

Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

5 July 2009

'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD'

Psalm 23 is a powerful prayer for reassurance in the loving care of God for each of us. He is 'my shepherd'. The psalm is full of faith in the total care of God for me even in the 'valley of the shadow of death.' Like all psalms, the Christian prays them in the 'light of Christ'; for the Christian, the psalm finds its full meaning in



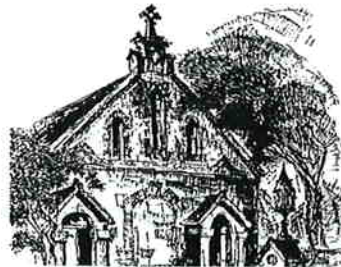
Christ, 'the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for His sheep'. Christ is the shepherd who knows 'His own sheep' (John 10). It is Christ

who fills us with the eternal life of the 'green pastures' of His own life. It is Christ who is the source of 'living water rising up for eternity'. It is Christ who is our peace. In him are 'still waters' or, as the New English Bible translates it, 'deep pools of peace'. It is Christ who is our 'dwelling place', and it is Christ who prepares a room for us in the Father's home.

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: that good and kind Shepherd, voluntarily to lay down His life for His sheep. That ... the Chief Shepherd, offering Himself as man to the spiritual wolves and those who destroy the soul, may make His prey of the destroyers by means of that Adam who was once preyed on by them. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: God against the devil; not manifestly in His might, which cannot be looked on, but in the weakness of the flesh, to bind the strong man that is against us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: the King against the tyrant; not with omnipotent power and wisdom, but with that which is accounted the foolishness of the cross ... Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: the True One against the liar; the Saviour against the destroyer; the Prince of Peace against him who stirs up wars; the Lover of mankind against the hater of mankind. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: the Lord to have mercy upon the creature of His hands. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: the Lord to save man who had wandered in error; to put away error; to give light to those who are in darkness; ... to sanctify the world.

S. Methodius

2
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BRISBANE
All Saints' Church,
Wickham Terrace



A FORWARD IN FAITH PARISH

Parish Priest: The Rev'd Canon Richard Martin SSC

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5TH JULY 2009

HYMNS AT LOW MASS - 7.30am

ENTRANCE: 162 Holy, Holy, Holy,
OFFERTORY: 385 Father hear the prayer we offer
COMMUNION: 436 Lord, thy Word abideth
RECESSIONAL: 394 God moves in a mysterious way

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

Setting: **MISSA DE ANGELIS**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

RITE OF SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

The priest sprinkles himself, his ministers and the people with holy water to remind us of our Baptism in which we were joined to the dying and rising of Christ, our sins were washed away, and we became part of his priestly people.

Antiphon: Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps.51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*People: **And grant us thy salvation.***

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

*People: **And let my cry come unto thee.***

Priest: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And with thy Spirit.***

Priest: Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy Holy Angel from heaven; to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this holy place. Through Christ our Lord.

*All: **Amen.***



HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the Saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down
before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness
hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory
may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

THE INTROIT OF THE MASS

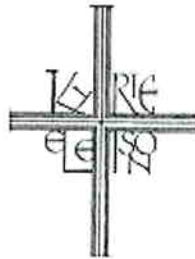
The choir sings: We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. *Ps.* great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Glory be. (*Psalm 48:8,9,1*)

KYRIE ELEISON *the choir sings:*

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.
Christe eleison.
Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.



Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Priest: Gloria in excelsis Deo:

The people SIT and the choir continues:

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus Agnus Dei Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostrum. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

(and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen)

COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray. Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil: and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD**THE FIRST LESSON** *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM 122

**R. Our eyes wait upon on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes * O thou that dwellest in the heavens. ² Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress * even so our eyes wait upon the Lord Our God, until he have mercy upon us. **R:**

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us * for we are utterly despised. ⁴ Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy * and with the despitefulness of the proud. **R:**

THE SECOND LESSON *II Corinthians 12:7-10*

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION *The choir sings:*

Be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Alleluia, alleluia. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Alleluia. (*Psalm 71:2,1; Psalm 48:1*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:1-6*

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon: The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

Priest: I believe in one God

People: **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (All KNEEL) and**

was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: (All STAND) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church:

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON *The people SIT*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



THE OFFERTORY

The choir sings: Thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, O Lord, and shall bring down the high looks of the proud: for who is God, but the Lord? (Psalm 18:28,32)

HYMN

Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears:
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins, and doubts, and fears.

I ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to His death.

They marked the footsteps that He trod,
His zeal inspired their breast;
And following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

- an interlude is played on the organ -

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For His own pattern giv'n;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to Heav'n.



INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, and to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

The people KNEEL

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: We offer unto thee, O Lord, the sacrifice that brings salvation, humbly beseeching thee: that by the intercession of Blessed Mary and all thy Saints, we may be surely established in thy peace, and serve thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

PREPARATION OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The people are asked to make this Confession of their sins. Then:

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The priest pronounces the Absolution.

