



Welcome to
Eastern Hills Anglicans
Community Information
21 August 2011
Twenty-first Sunday
Web Page Edition

You are Peter, and I will give you
the keys to the kingdom
of heaven.

Today's Celebration

Today's gospel reading is the profession of faith by Saint Peter that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God. Two thousand year later, we gather to make the same profession of faith and to live that profession of faith in our daily lives. As Peter and the Apostles assume leadership they accept the responsibility of growing in that faith and fostering it in others. This task also remains the same for us.

Morning Tea: Wednesday 24 August

Our next morning tea will be on Wednesday 24 August at **10.30 am** in the **Café at Easts Leagues Club**, Main Street, Coorparoo. All are welcome to come and join us in a social time together.

Working Bee: Saturday 27 August

To remove the rubbish from under the hall, clear out the garden waste bins – all to keep down white ant problems and, to knock down to old toilet block.

"RIVERFIRE"

Saturday 3 September

6pm Dinner, 7pm Firework) at the Norman Park Hall.

Dinner of pizza, chicken & dessert, tea & coffee

\$7 for adults & \$4 for kids (under 12 yrs).

BYO drinks. Pay at the door but please RSVP on sign
on sheet as we must know numbers for catering.

Readings for Next Sunday, 28 August **Twenty-second Ordinary Sunday of the Year**

Jeremiah 20: 7-9. Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet. He knew it was to be a thankless job. In today's reading he has a complaint against God for being tricked into this task.

Romans 12:1-2. Saint Paul sums up a dilemma for all Christians – the difficulty of being a disciple of Christ and a citizen of this world. How easy it is that the media shapes our minds into values that having nothing to do with Christ and his commandments.

Matthew 16:21-27. Last week we heard of the great moment of Saint Peter in recognising the identity of Jesus as Messiah and son of God. What he did not reckon on was a crucified Messiah as he listened to Jesus outline his future. As he tries to deflect Jesus from this course of action our Lord rebukes him as a satan – a tempter.

Back To Church Sunday – now called **Connect 2Church Sunday**

On Sunday 11th September, Anglican Churches throughout the Brisbane Diocese will be participating in Connect2Church, welcoming people to church to make a connection.

Connect2Church Sunday is a very simple idea. There are many people who have attended church or Sunday school in the past and who are open to returning; they are loosely connected. Sometimes the only reason they have not returned is that they have not been invited!

In preparation for 11th September, church members are encouraged to invite friends, family, neighbours or work colleagues in a natural way. It is not an alternative to focusing on groups who are harder to reach, but it is an easy and straightforward way to draw new people into the community of the Christian church.

If you have other commitments on Sunday 11th September, you are always invited to come along... it is just that on this day we are all working together to invite our friends. It is simply encouraging to do it with friends.

Saint of the Week, 28 August Augustine of Hippo

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, in the Roman Province of Africa is one of the outstanding theologians and writers of the Early Church. He is known as one of the Four Doctors (teachers) of the Western Church. He was born in North Africa in 354. His long-suffering mother, Monica, was a Christian and Augustine was being brought up as one but was not baptised and as a young man rejected the faith. His real interest and career was as a philosopher, orator and rhetorician. He went to the Imperial court at Milan to further this career. For a while, he was a member of the Manicheans sect of pseudo religion and philosophy. He was greatly attracted to the philosophy of Plato. By temperament, he was passionate and sensual; he lived in a relationship with a woman and had a child by her. Gradually, however, under the influence first of Monica, his mother, and then of Ambrose, bishop of Milan, Augustine began to look afresh at the Scriptures. Ambrose was able to teach the faith through the philosophy of Plato, which caught Augustine's attention. He was baptised by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. Augustine recorded this journey of faith, - of his "his restless soul" - in his famous book "Confessions", which is still published today in many editions as a Christian classic.

Not long after returning to North Africa, he was ordained priest, and then became Bishop of Hippo. Here he faced great difficulties and one was the collapse of the Roman Empire in the West. To many Christians this seemed like an impossibility. In response Augustine wrote his famous "City of God" in which helped Christians to see their faith beyond any political system. It is difficult to overestimate the influence of Augustine on the subsequent development of European thought. A huge body of his sermons and writings have been preserved, through all of which runs the theme of the sovereignty of the grace of God. He died in the year 430.

Merciful Lord,

who turned Augustine from his sins

to be a faithful bishop and teacher:

grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline

till our restless hearts find their rest in you.



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Regular Sunday Services.

8am PowerPoint Mass. 9.30am Sung Mass

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