

*Welcome to  
Eastern Hills Anglicans*

*13 November 2011*

*Third Sunday of the Kingdom  
& Holy Baptism*

*Web Page Edition*

*"Let the children come to me.  
Do not stop them."*



*Welcome – the Baptism of Fynn*

Today we welcome Fynnleigh Joseph Loumeau as a new creation as he is born again into the life-giving death and resurrection of Christ our King. With him we welcome his family and friends and especially his godparents.

***IN FOUR WEEKS TIME "Christmas in Camp Hill"***

***3pm-6pm Sunday 11 December***

As has been advertised, Cr Shayne Sutton has invited us to co-host a family this event in Perth St Park, Camp Hill. This will be a significant local event. It gives us a great opportunity to advertise our parish and our Christmas events and to raise money. ***So we need everyone's help***, over and above the usual resources of the Events Team. ***Please respond to this appeal*** as we need. cooks for 3 BBQs, people to sell items, bakers for Christmas treats and donations to help purchase food and drinks for the BBQ.

***TODAY: Parish Walking Group: 3pm Sunday 13 November***

The last walk for the year. We will meet near the playground at the **Whites Hill reserve** at 3pm. Bring afternoon tea as we will have a picnic when we have finished the walk.

***Martyn's Mutterings – Teaching & Comments by Fr Martyn  
Sundays of the Kingdom: Why There Is A Church***

The Kingdom of Heaven is not a geographic location somewhere in the cosmos. Where our Lord is that is where the kingdom of Heaven is - even upon the Cross. This also means for Christians that this Kingdom is in the midst of our difficulties and it is His resurrection radiance that that makes our life bright, full of hope and joy.

The Church and its faith is not a complicated philosophy or a set of impossible rules with teachings that have become obsolete. The Christian faith is being touched by God and, consequently, witnessing to that fact. So, our knowledge of God is not academic but a knowledge of being touched by love and compassion.

This experience of a loving God determines the nature of the Church. It does not exist for its own sake, nor is it an association in difficult circumstances. Rather, the Church has the same life and existence as its Lord: a life of service of bringing humanity into knowledge of Christ. This is a responsibility we have. Therefore, it is worth noting that our public worship is a service in the true sense of the word – a service for others. This does not mean that our worship is dumb-down to the lowest form of rationality to conform to the standards of the world. It has to be a radiance and presence of the Kingdom of God, which is sensed and experienced, even if it is not fully understood at first. So, the measure of the Church is whether we are merely an organisation or the Sacrament of Christ's presence in the world and that we are alive with His life.

As you know, Bishop Lindsay was recently in Brisbane and he stayed with Catherine and me. Amongst the various bits and pieces he gathered on his trip to the eastern states was an address to a Synod by its Bishop (thank heavens it was not our diocese). It was entitled "A Call to Efficiency"! Apparently, this sort of thing is regularly proclaimed by this Bishop. If we are not careful, the Church will look like a business corporation – Church Pty Ltd. What we should be is the "One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church" (from the words of the Creed). Our call is to holiness, not efficiency – the holiness of Christ, which we embrace and pass onto others. If we are not like this, we do not have a Church and we need pack up, go home, and stop bothering people.



## ***Celebrating Christmas 2011***

***Saturday 17 December Children's Service***

4.00pm 'The Story of Christmas'

Help your children to know  
the true joy and meaning of Christmas

4.30pm Barbecue

### ***Christmas Eve 24 December***

6.00pm Family Mass, Camp Hill - PowerPoint Service

8.30pm Carols before

9pm Traditional Christmas Night Mass

### ***Christmas Day***

8.00am Christmas Family Mass, Camp Hill

## ***Cursillo Brisbane Gathering***

The Brisbane Diocesan Ultreya

(Cursillo gathering of friendly fellowship) at

12pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at St John's Cathedral.

Beginning with lunch

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*The Parish Cursillo normally meets on the third Sunday of the Month*

### ***Next Bible & Brunch 27 November: Holy War***

We are, unfortunately, familiar with the word 'Jihad'. Originally, this meant wars for converting people to Islam. Now it is the name for war against the infidel (you and me). However, 2000 years before Mohammed Israel also had rules to conduct Holy War. This study will look at those rules and how they were implemented.

## ***Readings for Next Sunday, 13 November***

***Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom***

### ***Festival of Christ the Universal King***

#### **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

In this passage of scripture, God speaks to Ezekiel that he will be like a shepherd seeking his scattered flock. Indeed, Israel was scattered by the Assyrian invasion and the deportation of the population to Babylon – so this was not just a poetic image but a rescue from national devastation. In addition, the shepherd was also the biblical image of a good king. Israel no longer had a king in the line of David so - God will become the King until the time his Christ will come. The theme continues with the **Responsorial Psalm**, Psalm 23 – “The Lord's my shepherd”

#### **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as a cosmic event that embraces every human being that has existed because it destroys the power of death as the final statement on human existence. This cosmic event makes Christ the Universal King

#### **Matthew 25:31-46**

This reading is the last parable in Matthew's Gospel and combines the two themes above. Christ our Lord, as Universal King gathers all people as a shepherd gathers his flocks and then enters into judgement on each person's behaviour. The criterion is whether we have lived a life of Christ-like compassion.

### ***The New Liturgical Year***

The Festival of Christ, the Universal King next week marks the completion of the Liturgical Year. We begin a new cycle of a Liturgical Year on Advent Sunday on Sunday 27 November. Advent is the season of hope, longing and expectation for the coming of our Lord as well as preparing for the celebration of Christmas. Advent also introduces us to a new cycle of readings with a focus on Mark's gospel – the first Gospel written.

The cycle of Liturgical Years runs for three years, focussing on Matthew, Mark and Luke in turn with readings from John's gospel in Eastertide of each year.