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**CHURCHES**  
St Michael's Church & Hall  
22 Kennedy Street  
Kilcoy, Q 4515

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16 Peterson Road  
Woodford, Q 4514

**RECONCILIATION TIMES**  
**St Mary's Woodford**  
1st & 3rd weekend of the month:  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:40pm

**St Michael's Kilcoy**  
2nd & 4th weekend of the month:  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:40pm

**ECUMENICAL:**  
**eCafe:** Last Friday of the month  
at St Mary's Hall Woodford at  
9:30 am - To recommence in  
2018

**VISITATIONS**  
**Woodford Correctional Centre**  
Each Friday am: Prison Ministry

**Embracia (Woodford)**  
Each Wednesday 11:15am:  
Communion Service except on the  
last Wednesday of the month,  
Mass is held.

**Aloaka (Kilcoy)**  
Communion by arrangement

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL,  
PARISH OPEN & PARISH FINANCE  
COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
2018 dates being finalized and  
will be included in the standard  
times from the New Year.

Fr Dantus Thottathil will take up  
his ministry in Stanley River at the  
masses on 24 & 25 Feb.

Parish Happenings:

2018 activities being planned  
by PPC, related sub-  
committees and PFC and may  
change with a new Parish  
Priest.

Jan/Feb	Mass Times
Saturday	Sunday
6th: 6pm Woodford	7th: 8am Kilcoy
13th: 6pm Kilcoy	14th: 8am Woodford
20th: 6pm Woodford	21st: 8am Kilcoy
27th: 6pm Kilcoy	28th: 8am Woodford
3rd: 6pm Woodford	4th: 8am Kilcoy
10th: 6pm Kilcoy	11th: 8am Woodford
17th: 6pm Woodford	18th: 8am Kilcoy
24th: 6pm Kilcoy	25th: 8am Woodford

**WELCOME:**  
Bishop Brian Heenan DD is our celebrant this weekend of the Epiphany. Please make him welcome.  
Bishop Brian will also celebrate Mass in Stanley River on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time & the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.



**A VOCATION VIEW:**  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Year B:  
Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all!

**YEAR OF YOUTH: 2018**  
Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.

**Privacy:** The privacy of all individuals with whom the Stanley River Catholic Parish interacts is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. Our Privacy Policy is available on request from the parish office or at [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au).

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults:**  
The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for both paid and voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and health ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in paid & voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults.  
**Local Safeguarding Officers (LSO):**  
**Kilcoy:** Anne Barradeen  
**Woodford:** Derek Evans  
Phone the office number and leave your name and a number and the LSO will return your call.

Woodford	This week (6-12 Jan)	Next Week (13-19 Jan)
Hall Cleaner	Della Lopez	Lyn Holmes
Church Cleaner	Anton Lenhart	Sharon Haug
Gardens	Mike Christie	Mike Christie
Readers	Mike Christie	Margaret Cox
	Peter Lopez	Pam Cuskelly
Special Ministers	Barry McKenna	Mary-Anne Quinlan-Smith
	Jackie Lane	John Burton
	Ross Stewart	Vonnie Bischoff

Kilcoy	This Week (6-12 Jan)	Next Week (13-19 Jan)
Hall Cleaner	Mary B & Kay L	
Church Cleaner	Anne Barradeen	Anne Barradeen
Yard/Mower	Mary Burt	
Readers	Helen Byrne	Mary Burt
	Trish Poole	Jim Slingsby
Special Ministers	Pam Cuskelly	Anne Barradeen
	Nelen Baker	Joan Stanton

**Prayer Intentions**

For the sick: John Benson, Jim Cassidy, Naomi Drew, Olivia Gibbs, Eileen Feldman, Charlie Fletcher, Jane Handsley, Christine Hewitt, **Judy Holman, Patricia MacDonald, Russell Maher, Anna O'Callahan,** Beth Poulton, Adele Scott, Kirsten Studholme, Rex Sutherland, Ivy Turner,

For those who died recently: Bishop John Gerry, Carmen Altez

For those with anniversaries occurring in January: Vicki Anderson, Baby Noah Burton, Steve Casey, Merridy Crow, Bill Eneberg, Mary Feekery, Elizabeth Fletcher, Marie Hammell, Rosa Just, Jacob Kapel, Karlhernz Krausbeck, Mario Lgar, Fr Patrick McHugh, Fredi Milner, Frances (Francie) Nell, David Pearce, Mercia Peters, Fay Phelan, Jo Pintar, Mizpak Schache, Robin Tweeny, Mavis Warman

*Please complete form to include you family and friends on 'Prayer Intentions'.*

From St Therese of Lisieux, 24 yrs old, 19th Cent contemplative nun.

**YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:**  
The Year of Youth is to engage 12 to 30 year olds and whilst there are not many in this age range, we would like to do some activities to include the parish in their faith journey. If anyone in that age range or knows of someone in that age range, please register by sending an email to [Stanley@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:Stanley@bne.catholic.net.au) with the subject line: **Year of Youth Registration of Interest.**



St Vincent de Paul Conference  
Telephone number for assistance: 1800 846 643  
Or 1800VINNIES Free call  
You will be asked for your postcode:  
Woodford 4514 or Kilcoy 4515 & transferred (please leave a message).

**YEAR OF YOUTH 2018**

As many of you realise: The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3rd December 2017), as a national Year of Youth.

