

St Mark's Parish Newsletter

St Mark's Parish is part of the Brisbane West Deanery

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
17th/18th October, 2020



Dear friends of St. Mark's

In Today's Gospel, we are challenged by the answer of Jesus when he was questioned by the Pharisees on whether to pay tax to Caesar.

Jesus' answer makes clear that there are obligations to the state for any citizen but it also makes clear that there are also obligations to God: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God". His instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' reminds us that there is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God. Our religious behaviour is not separate from our social, political or economic behaviour. To seek and honour God, we the believer, must work within the world. Our faith must be expressed through our actions in our daily lives.

As citizens of the state we have benefits such as health services, public transport, schools for our children etc. Being Christians, we have the benefit of the redemption of our sins through Christ's death on the cross. We are blessed with the love of Christ in the sacrament of Baptism. Today Jesus gives us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of being a responsible and honest good citizen of the state as well as a good Christian. We should live as if these two ideals are not in conflict

In this pandemic, let us be a good citizen and a good Christian by continuing to follow the covid protocols that the state government and the Archdiocese have advised us to do. In this way we can love and care for our neighbour and ourselves as God loves us. May we also use our gifts or the benefits God has given to us to serve our Parish and the wider community.

One in Spirit
Sr. Elisabeth Hariyanti SSPs

Parish Directory

Parish Priest:

Fr Boni Buahendri SVD

Chaplain to Vietnamese Community:

Fr Joseph Vu SVD

Associate Pastor:

Fr Ho Tran SVD

Pastoral Associate:

Sr Elisabeth Hariyanti SSPs

Pastoral Assistant:

Sr Sesilia Ria SSPs

Parish Secretaries:

Joy Spratt & Aileen Richter

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 3372 5658

School: 3372 3408

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

No secretary on a Wednesday.

ADDRESSES

Presbytery: 25 Lobelia St, Inala

Parish Office: 96 Lilac St, Inala

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Website: www.stmarksinala.com

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St Mark's Catholic Parish

St Mark's Inala Youth Group

MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.30pm

Sunday:

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

English 5pm

Reconciliation: by appointment or 20

minutes before the evening Mass.

Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm and

Sundays 4.30pm to 4.50pm.

Readings for Next Sunday's Mass (Week 2):

25th October, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 6pm:

Announcer: Susan Mollee

Readers: Liz Orillano &
Pham Nga Gau

COVID Cleaners: Pham Nga Gau Family

Sunday 9.30am:

Announcer: Jhonalyn Silva

Readers: Merina Lauvina &
Ashleigh Tavui

Communion Minister: Paula Keki

COVID Cleaners: Silva's Family

Sunday 5pm:

Announcer: Lily Nguyen

Readers: Vivina Mugabekazi &
Sr Elisabeth

COVID Cleaners: Lily Ngo's Family

Thank you parishioners for your financial support of the Parish during these difficult times. The following options are available for when you are not registered to attend Mass:

- Free Direct Debit
- Planned Giving App for your smart phone
- Direct deposit to the parish bank account
- Monthly charge to your credit card

For more information on the above please contact Joy at the parish office: stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au

For the Joy of the Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts.

A landmine accident has affected not only Chen's life, (pictured here) but that of his family. The Arrupe Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, is providing many children and families affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

THERE WILL BE NO SECOND COLLECTION— PLEASE USE GIVING ENVELOPES.



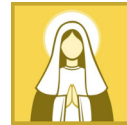
The Common Good in a COVID world

The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have released a State Election Statement, calling on Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teachings as they prepare to vote on October 31. This is an important opportunity to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community.

We have no monopoly on truth, but we offer these reflections in a spirit of solidarity, as people who also have to consider our vote carefully, who can draw upon a deep wisdom concerning the common good and who are called to care for the most vulnerable in our community... we can point to clear and enduring principles which can help us make the kind of responsible judgments that allow us to be both faithful Catholics and good citizens.

– A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Queensland for the 2020 State Election.

To read the full statement go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/catholic-bishops-queensland-election-statement/>



The Church dedicates the month of October to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions.

As a culmination of this month of Rosary prayers there will be a:

Mass on Friday, 30th October, 6pm at St Mark's Church.

REGISTRATION for this Mass is now open.

Refreshments (individual packs not a buffet) will be served after the Mass. **Fr Boni.**



Sacramental Program
Enrolment
Confirmation
For children in year 3
and above

Enrolment forms are available on the church entrance table, from the parish office, the school office and the parish web page: www.stmarksinala.com

Enrolments should be submitted to the office by **Fri 30th October** with a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. The classes are on:

7th, 14th and 21st November

The Sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday 7th February, 2021.**

Parish Art Union Fundraiser Update:

We now have only 9 ticket books for sale! Please return any ticket books, sold or unsold, to the parish as soon as possible. So far 564 books have been returned to the office. Thank you for your support!

Daily Mass this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO MASS	6pm Vietnamese	8am English	6pm Vietnamese	8am English

Please remember in your prayers -

Parishioners who are ill: *Monica Chester, Ninian Robinson, Christopher Taelangi, Garry Montgomery (former Principal of St Mark's School), Margaret Balaam, Jill McVey*

Anniversaries: *Patrick Connor, Mattha Chau, Joan Kilmistr, Helena "Joy" Wurth, Sarah Robinson, Ernest Moya, Anna Luan, Anna Cuc Thi Vu, Thomas Campbell.*