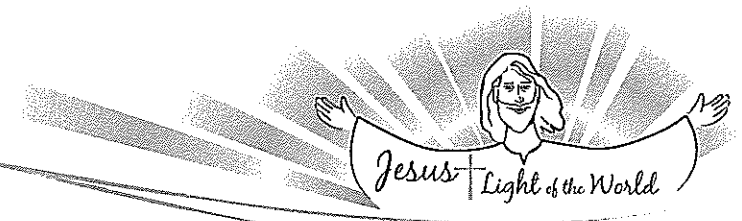


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All Saints Parish *Sharing our time, talent and treasure*



## A Short History

It was on 4 January 1986 that ALL SAINTS became a Parish in its own right. Previously the Parish was part of Our Lady and St Dymphna's Parish, Aspley and the Holy Spirit Parish, Pine Rivers.

Some three or four years prior to its founding as a Parish, the Brisbane Archdiocese purchased our Parish land in Fahey's Road, Albany Creek, with a view to establishing a church and school and other Parish buildings.

Originally, we had only an 8.00am Sunday Mass celebrated at the Community Centre in Albany Creek. Currently we celebrate four weekend Masses in the All Saints Church, as well as week day services of Mass, Rosary and Reconciliation, and Mass has been celebrated in the Convent located in DuKamp Street on Mondays for many years now.

The Parish School was our initial project and with the aid of a grant from the Commonwealth Schools Commission building commenced in 1988. All Saints Parish School opened in 1989 with Preschool and Years 1, 2 and 3. The commencement of the 1993 school year saw a full complement of primary classes to Year 7.

In 1996 All Saints became a full two stream school. It is now one of the largest primary schools in the Archdiocese.

The 26th April 1996 saw the culmination of a number of years of praying, planning, wishing and working, in the Blessing and Dedication of our new church.

In 2007, we welcomed the first intake of children into the Prep Year.

After twenty years as a parish, our church gives us a focal point to celebrate as a 'God-centred community'. The opening of our new Parish Centre continues our dream to make All Saints a more vibrant, meaningful and inclusive Parish.

## Time, Talent and Treasure in All Saints Parish, Albany Creek

In 2006, the Year of Mission, the All Saints Parish Pastoral Council made a decision to address the vision for All Saints Parish. The members of the Council drew from the outcomes of the Synod and shared their collective vision of making All Saints a more vibrant, meaningful and inclusive Parish. And so it came to be that Stewardship was adopted within All Saints Parish being strongly supported by the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

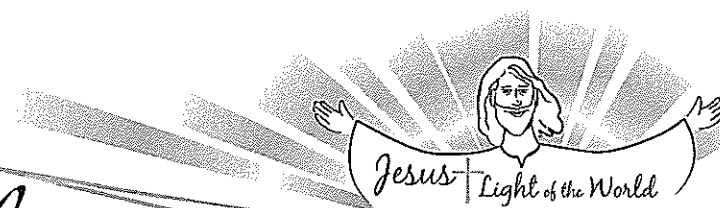
Jesus shed light on the role of a steward (Mt. 24:14-30, Lk. 12:42-48) and how each of us will be measured with their unique "sum", i.e. a mix of talents, abilities and opportunities, according to what we have done with what we have been given. Parishioners of All Saints Parish, therefore, are encouraged to share in our Master's happiness by using their Time, Talent and Treasure to build up God's Kingdom within All Saints Parish, the Archdiocese of Brisbane and beyond.

## Time

The time we have, has been given to us by God. It is a gift from God that we need to use wisely. Do we:

- Give enough time to God in our daily life?
- Use our time wisely to build up the Kingdom of God?

*If not us, who?  
If not here, where?  
If not now, when?  
If not for the Kingdom, why?*  
(Author unknown)



## Talent

Each person has been given special gifts and talents by God. Each is challenged to use them for the glory of God and return them with increase to God. Are we:

- Using the Gifts and Talents God has given us?
- Using the Gifts and Talents God has given us for the correct purposes?
- Encouraging others to "Let their Light Shine" by using their God-given gifts?

If you would like to actively participate in the life of All Saints Parish, please contact a coordinator of one of the diverse range of groups or return the "Sharing our Time and Talent" Form within this booklet to one of the collection plates at the weekend Masses.

## Treasure

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*  
(Matthew 6:21)

The biblical roots of "treasure" originates in the Old Testament, known since as "First Fruits", when the people of Israel made their act of allegiance to God, the giver of all, by the offering of their first fruits at the beginning of the grain harvests. In the New Testament (John's Gospel), we learn that during Holy Week, Jesus had gathered with his disciples in Jerusalem for Passover, and while the Passover lambs were being sacrificed in the temple, Jesus, the Lamb of God, was dying a sacrificial death of the cross. He rose from the dead on Sunday, the very day of the Feast of the First Fruits. We have since come to know that through

God giving us God's first fruits, His only begotten Son, Jesus, we may have eternal life.

