



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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 21 JANUARY 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**

"THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY 'COME'"

RESPONDING TO FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24, 26). The new document from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia Supplicans* (Trusting Supplication), bears the sub-title *On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings*, which is the key to understanding what it says. Before all else, it is a clear and penetrating reflection on the meaning of blessings of any kind. They are not all of a piece. Some blessings, like the Nuptial Blessing, are strictly liturgical and find their proper setting in the liturgical rites of the Church. Others – like the many and varied blessings a priest or deacon gives after Mass – are less formal and public. They tend to be spontaneous rather than scripted, private rather than public, responding to a need in a particular moment of a person's life. These blessings are sacramentals rather than sacraments; and their proper setting is popular piety rather than the liturgy.

Requests for such blessings rise from a person's sense of need and a recognition that the all-loving God will respond to that need. Need and faith converge to produce the request, and the ordained minister responds to the need by mediating the blessing of God. The faith of the whole Church is gathered up in the blessing, faith in a God who never ceases to bless and who is closest to those most in need.

When people request a blessing after Mass, the priest or deacon does not enquire about their worthiness. The blessing is given unconditionally. The same is true of those who at Communion time come for a blessing: a simple blessing is given, whatever their situation in life might be. This is a recognition that God's blessing is not for the perfect but for those who, often in the face of great difficulty, are making their way step by step to the fullness of life in God. The blessing is God's word of encouragement to them to keep moving, not to give up, and to know that God is with them on their way, whatever their imperfections, even their sins or sinful situation.

Against this background, the Holy See has said that it is possible to bless people in irregular unions, such as those remarried after divorce or those in same-sex relationships. To say that it is possible is not to say that it is mandatory; to say that you may is not to say that you must. No ordained minister is obliged to offer such a blessing, though those who prefer not to should reflect on why and consider referring the supplicants to someone who will.

Those who choose to offer a blessing will have to exercise pastoral wisdom and sensitivity to judge when, where and how the blessing is offered. It should not be done in a liturgical setting; and given its essentially private character, it would be best done without a large gathering or the glare of cameras. No texts or ritual will be provided by the Bishops Conference or the Archdiocese; the ordained minister himself will have to decide the words best suited to the situation. Such words could include a prayer that these two people will always strive to know more of the will of God in their life, that they will keep moving on the path of faith towards the God who loves them, that they will know his peace on the way and always be open to the joy of his forgiveness.

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COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS

WORKING BEE:	January 20, 7.45am
INTERCESSORY PRAYER:	January 22, 9.30am
CRAFT STALL OPEN DAY:	January 23, 9.00am
LISTENING WITH OPEN HEART:	January 25, after 9.00am Mass
MEDITATION:	January 25, 9.30am
AUSTRALIA DAY MASS:	January 26, 9.00am
ADORATION:	February 2, 9.30-10.30am
HEALING MASS:	February 7, 9.00am
FAMILY MASS:	February 11, 9.00am
SACRAMENTAL INFO SESSION:	February 11, after 9.00am Mass
ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:	February 12, 1.30pm
ASH WEDNESDAY:	February 14
LENTEN PROGRAM STARTS:	February 14, after 9.00am Mass
SACRAMENTAL INFO SESSION:	February 14, after 9.00am Mass
LENTEN RETREAT:	February 17, 9.00am-12.30pm
CHILDREN'S LITURGY:	February 18
SACRAMENTAL INFO SESSION:	February 21, 8.00am
THE WELL:	February 23, 5.30pm
ALL SAINTS SOCIAL:	February 24
SACRAMENTAL INFO SESSION:	February 28, 7.00pm
2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:	March 18, 6.30pm

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There should be no linkage of the blessing with a civil union, and none of the rituals or symbols associated with marriage should accompany the blessing. This is because the Holy See's Declaration makes clear that the Church's teaching on marriage remains intact: marriage is a free and life-long covenant between a man and a woman which is open to new life. The Declaration distinguishes between the doctrinal and the pastoral. The Church's doctrine is not changed, but new pastoral possibilities are opened up in response to the reality of human experience and significant shifts at least in Western cultures. With couples in irregular unions, this means that the union itself is not blessed but the two people who seek the blessing. In that sense, the blessing is not a validation of the union but of two people who, in the midst of life's uncertainties and compromises, are seeking the peace and happiness which God wills for all his children.

