

PARISH BULLETIN

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 23rd August 2026 (Year A)

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST — THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." MATTHEW 16:16

Reflect on the significance of the papacy. Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is the pope's first and most important duty — to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. Pray for the Holy Father. Trust in the timeless witness of every pope since that first moment in Caesarea Philippi — a witness upheld not by human strength, but by Christ's own promise. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with His divine authority.

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19–23

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33–36

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

Feasts of the week ahead

Monday — Bartholomew, apostle

A Canaanite also known as Nathaniel, he preached in India, Arabia and Armenia.

Thursday — Monica (331 – 387)

She persistently prayed and suffered for the conversion of her son Augustine.

Friday — Augustine, bishop and doctor (354 — 430)

Converting late in life, he became a great bishop, writer and defender of the faith.

Saturday — Passion of John the Baptist, martyr

St John's courageous defence of marriage cost him his life at the hands of Herodias.

World Priests Day 2026 — presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This event celebrates and affirms the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Join us for dinner and music with keynote speaker Fr Peter Dillon on Friday 11 September from 5pm at Little King Function Room, 31–33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda.

Cost $65 per person. For more information email vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com or visit https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1607899?qr=true&qr=true

Children's liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass on **Sunday 6 September**.

Mass and Prayer Times

Monday 5.30pm Mass with Confession immediately after Mass (Benediction & Adoration afterwards first Monday every month)

Thursday 7.00am Mass

Friday 9.00am with Confession before Mass and Adoration after Mass. Second Friday of every month is Anointing Mass.

Saturday 9.00–10.00 am Adoration with Rosary and Divine Mercy

Saturday (vigil Mass) 5.00pm and **Sunday** 8.30am Mass

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We pray for: Michelle Muir, Margaret Lawson, June Meecham, Patrick King, David Carr, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Aidan Carvill, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden, Killian Maguire, Kathleen Isepy and Fr Pat Doran.

Prayers for the recently deceased.

We pray for all who have died including Fr Michael Mullane and Mary Mullane, Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, Delma Schmidt, Trevour Pettersen, and Veronica Robertson, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

TODAY AFTER MASS — PARISH CONSULTATION

Our Parish Consultation will take place following the final prayer at today's Mass. You are invited to remain for approximately 10–15 minutes to participate in the consultation.

A questionnaire will be distributed, and you may choose to:

- complete it individually;
- discuss and complete it as part of a small group; or
- request a telephone consultation if you would prefer to share your thoughts in that way.

Those requesting a phone consultation are asked to provide their contact details, together with their preferred day and time for the call.

We aim to complete the consultation process by the end of August. The responses will then be collated into a report for Fr Gerry upon his return from leave in October. Following his review and acceptance of the report, a copy will be made available to all parishioners.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute your thoughts and ideas. Your participation will help shape future growth in faith, community and mission at St Michael's Parish.

Special Parish Celebration — Vigil of St Michael the Archangel

On the evening of Monday 28 September, our parish will celebrate the feast of St Michael and we plan to make this a significant event in our annual spiritual calendar. The program for the feast day celebration will comprise:

- 5.30pm — talk on the importance of St Michael in our lives
- 6.30pm — feast day vigil mass
- After Mass — sausage sizzle

Please note the small change to the regular Monday evening mass time. Please invite family and friends to help make this a remarkable celebration.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MULTICULTURAL MASS

All are invited to the annual Archdiocese of Brisbane Multicultural Mass, celebrating the rich diversity of the Catholic Church across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities, marking the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Stay after Mass for cultural performances, refreshments and children's activities. All welcome to wear traditional or cultural dress.

When: 30 August | 2pm – 5pm Where: Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

Annual Catholic Campaign

The Annual Catholic Campaign is being held this weekend, in support of the Retired Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare, the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund and the annual Grants Program. Giving Envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