Today, our attitude towards giving of our Treasure remains the same, i.e. through the giving of our first fruits and not from our abundance, we respond in terms of the need to give rather than giving to a need.

Opportunities exist in the Parish to share our treasure through the Thanksgiving Renewal Programme, Weekly Offerings, Special Appeals, without overlooking the Capital Campaign established for the building of the Parish Centre.

## Adult Faith Education

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The aim of this ministry is threefold:

- 1) to develop a knowledge of the Word of God
- 2) to connect and build right relationships with God, His Son, Jesus, and our fellow parishioners through sharing our faith journeys
- 3) to discover through group reflection and prayer, how to best apply God's Word in our lives.

To achieve this, a variety of subject matters or courses are chosen and submitted to the Parish Priest, Fr Ron Mollison and the Parish Pastoral Council for approval. The popular central venue is a mid-week evening at the Church for sessions lasting no longer than 2 hours or within volunteered homes of parishioners. Programs and courses are promoted in the weekly Church newsletter.

Preparation time varies depending on the level of involvement:

- a participant is obliged to attend and be punctual for the program's duration and come prepared if the program has involved follow-up 'homework study'
- a leader is obliged to be part of a team to lead a group discussion, guided by a study booklet when applicable, and assist with setting-up, welcoming, packing away and locking up the Church.

## Albany Fair Annual Event 1st Sunday in June

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A Fair Committee is responsible for overseeing a band of approximately 70 stall convenors.

Planning begins in February, with newsletters published regularly to keep the school and Parish populations informed as to the progress of planning and also to ask for help in the form of people-power or donations.

Now one of the biggest events of its kind in this area, the profits are in excess of \$90,000 split 50/50 between parish and school. We have a wonderful band of volunteers working in the lead-up to the Fair (with varying levels of commitment), with approximately 350 needed on the day itself. Thanks for your email. One of the team will reply to you within 24 hours. If you require a more urgent response, please contact one of us on mobile [contact details left].

All Saints Parish School opened in January 1989, with an enrolment of 87 students; 58 in years 1-3 and 29 in Preschool. In 2010 our P-7 enrolments were approximately 700 and there were 100 children enrolled in our preschool.

The place of the school within the context of the All Saints Parish is summed up in the school's Mission Statement.

All Saints Parish School is a community of children, parents and staff within the Parish Family. We believe in a Spirit of Love, which has its foundations in Jesus Christ and Gospel values, therefore we will develop and support an environment of learning and faith where the whole child is educated. We accept the challenges to do so in an open and trusting way consistent with our school motto: **"Walk in Love"**.

We therefore strive to:

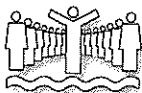
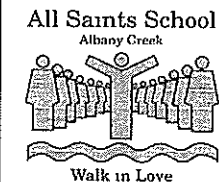
- Ensure that love is central to the life of our community and that a spirit of unconditional acceptance of each individual permeates the school environment
- Provide a true faith community where our pupils will come to know and appreciate God's love by living in a community which truly reflects that love to them in word and action
- Make the school a place where all are treated justly and where conflicts are resolved in a way which pertains to the dignity of the individual
- Achieve the fullest possible development of the intellectual, social, physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of each individual, consistent with their identified needs and aspirations.

There are many opportunities to share your time and talent within the Parish School community.

## All Saints Parish School

Opened  
January 1989

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Steve Montgomery  
or School Office on  
3264 3695



**All Saints Parents & Friends**

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3264 3695

The role of the Parents & Friends is primarily to build on the school spirit by creating a social atmosphere for all parents and to assist the school in the purchase of many needed resources.

All parents are members and we feel that the parent involvement is very important in our children's schooling. To enable us to achieve our goal, we have fundraising ventures as well as numerous social gatherings. Our Parents & Friends has a significant input into the school policy-making area of the school.

The Parents & Friends meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm with the AGM in October of each year. All parents are welcome to nominate for any position.

**Altar Servers**

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Children from Year 5 are encouraged to come forward to be an Altar Server, through the Parish Priest, Fr Ron Mollison. As well, Fr Ron attends the classrooms of All Saints and talks to the children. He hands to interested children a letter which lets the parents of the children know of the interest expressed and asks for the Mass time at which their child/ren would like to serve.

A Roster is provided and updated twice per year, which can be collected from the Church trolley, as well as the current and upcoming week's roster reminder in the Church newsletter.