One implication of this is that the blessing would not allow those blessed to receive Holy Communion, though it does mean that they remain children of the Church and will be accompanied by the Church in every way possible. A mother never ceases to be mother to her children: that is at the heart of the blessing and of what the Holy See has offered in *Fiducia Supplicans*. "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'. Let whoever hears say, 'Come'. Let those who thirst come; let those who desire take the water of life without price" (Revelation 22:17).

+ Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

22 December 2023

Ground Maintenance and Working Bees:
Thanks to all the Volunteers, past, present (and future) for attending our Working Bees.

Next Working Bee:
TOMORROW Saturday, 20 January, 7.45am
Any enquires and/or updates please contact:
Paul Hayes 0401 333 549



PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 26 JANUARY

Join us on **Australia Day**, Friday, 26 January for Mass at 9am.

Did you know **Indian Republic Day** is also celebrated on this day?



ALL SAINTS CRAFTS

Happy New Year to all! We are having a craft open day on Tuesday, 23 January at 9am. Come and have a cuppa with us and see what we are doing. Join our group: no experience or degree needed. Inquires: Judy 3325 4689



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

2024 DAILY MASS BOOK



We have one copy of the 2024 Daily Mass Book for Sale for \$26.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER: We are looking for more volunteers to assist in the stall on weekends. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

You're Invited!

All Saints Parish Albany Creek
Sacramental Information Sessions 2024

Sun	Feb 11	10.15am	(after 9am Family Mass)
Wed	Feb 14	10.15am	(after 9am Ash Wed Mass)
Wed	Feb 21	8.00am	(after school drop off)
Wed	Feb 28	7.00pm	(evening option)

Confirmation
For children who:

- are baptised into the Catholic Church
- turn 8 before 30 June in 2024
 - (or earlier)

Eucharist
For children who:

- were confirmed in 2023
 - (or earlier)

Welcome In the Parish Centre No need to book - just come!

Contact Parish Office if you require more information:
albanycck@bne.catholic.net.au

Listening with an open heart— Wednesdays after Mass

Every Wednesday we meet to discuss the Bible readings for the following Sunday. We have found this very helpful in deepening our appreciation of God's Word. Come for a cuppa and chat! All welcome!



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.

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!

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




Yarning Circle



I'm Australian Too, by Mem Fox
 This beautifully written, illustrated book for children celebrates Australia's incredible multicultural heritage.
 It examines how we are all Australian and all belong to our wonderful country.
 2018 Book of the year: Early Childhood Children's Book Council of Australia.

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COMING SOON: PIETÀ Lenten Programme
PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) readings and prayers. Books will be available for \$8. If you'd like a copy please let the Parish Office know. Program will start after Ash Wednesday Mass, 14 February. We look forward to seeing you. Please let the parish office know if you'd like to attend.



SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Retreat
 facilitated by

BISHOP TIM NORTON svd

SATURDAY | **17** | 9AM-12.30PM
 FEBRUARY 2024

FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH
 +Tim is also celebrating 5pm Mass with us

ALL SAINTS PARISH
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR 2024:
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:00AM—1:00PM



POP THEM IN THE BINS AT THE PARISH!
DONATE YOUR CLEAN 10c CENT DRINK CONTAINERS TO ALL SAINTS PARISH

YES!
 LOOK FOR THIS 10c MARK
 REFUND AT COLLECTION DEPOTS/POINTS IN PARTICIPATING STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE
10c
 WINE AND SPIRIT BOTTLES NOW ELIGIBLE
 NO NEED FOR 10c SYMBOL ON THESE
 ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS
 Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based containers between 150mL and 3L.
YES
 BEER, JUICE, WATER, SOFT DRINK, POPPERS (WITH 10c MARK)
 WINE, SPIRITS (NO 10c MARK NEEDED)