This is an exciting opportunity in the life of the church to focus on young people.

The Year of Youth invites the church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church.

The Year of Youth aims are:

- ⇒ To prayerfully discern the Australian Bishops' vision for ministry with young people, Anointed and Sent;
- ⇒ Authentic and personal engagement by Church leaders in the challenges and success in young people's lives;
- ⇒ Acknowledging the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of young people, and young people acting upon the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church; and
- ⇒ Upholding the dignity of young people, ensuring a safe environment from physical, emotional and spiritual harm.

The Year of Youth is focused on local renewal and engagement.

From the Year of Youth website [www.youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth](http://www.youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth).

Bishop John Gerry, a generous soul gone but not forgotten

One of Brisbane's most popular leaders and the "architect" of an archdiocesan social welfare arm, Bishop John Gerry, [...was ...] laid to rest on the 67th anniversary of his priesthood. Tributes have flowed for the retired Brisbane auxiliary bishop, who died on December 13 at Holy Spirit Northside Hospital, aged 90.

Hundreds of mourners [...attended ...] his funeral at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, December 21, the date he was ordained in 1950. Bishop Gerry had been a bishop for 42 years, serving Brisbane between 1975 and 2003.

A man with a deep sense of God's goodness to the world, he told the congregation attending his 40th anniversary as a bishop in 2015 to "remain a people of hope". "I, and we, can say God has been good to us; the Lord has looked after us," Bishop Gerry said. "No matter what transpires we remain a people of hope."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the Brisbane archdiocese had been "richly blessed" by Bishop Gerry's extensive service to the Church. "We offer our prayers and sympathy to Bishop John's family and friends and to the many to whom he ministered so well for so long," Archbishop Coleridge said.

Born on June 1, 1927, Bishop Gerry was one of nine children from Brisbane. In 1946, the Australian bishops sent a 19-year-old John Gerry to study in the seminary at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome. In an interview with The Catholic Leader in 2015, he said his studies in the eternal city "made me aware of the whole world" and gave him a front-row seat to the unfolding of the Second Vatican Council.

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After his ordination to the priesthood in 1950, he returned to Brisbane serving in the parishes of Coolangatta, Burleigh Heads, St Stephen's Cathedral, Stafford and Herston, before being appointed as auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane on June 5, 1975. He was ordained a bishop by Brisbane Archbishop Francis Rush on July 29, 1975, at St Stephen's Cathedral. Bishop Gerry recalled entering the cathedral with "wobbling knees" but heard a voice beckoning him to stand firm for a new mission.

"It was something palpable, I can remember it still, and I floated into the cathedral," Bishop Gerry said in his homily for his 40th anniversary as a priest. One of Bishop Gerry's closest colleagues, former episcopal office secretary Christine Hickey, worked for him between 2000 and 2014. Ms Hickey last saw Bishop Gerry in May ahead of his 90th birthday "at his favourite Italian restaurant, Il Viale in Graceville, which he liked to call "Paolo's" after the owner. She said he was an unforgettable, popular man, who would be missed by hundreds but "more than ever" by his younger sister Therese. "She was a marvellous support to him," Ms Hickey said.

Bishop Gerry was a shepherd for thousands as a parish priest, but his impact at Stafford parish was the most significant. Even when he was ordained a bishop, Stafford parishioners would call into his office and ask to talk to "Fr Gerry". "The people never forgot him," Ms Hickey said.

Retired Brisbane priest Fr Clem Hodge followed in Bishop Gerry's footsteps, inheriting the Stafford parish in 1975. Fr Hodge said Bishop Gerry had started various initiatives including a parish council, family groups and a parish credit union, and he welcomed the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth who taught in the neighbouring school. "He came to Stafford when it was a growing parish with many young families," Fr Hodge said. "He was respected among the priests and people as a great pastor. "Forty years later his memory is still strong in the Queen of Apostles Parish."

During his episcopate, Bishop Gerry was appointed the vicar for social welfare, and chairman of Australian Catholic Relief – now called Caritas Australia. His increasing support for social welfare and a desire to serve the poor on a national scale led him to develop blueprints for what is now known as Centacare.

Wilma Bowman worked closely with Bishop Gerry in the Catholic Social Response office during the 1980s and '90s. Commissioned by Archbishop Rush, Catholic Social Response was "to be the ears, eyes, voice and conscience of social welfare in the archdiocese". Mrs Bowman developed a growing interest in the disabilities sector and, with Bishop Gerry at the helm, set up the first church-led service for people with disabilities. Together they rallied to provide employment, accommodation and respite care for people with disabilities, which were controversial moves for the time. "Employment wasn't even considered for people with disabilities," Mrs Bowman said. "There were some concerns in the Church about whether they should be doing this. Bishop Gerry represented the legal side and the inspirational side. There is a lot more acceptance of people with a disability because of Bishop Gerry." Mrs Bowman said Bishop Gerry always made time for her and Catholic Social Response co-ordinator Brian Kennedy. "He was both an inspiration and supportive at all times," she said.

Centacare executive director Peter Selwood said Bishop Gerry built the foundations of the organisation, which serves more than 150,000 in Brisbane. "In fact he is the architect of Centacare," Mr Selwood said. "His designs, based on quality person-centred care, highly committed carers and the active involvement of the Church, provide the framework that has allowed us to become one of the largest and most dynamic social services providers in the country. "The care we provide to tens of thousands of people will always be Bishop John's legacy."

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