All join in this prayer:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most Precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.



The priest continues with the Preface :

. we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua. Hosanna in
excelsis.

✽ Benedictus qui venit in
nomine Domini. Hosanna in
excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of
Hosts, Heaven and earth are full
of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O
Lord, Most High.

✽ Blessed is he that cometh in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.



During the Eucharistic Prayer the bread and wine become our Lord's Body and Blood; we are then offered to the Father in union with the perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say: Our Father

All: **who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: . . . throughout all ages, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

THE PAX

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: *Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.*

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

The choir sings the Communion Antiphon: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is he that putteth his trust in him. (Psalm 34:8)

Holy Communion is now given.

The choir sings:

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA, Victoria

Then ALL sing this Communion Hymn:

**Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with waters gushing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.**



Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray. O God, we beseech thee of thy goodness that this heavenly mystery may be to us a renewal of mind and body. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end

All: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon: Depart in peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Priest: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**



HYMN

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;**

**Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.**



**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus,
the solemn watchword hear;
If while ye sleep He suffers,
away with shame and fear;**

**Where'er ye meet with evil, within you or without,
Charge for the God of battles, and put the foe to rout.**

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.**

**Ye that are brave now serve Him
against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus,
stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;**

Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;**

**This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To him who overcometh a crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**

*The Angelus is sung after the announcements
(see sheet on pew shelf).*

POSTLUDE PRELUDE IN C, BWV553, JS Bach

+ PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED +

RECENTLY DECEASED - Robert Beale, Bp., Alan Soares, Pr.,
Mollie Sugden

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES & COMMEMORATIONS []:

- Jul 05** Dorothy Carleton, Myra O'Farrell
Jul 06 [Ss John Fisher & Thomas More] Philip Strong, Bp.,
Kathleen Lawrence, Edward Hill,
John Green, Pr., John Hunt
Jul 07 [Translation of St Thomas of Canterbury] Anthony Emery,
Walter Geraghty, Stephen Bennie, John Beal,
Bryan Ducat
Jul 08 Ralph Ogden, Pr.
Jul 09 John Gauthier
Jul 10 [Ss Rufina & Secunda] Una Adams, Ethel Hunter

SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

Tonight, 6:30 p.m., At All Saints'

and, also, 6.00pm 3rd Sunday of each month at
Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley.



ALL SAINTS' PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be on
Sunday, 12th July
following High Mass.



Continuo Plus -

a four piece baroque ensemble with
soprano, will perform works by
Bach and Handel
in ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
on
Tuesday 28th July, at 10.30am

This concert is a part of the *Fete de la Musique
Brisbane 2009* programmes - and an admission-
free event sponsored by the Brisbane City Council.

Next Week's Readings / 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85
Ephesians 1:3-10
Mark 6:7-13

Offertory Receipts for last week \$ 1102.15



UPDATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY:

16th August -

observance of ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

4.00pm Evensong and Benediction with All Saints' Choir at St Mary's, Redcliffe, followed by High Tea.

6th September -

observance of NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and ALL SAINTS' DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

11.45am Parish Luncheon to follow High Mass.

1st November - ALL SAINTS' DAY.

11.45am Parish Luncheon to follow High Mass.

1st November - ALL SOULS' EVE.

6.30pm Requiem Mass, (*no Evensong & Benediction*).

2nd November - ALL SOUL'S DAY.

12.15pm - Requiem Mass

29th November - ST ANDREW'S EVE.

6.30pm Evensong and Benediction with the city churches of Saint Andrew participating. Supper follows.

8th December - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Masses at 12.15pm and 7.15pm.

10th December -

observance of ST THOMAS' DAY.

10.30am Mass for the Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood for Fr Robert Long. Refreshments to follow.

13th December -

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.45am Parish Pre-Xmas Luncheon to follow High Mass.



Daily Mail, London - A pupil of St Peter's CofE School in Chorley, Lancashire, has been told to remove a cross she was wearing even though it allows Sikh children to wear bangles as part of their religion.

The eight-year-old's furious mother has accused the school and the Church of England of double standards because they allow children following other faiths to wear jewellery on religious grounds.

Mother-of-two, Mrs Grimshaw-Brown, complained directly to the Headteacher, Helen Wright, who referred the matter to the school's chairman of governors, who is also a vicar, and who upheld the ban.

Mrs Grimshaw-Brown added: "I received a letter in my child's reading folder. It said that if she had been a Sikh child she would be allowed to wear bangles because it's part of their religion."

Mystifyingly, the church school's prospectus makes clear that jewellery may not be worn, except for earrings and watches and except where it is a necessary part of the religious faith of the child, i.e. Sikh families must wear bangles as one of the "five Ks", the religious rules for dress.

