Mass. If you are currently not on the roster but can help out in any way please reach out!



Yarning Circle
Consider the true nature of Jesus' messiahship.
Lent places the cross squarely before us.



The Stations of the Cross / Way of the Cross—a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death will be prayed on Fridays during Lent before 9am Mass. We hope you can join us.

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




WE HOPE YOU JOIN US ON
MONDAY, 18 MARCH AT 6.30PM
2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

A sacrament of healing and forgiveness.




All Saints Social—Saturday, 24 February- 2:30-4:30pm
Welcome back for 2024!

We look forward to seeing you! Join us for games, a cuppa or a chat!
RSVP: cm_reynolds@bigpond.com
All are welcome.




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!

Do you have any toys you could donate for children aged 6 months to 2 years? Our playgroup would love them! Please drop off at the Parish Office or bring along to playgroup!



Please join us for hospitality after **all** Masses this weekend. If you'd like to bring a plate to share we'd love your support.





YOUTH GROUP

IS BACK AT LAST!
YR 6 AND ABOVE
5pm Mass. food. faith. fun!
SATURDAY DATES FOR 2024:
24 FEB, 23MAR,
27APR, 25MAY



Caritas First Sunday of Lent AUSTRALIA 17 & 18 February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.



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.



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

7:00PM - 8:45PM

Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral)

60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat, 20 minute Q&A

\$10pp (or \$8pp for bookings of five people or more)

For more information and to register, click [here](#)



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

- Friday, 1 March
- St Dymphna's, Aspley
- 10am, followed by morning tea
- All welcome: invite friends
- RSVP Kaye 3264 3050 (for catering)



A vocation view: First Sunday of Lent

Lent: the springtime of the soul. It is a time to make a new covenant with God and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your desert and discover your calling. Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 1300 133 544

www.vocationbrisbane.com



CCR Bardon Healing Mass – 1 March, 2024

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



North-West Catholic Singles (roughly 35-55)

You're invited to a get-together with other singles - from the Catholic Parishes of Grovely-Samford & Mitchelton and from all the surrounding parishes in the NW of Brisbane.

Date and Time: Sat 24 Feb, 10am

Place: Tall Story Cafe in Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Pde, Keperra

It's a relaxed coffee catch-up & discussion of possible activities for 2024. All welcome. Feel free to invite others, too.

RSVP: Text Emma on 0435 262 927 or just turn up!

St Ursula's College, Yeppoon

Alumni Afternoon Tea: past students, parents, staff members and Presentation Sisters are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea celebrating St Ursula's College, Yeppoon. Sunday 10 March 2024, 2.30pm-5.00pm, Ballygriffin Room, St Rita's College, Clayfield. Complimentary glass of bubbly or wine on arrival; delicious catered afternoon tea; raffles and entertainment. Tickets \$50 per person and available online at <https://events.humanitix.com/st-ursula-s-college-alumni-afternoon-tea>. For more information email Rebecca Birchley (nee Gleeson) at r.birchley@hotmail.com

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.
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, Shirley S, Eva K, Jordan M, Carissa, Wendy R, Susan B.

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

Sebastiano Calabro,

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:

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm:

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

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

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

WEEKEND ROSTERS

	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.00am	Sunday 9.00am
17-18 FEBRUARY 2024			
CM	Simon M-P Tim C—C Suellen C— C	Kaye F—P Anna W-C Cheryl G-C C= Cup P= Plate	Marie-Ann V-P Amrita M-P Tony D-C Brian W-C Majella B-C
R	John B Peter G	Gary C Susan P	Gina V Mike W
W/M	Chris H Paul H	John D	Patrice M Ross M

Church Cleaning: Sue H, Laurie H, Michelle & Corey K & Family

24-25 FEBRUARY 2024

CM	Cheryl G-P Grace B-C Paul H —C	Rita D-P Anna W-C TBC—C C= Cup P= Plate	Jess M-P Arthur D-P Trish T-C Shirley S-C Tony D-C
R	Georgia M Naomi D	Denise K Beth K	Shirley D TBC
W/M	Chris H Troy P	Michelle M	Gina V Marie-Ann V

Church Cleaning: Eliza M, Sue de B, Trish 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

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, we began the 40 day period of Lent when we are called to prayer, penance, fasting and self -sacrifice, placing ourselves before God, leading up to the great feast of Easter. The number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) (I Kgs 19:8). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry (Mt 4:2). Lent is **a time for a change of heart**. It is a time for a new and closer look at the way our lives are lived, and for repentance and reconciliation. It is **a time for concern for others**. Caring for others is a valuable weapon in our fight against selfishness. It is **a time for prayer which costs**. That means in terms of time and personal effort. Each of these three parts of Lent must be present if the season is to have any real and lasting value. To go into Lent with a resolution to give up sugar in our tea, e.g. is only of any value if it is part of our 'change of heart' campaign. Emphasis should be on performing spiritual works, attending Mass, taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading, almsgiving, and in the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church. Above all "Lent is a time of truth. Christians, called by the Church to prayer, penance, fasting and self-sacrifice, place themselves before God and recognize themselves; they rediscover themselves." (St. John Paul II)



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!**

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Everyone's
Responsibility**



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