All Altar Servers are given a Responsibilities Sheet to keep as a reminder of how best to serve and assist Father at their rostered Mass. The classes are held in the church on days and at times as decided by Father each year.

**Baptism**

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All Saints offers a compulsory Baptism Preparation Session to help you prepare for your child's baptism. You will need to attend one of these before your baby is baptised. You can book to attend one of these sessions by phoning the parish office. A baptism date can only be booked at one of the preparation sessions, not through the parish office.

Please feel welcome to visit our website: [www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/albanyck/](http://www.parishes.bne.catholic.net.au/albanyck/) - go to Sacraments/Baptism, for FAQs (frequently asked questions) or for the Role of Godparents.

This team aims to welcome and help in the preparation of families who wish to have their child baptised.

The time commitment for members of this team is on hour on a given number of Sundays during the year. You can nominate to assist in a variety of ways - it could be in hospitality, presenting or assisting in setting up Baptisms. You can nominate as many or as few Sundays as you please. The talents required are love of families and the initiation of children into God's family.

**Baptism Preparation Team**

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The FREE Bible Explorer's Handbook has been in production for four years, with a quarterly circulation of approximately 1300 copies. It is distributed to approximately 90 mailing addresses, including about 40 parishes within the Archdiocese, plus many other Parishes, as well as to numerous individuals around Queensland. To date approximately 16,700 copies have been distributed.

The Bible Explorer's Handbook was the result of a Scripture Expo, hosted by All Saints Parish in October, 2002, opened by His Grace, Archbishop John Bathersby. The Handbook advises on Scripture courses and programs, within the Archdiocese. It also contains many Scripture based articles, stories, and other related information. Copies are always available on the trolley in the Gathering Space of the Church.

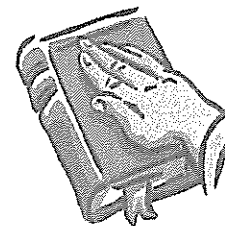
The time allocated to the handbook is approximately 3 weeks, near full time each quarter, to produce, print and distribute. Additional people are welcomed to be involved in producing, printing and distributing this Handbook.

**Bible Explorer's Handbook**

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*"Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light for my path."*

PSALM 119: 105



## Bible Jottings

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This small Article Is Included In the Parish Newsletter each week. Its purpose is to bring the word and word of the Gospels to the people of our Parish Community living with the worldview of the 21<sup>st</sup> Cent. It is to enrich our love of Jesus and to concentrate on his message of the Kingdom of God, and of his commandment to "love one another as I have loved you. (Jn.13:34). It is to remind us all of Jesus' words "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me" (Jn.14:6) and the meaning they hold for us. And it is written also to engage our interest in the development of our spirituality and love of God, using Church directives and contemporary examples.

Each article is 350 words in length and depending on the subject matter, can require up to at least one day to research, prepare, draft and finalise organise.

Christina Kelleher – Coordinator  
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The 'DID YOU KNOW' inserts range over quite a few subject matters, from trivia to religiously pertinent subject matter.



## Care & Concern Group

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*"...the Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few ..."*

Matthew 9:35-38

Inspired by the love of the Father, the word and example of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this volunteer Parish-based group serves the needs of the people in our community in a Christian, neighbourly and practical way.

Short term or emergency help is offered through: visitation, transport, meals, handyman and home help, and limited respite care. The amount of time involved varies by demand and according to the need, eg. a cooked meal at a few days notice to the duration of a visit for someone sick or a handyman job. You are welcome to add your name not to all but to a specific area of help.

Jesus says in John 16:24: 'I tell you the truth, my father will give you whatever you ask in my name.'

Care and Concern Prayer Requests appear in the weekly Church newsletter. By simply phoning Marlene, the name of the person in need of prayers can be included in the list until such time as you inform that the need has passed and/or the prayers have been answered. All prayers for healing to our Heavenly Father are asked in the name of Jesus.

This ministry requires a lending ear of compassion and a certain degree of confidentiality for any further details given.

Don't hesitate to seek this invaluable support if you have the need to ask for prayers for your family, friends and loved ones.

"Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)

Catholics Returning Home is a six week programme offered twice a year to reach out and invite non-practising Catholics home. It is designed as an entry point for returning Catholics where they feel welcomed and accepted, and where they can comfortably share their pain, hurts and concerns. The programme (one and a half hours a week) is run by a team of five or six parishioners who work together to advertise and lead the programme.

The Catholics Returning Home programme helps many non-practising Catholics develop a personal relationship with God and return to the practice of their faith in a loving community, and participate again in the graces of the Sacramental life of the Church.

## Care & Concern Prayer Requests

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