1st July, 2009

All Saints', Wickham Terrace

P.O. Box 574 Spring Hill, Brisbane, Qld, Australia, 4004

Telephone: [07] 3236 3692 Facsimile: [07] 3236 3693

Email: domusmea@bigpond.com

www.allsaintsbrisbane.comParish Office Hours: Monday closed

10:00am to 1:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

SUNDAY SERVICES

7.30am Low Mass

9.30am SOLEMN HIGH MASS

6.30pm Evensong and Benediction 1st Sunday of the Month

- WEEKDAY MASSES -

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 12.15pm

Wednesday & Friday - 7.45am

Saturday - 9.00am Resumes in Advent

SOCIAL EVENTS: Champagne & Orange Juice is served after the 7.30am Mass, (in All Saints' forecourt under the Jacaranda) and **MORNING TEA & WINE** is served after **HIGH MASS** in the All Saints' Centre, with all profits going towards our missionary giving. Note that the "cost" of Morning Tea is a gold coin. Volunteers are needed to complete the Roster for morning tea following High Mass. Contact Bev Fellows if you can help, say, one Sunday per month.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, & FUNERALS:

For details contact the Parish Office.

THE HEALING SACRAMENTS of Reconciliation, Anointing, and Holy Communion for the Sick are available at home, in church, or in hospital by appointment with the clergy.

ALL SAINTS' SINGERS sing at High Mass and Evensong on Sundays. New members are always welcome. For further information and auditions contact the Director of Music: Darryn Jensen on 3365 2218 or d.jensen@law.uq.edu.au

THE SOCIETY OF MARY meets for fellowship, teaching and to pray the Rosary after High Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

For details contact the clergy or Lorraine Hines (3208 4988)

"ALL SAINTS' CENTRE" is available for functions, seminars and conferences. Please call Tarnya on 0409 080 777 or email: tarnya@powerup.com.au

ALL SAINTS' WELFARE MINISTRY (including SOUP ON SUNDAY):

This enables parishioners and others to reach out to those in our part of the inner city needing pastoral care and other kinds of support. We support this outreach by providing cooked meals. Further information from the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME: Sets of envelopes are available for any who would like to begin supporting All Saints' in this way (and we need the regular, sacrificial and generous support of all parishioners). Please contact Marica Cox on 0412 246 296

PARISH ROLL AND MAILING LIST: If you wish to be on the Parish Roll or to receive Parish information, please complete a form available at the back of the church and hand it to one of the clergy or Sides People or drop in the offertory plate.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Rector: The Rev'd Canon Richard Martin SSC

Postal address - P.O. Box 574, SPRING HILL Q 4004.

Rectory Phone : (07) 3211 9143

Parish Office : Monday closed
10.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday Wednesday & Friday

Ph.: (07) 3236 3692

Office Email : domusmea@bigpond.com

Assisting Priests: Canon Arthur Fellows 3286 2963
Fr Andrew Gilbert 3283 2026
Fr Bill Pearson 3286 4515

Assisting Deacon: The Rev'd Bernard Buttery 5529 5502

Churchwardens: Mr Paul Heiser 3399 2226
Email: paulheiser1@optusnet.com.au
Ms Marcia Cox 0412 246 296
Email: coxtallis@optusnet.com.au
Mr Peter Kent 0418 881 534
Email: peterdkent@bigpond.com

Chairman of the Trustees: Mr John Cranley (07) 3848 8253

Director of Music: Mr Darryn Jensen (07) 3365 2218
Email: d.jensen@law.uq.edu.au

Webmaster: Mr Wayne Murray (07) 3856 3667
Email: wmurray@iprimus.com.au

now read on...

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel spoke to the people as a prophet, not because he wanted to do so, but because God compelled him. No true prophet has ever spoken without the sense of being God's spokesman. He spoke about the activities of the people: what they should do to be God's loyal servants, and what they should not do. But the words were God's, not his. Two things follow from this. First, he was conscious of the power of the Holy Spirit working in him. Second, popularity and unpopularity did not count. How the words were received did not concern him. His duty was to speak God's message as clearly, faithfully and powerfully as he could. He could be ignored or met with ridicule, but what really mattered was that he had done what God asked of him. As indeed should we all...

PRAYER POINT: CHILDREN

In less than a month, most of our children will have broken up for the long holidays. How many people does that fill with dread? And what will most of those children do? Be sent out of the house to roam all day? Be sat in front of the Wii or the computer? Is it any wonder that they join together in groups to lurk in bus shelters and dark alleys? Is it any wonder so many of us are afraid of our young people, when our society makes so little effort to include them? Surely it is not first a question of 'finding something for them to do'; surely it should be 'finding something for us to do'. If it is true that we don't want to go back



to the age when children were seen and not heard, and cowed into submission, then we need to treat them as equals as much as we can, while making allowance for their age. God has used children from Samuel's day well into our own, as for example at Medjugorje. The church is supposed to be God's family: at least let it reflect in our young folk the truth that we are all God's children.