NO!
 • STRAWS
 • LIDS
 • CRUSHED CONTAINERS
 • OTHER RUBBISH
DON'T FORGET
 No No No
 Excluded containers:
NO
 MILK, COFFEE CUPS, FOOD CANS, OIL BOTTLES, GLASS JARS, OVER 3LT SIZE (THESE GO IN HOME RECYCLING)



Gaza Crisis Appeal
 The alarming escalation of violence in Gaza is leaving people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Your support is needed now.
<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/>




THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
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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 1st February from 9.30am** until 1pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

Please note if you would like a family member or friend to remain on the sick list could you please email:
albanyck@bne.catholic.net.au

As we have many requests current names will remain on the list for another week and then will be removed after that unless we hear from you. We thank you for your understanding.



Let us pray

Dear Jesus, we pray for the sick members of our parish family: Fr Ron, Carmelina V, Emma B, Margaret H, Paula G, Jo-Ellen S, Susan, Eva K, Jordan Mc, Jen H, Carissa, Mary B, Sophie S, Lesley W, C Kelleher, Wendy R, Elizabeth L, Connie R, Darren, Shirley S.

We pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
 Des Rose, Stephen Rose, Pat Walker, Birger Eriksson.
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:

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News! Alleluia.*

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

WEEKEND ROSTERS

	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.00am	Sunday 9.00am
20-21 JANUARY 2024			
CM	Tim C-P Donna B-C Geraldine B-C	Cheryl G-C Rita D-P C= Cup P= Plate	Irene N-P Jess M-P Trish T-C Joan T-C Majella B-C
R	Vicki O Suellen C	Zach W John D	Judy M Frank T
W/M	Cindy C Paul H	Denise K	Patrice M Ross M

Church Cleaning: Gabrielle C, Zerlene F, Claire

27-28 JANUARY 2024

CM	Simon M –P Jill G –C Paul H-C	Kaye F –P Anna W – C C= Cup P= Plate	Gina V –P Arthur D-P Amrita M-C Tony D- C Trish T-C
R	Peter G Margaret R	John D Frank T	Patrick C Sophia K
W/M	Chris H Troy P	Michelle M	Shirley D Marie-Ann V

Church Cleaning: Michael M, Howard S, Shibu M



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

Have you ever thought about the power of the Hail Mary prayer? A Parish Priest and a parishioner in Pittsburgh, America, told the following story following a recent incident. The parishioner, John, told of the morning he was out running in his neighbourhood when he saw an ambulance in the driveway of a house he was passing. The front door and the garage doors were open. Growing up, whenever he heard a siren, he had always made the Sign of the Cross and said a short prayer for those in need and protection for those involved. That morning, the first prayer he thought of was the Hail Mary, so he prayed it. On his return run, the ambulance had gone and the house was shut up. One day the following week, when John was again running in the same neighbourhood, he saw a lady at the edge of the driveway of the same house waving at him and asking him to stop. He came closer and she said "Thank you for stopping. I need to talk to you, to thank you, because you saved my life." Puzzled he said: "How did I save your life?" He did not know the lady. The lady told him the previous week she had been home alone when she felt unwell and blacked out. She knew she was dying. She continued her story: Before regaining consciousness in a hospital bed, "she got a vision of Jesus who came to her and said, 'It's okay. Everything is going to be fine. You're going to be fine because this person prayed for you.'" "On the palm of his hand was your face – on Jesus' hand," she told him, recounting what went through her mind. "And I thought 'I have to thank you for saving my life.'"

Are you new to the Parish?

 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!**

CARE FOR KIDS
 Kids will be **RESPECTED AND PROTECTED**

It is never OK for someone to hurt you. We want you to be safe. We want you to feel safe. We will always listen to you. We will help you with your problems.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



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