

### 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:

Aletta, David & Jo & family, Enid, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint Anne's.

### Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

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

### Parish Directory

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### Churchwardens—

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### Prayer Chain Coordinator

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### Markets

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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

**26 JANUARY 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



### Today's Services

#### Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)  
5:00pm Prayer & Praise

#### All Saints, Marburg

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

### Next Week

#### Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)  
5:00pm Prayer & Praise

### Today's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 29.4—14  
Psalm 33.12—21  
1 Thessalonians 5.12—24  
Luke 4.14—21

### Reflect on today's sentence

*Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives."*  
Luke 4.18

**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

Life-giving God,  
who sent your son Jesus to proclaim  
your kingdom  
and to teach with authority:  
anoint us with your Spirit,  
that we too may bring good news to the  
poor, bind up the broken-hearted,  
and proclaim liberty to the captive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Rev'd John's Sermon Outline**

Luke 4;14..

\* vs 14. Jesus' public Ministry, the power of the Spirit, and the Messiah's role

\*vs15 The blessing to be in the Presence of God in a place of worship and not to be considered as an optional extra.

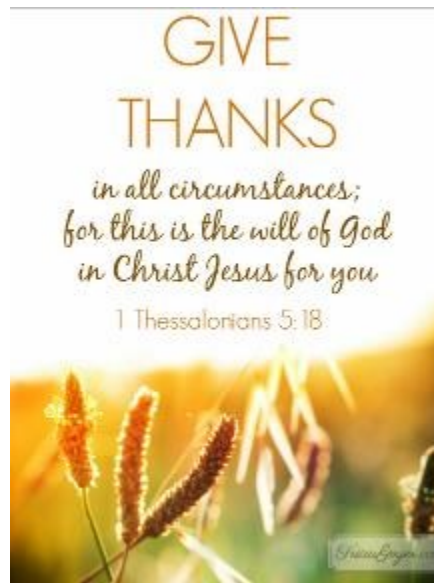
\*vs 18 - 21. Jesus taught compassion and humility

We must at all times know Jesus, as the Friend of the poor in spirit, our healer and deliverer from bondages; hatred; arrogance, pride!

THESSALONIANS 5:12-24 - GOD our source of Joy in 2025

\* v16 -Be joyful - always - our joy and thankfulness should not fluctuate with our circumstances or feelings - this we all know, goes against our natural inclinations.

With thankful hearts and renewed Faith, we as a church will find shelter in the Hope we have in Christ. A call on us to Trust our Sovereign God at all times, pour our hearts to him, for God is our refuge! -PS 62:8



## ***Our Community***

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

### **Friends on Friday**

Help needed!

Friends on Friday operates every Friday from 9 to 12 and is an outreach to Rosewood and surrounding communities. The Op Shop is also opened during this time. Last year we saw up to 25 people attending enjoying a chat and morning tea. Over the first half of this year many of our regular helpers are away for various reasons. If you feel you could help in any way in this parish ministry, please contact

Julie Walker 0429 647 873

Shirley Dance 0413 789 763

Sandra Hanel 0419 029 433

### **Reports for AGM**

The Parish AGM will be held at 3:00pm Sunday 2 March, at St Luke's. AGM Reports are required by 15 February. Please complete, email or hand your report to one of three wardens, Christina, Col or Anne.

### **Playgroup Co-Ordinator—Laidley Uniting Church**

Laidley Uniting Church is looking for a Playgroup Coordinator.

The church leadership is hopeful that, by reaching out to churches in our local community to help with advertising, the position will be filled by the right person in good time. Email [office@laidleyunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:office@laidleyunitingchurch.org.au) or phone (07) 5403 2198



2 Feb—Parish Council meeting  
15 Feb—Rosewood market  
2 Mar—Annual General Meeting