

Why we should be a praying Church

Martin Luther: "Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

John Wesley: "I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

Billy Graham: "Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian."

Prayer for the Archdeaconry

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyses and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Prayer Requests

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Graham Robinson, Glen & Irene, Aletta, David & Jo & family, Enid, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint Luke's.

Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Yvonne and Ian Hillard, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

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*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43.18—19*

Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:
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Diocese of Brisbane—Parish of Rosewood
Rosewood, Marburg, Lowood, Hidden Vale

**23 FEBRUARY 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



Today's Services

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)
4:30pm Alpha

All Saints, Marburg

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

Next Week

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4:30pm Alpha

Today's Bible Readings

Genesis 45.1—15
Psalm 37.1—11
1 Corinthians 15.35—50
Luke 6.27—38

Reflect on today's sentence

*Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Luke 6.35*

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have
revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds
help us to be like him, through whom
we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**



Rev'd John's Sermon Outline

Text: Genesis 45: 1-15

THE Blessing when 'what was intended for evil, God turned it into something good'

Gen 45: 1-2; 4- 7

* Joseph's story is a perfect picture of how Christians will suffer injustice and by the grace of God, repay injustice with good.

*Joseph's story teaches Christians what to do when wrongs are committed against you.

Joseph was a dreamer, the favourite son and hated by his brothers. They decided to sell him into slavery. He was falsely accused and landed in jail.

* vs 4 - 7 Although Joseph's brothers wanted to get rid of him! GOD chose their evil acts to preserve their lives. * All these hardships/longsuffering was a perfect situation for Joseph to take revenge. Joseph trusted God!

* vs 7. Through all these tests Joseph continually shows his brothers GRACE, KINDNESS and FORGIVENESS. Why? - Joseph was fully convinced of God's Sovereignty over his life for good !

Jer 29: 11-13

* vs 7-15 - Joseph demonstrated how God forgives us and showers us with goodness even though we have sinned against Him. The same forgiveness and blessings are ours when we ask

(PS 51)

The only way you and I can forgive is by Christ alive and at work in us - God's Holy Spirit indwelling us.

We can trust God as Joseph learned, that GOD can overrule People's evil intentions to bring about His intended results!

Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at St. Luke's Rosewood on Sunday 2nd March 3pm will be conducted by Archdeacon Elizabeth Gaitskell. Newly elected Parish Councillors will be required to sign declarations on the day. Please bring your Blue Cards along.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be at St. Luke's Rosewood on Wednesday 5th March at 9.30am. Please bring your palm crosses to church next Sunday so Revd. John can burn them as ashes to be used in the Service.

INVITATION TO ROSEWOOD UNITING CHURCH for Morning Tea on Thursday 6th March at 10am to hear Leanne and Alan Purvis talk about their past 2 years "Reaching Cambodia for Jesus". RSVP Joyce Rieck 54641316 by 3rd March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Rosewood on Friday 7th March at 10am. This Service has been put together by the women of the Cook Islands and is based around Psalm 139. Please see Gwen Davenport if you can do a reading.



24 Feb—Men's group returns
2 Mar—Annual General Meeting
15 Mar—Rosewood Markets
29 Mar—Drakes IGA Grocery collection