

PARISH BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 19th July 2026 (Year A)

"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST" — MATTHEW 13:33

Reflect today on the quiet ways God is at work within you, within the Church, and throughout the world. Though you might not always perceive the movement of grace, trust that it is active — like yeast in dough — gently transforming, sanctifying, and preparing hearts for the glory to come. Resist the temptation to measure your spiritual growth by visible signs or immediate results. Instead, remain faithful to prayer, attentive to the Word, and docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God's Kingdom unfolds in time, and its rising is certain. Even when the world seems overwhelmed by sin or division, remember that the leaven is at work. The final loaf is being prepared for the eternal banquet — and you are being made ready, one hidden grace at a time, until you are fully prepared to share in the joy of the eternal feast.

St Michael's Sacramental Program — First Holy Communion

The St Michael's sacramental program will take children through First Communion this year and commence from September. To be eligible for the program, children need to have completed Confirmation.

Note that we alternate between confirmation and First Holy Communion and will undertake a Confirmation program in 2027. Please contact stephenvincentwalker@gmail.com for more information or to nominate.

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16–19

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26–27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24–43

Feasts of the Week

Wednesday — Mary Magdalene

One of the few who remained with Christ during his agony on the cross. Jesus appeared to her first after his resurrection, charging her to and tell the apostles.

Saturday — James, Apostle

He was called by Jesus together with his brother John. Along with Peter and John, he witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Herod had him beheaded in the year 44, the first martyr among the apostles.

Children's liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass on **Sunday 2 August**, continuing on the first Sunday of each month. All little ones very welcome.

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: 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 Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Mary Mullane, Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, Delma Schmidt, Trevour Pettersen, Veronica Robertson, Peter Brown, Fr John Kilinko, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLEY

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is coming up on 26 July. This year's theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), invites us to show love and gratitude for the older people in our lives. Take a moment this week to reach out — a visit, a phone call, or a simple act of kindness — to a grandparent, elderly neighbour, or someone who may be feeling alone. Small gestures can make a big difference.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting — Suggestions Please

The next St Michael's PPC meeting is being held on Tuesday 28 July. You are encouraged to contribute thoughts and ideas through the suggestion box at the back of the church.

Invitation to an Anointing Mass

Next month on Friday, 7th August at 7.30pm, an Anointing Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, with Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Holland Park/Mt Gravatt as celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email lenpatairey@gmail.com

Transfiguration — Praying for Vocations into the Future

The Vocation Brisbane team invites you to Transfiguration, an evening of prayer for vocations. The evening includes Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, followed by a Vocations Expo and light refreshments in the Hanly Room. Music will be provided by Holy Spirit Seminary, St Laurence's College, Stuartholme, Lourdes Hill College and Villanova College.

Thursday 6 August 2026 AT 5.30 pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Find out more at tinyurl.com/transfig26

THE CATHOLIC LEADER REPORTS ON BOOMING FAITH PROGRAMS

Following a worldwide trend, The Catholic Leader reports that the Church in Brisbane is witnessing a renewal as more people turn to the faith. Brisbane parishes are welcoming a new wave of faith seekers as the Alpha program and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults open doors to encounter Jesus Christ. Through prayer, community and personal witness, these programs are transforming lives, renewing faith and helping people discover the joy of the Gospel. For these and more great stories of our Church, visit catholicleader.com.au or look for the monthly paper at any church.



Quo Vadis for Women 2026

Vocation Brisbane invites young women to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience.

Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you.

When: Saturday 8 August – Sunday 9 August | 8:30am – 3:00pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Find out more here: **tinyurl.com/QuoVadisWomen2026**