

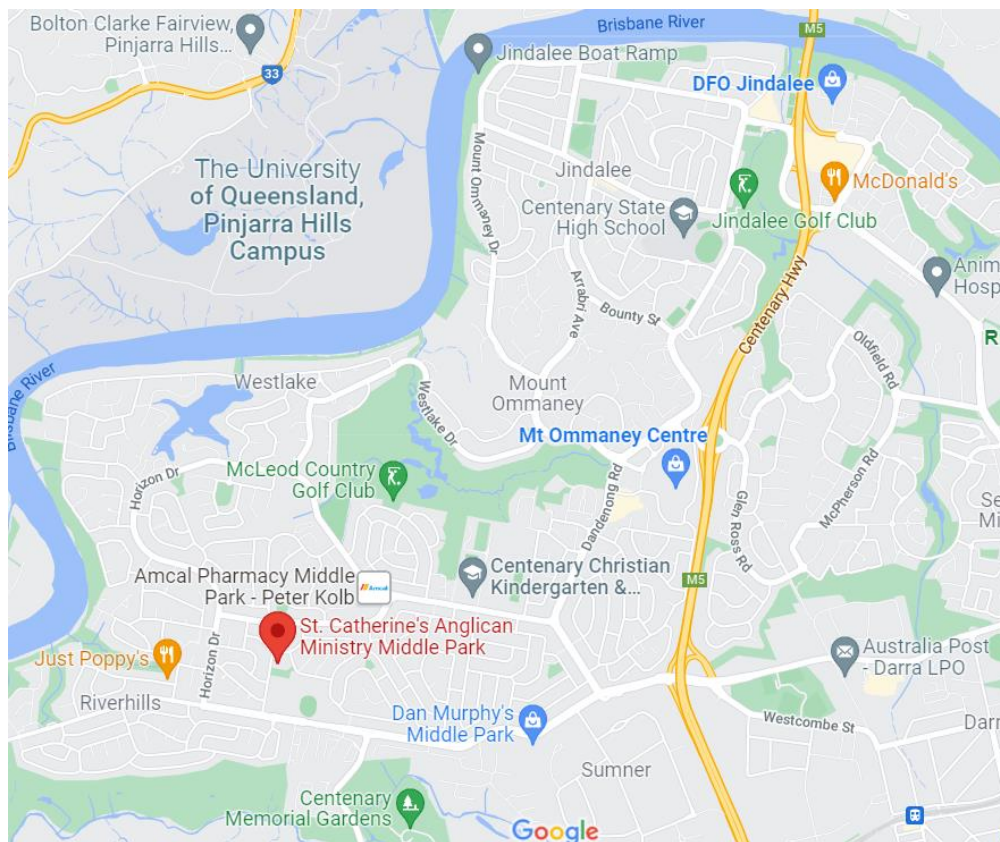
St. Catherine's Anglican Ministry Centenary Suburbs



Parish Profile
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Where we are



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About us

Profile of St. Catherine's

The Anglican Church has had a presence in the area since 1965 with St Catherine's declared as a Benefice Parish in 1982.

St Catherine's is situated in the heart of the area known as the Centenary Suburbs in Brisbane, in beautiful sub-tropical Queensland. It includes the suburbs of Westlake, Mt. Ommaney, Middle Park, Riverhills, Jindalee, Jamboree Heights, Sinnamon Park, and Seventeen Mile Rocks. It's a well-established residential area with people from diverse backgrounds.

Our nearest major shopping centre is in Mt. Ommaney. There is a DFO (Direct Factory Outlet), cinema, and a homewares and furniture centre nearby with smaller, local shopping hubs scattered throughout the suburbs. Medical facilities, bus and train transport and emergency services are located nearby. Employment opportunities exist in the service and retail outlets throughout the area, and light industry businesses in Sumner Park Industrial Estate and nearby Darra.

The suburbs are accessed via the Centenary Highway. Brisbane city is only 18km away and motorways to the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast are easily accessible from our location. A trip to the airports can be made in just 30 minutes using the tunnels.

People in the middle-income group populate much of the area with some higher incomes in Westlake and Mt. Ommaney.

There are approximately 90 people on the parish roll. There is a significant child/youth population in the suburbs but very few school children or youth attend St. Catherine's. The largest proportion of people who attend regular worship are aged over 60.

Buildings and Grounds

Buildings comprise the rectory which is adjacent to the church. The church itself and the church hall are part of the same building with a foldable "wall" to separate the two areas. Generally, the wall is kept closed as the church space is adequate for regular worship and this separates the areas for hall use throughout the week. The wall can easily be folded back for occasions when more space is needed.

The church hall is available for hire for casual and regular bookings.

The church and rectory are surrounded by well-maintained gardens, and the lush and leafy surrounds of the Garden of Memories located between the buildings provides some separation and privacy. We also have a labyrinth and anyone in the community is welcome to use this peaceful space.

The rectory meets Diocesan standards and is a substantial building with the main living area upstairs, accessed by an internal staircase or via the external steps. Polished wooden floors, relatively new carpets and plenty of windows on all sides make it a very comfortable dwelling. It comprises four generous sized bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, kitchen, living and dining areas. The area downstairs (which was originally our worship space before the church was built) comprises a very large double garage and storage space, shower room and toilet, office and a large room which opens on to well cared-for gardens.



Worship

AT ST. CATHERINE'S

Our approach to liturgy is traditional, using "A Prayer Book for Australia" as the source for our services. The Order of Service for Sundays is a Powerpoint presentation projected on to the wall.

Currently we offer the following services.

Sunday Worship

7.00 am Holy Communion
(said service with traditional hymns)

9.00 am Holy Communion
(family service with hymns/songs)

Morning tea is held after each service.

Wednesday Worship

10.00 am – Holy Communion

Attendance at the 7.00am service is usually 18-20 people, with the majority of parishioners attending the 9.00am service.

The Wednesday morning service has a small attendance of up to 10 people, most of whom also attend Sunday services.

We do not currently run a Children's Church/Sunday School program although this has been a very vibrant ministry in the past.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, St. Catherine's has been open for private prayer and all worship services whenever regulations have permitted, which has really helped to keep our church family connected.

OTHER VENUES – AGED CARE :

Currently the only external venue is at James Ommaney Village in Jindalee. This is Holy Communion held on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00pm.

Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic, monthly worship services were also held at Tricare Jindalee and at Sinnamon Park Aged Care.

Study Groups

We have a Bible study group who meets on a weekly basis, which is led by laity. Seasonal studies are also held for Lent and Advent.

Other local communities

Primary Schools:

Jindalee State School, Jamboree Heights State School, Middle Park State School (adjacent to the church), Good News Lutheran, Darra Jindalee Catholic, Mt. Ommaney Special School.

Centenary State High School

St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake (Although not in our parish, we do have a connection with this school.)

Girl Guides (adjacent to the church)

West Centenary Scout Group

St. Catherine's United Football Club Inc. (See next page for more details.)

Child Care Centres (5)

Aged Care facilities:

Tricare Jindalee
Sinnamon Village
James Ommaney Village
Seasons Sinnamon Park

Non-Anglican Churches in the area:

Uniting, Baptist, Lutheran, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic, Church of Christ, Riverlife Baptist, iSEE CHURCH

St. Catherine's from the street



Looking Outwards

Many of our parishioners and friends enjoy socialising and spending time together. We have Men's and Ladies' Fellowship groups; dinner/lunch groups which meet throughout the year; and Art and Bridge groups which meet in the hall on a weekly basis.

Our priest is patron of St. Catherine's United Football Club Inc., ("St.Cats"). They play at our local Council-owned sporting grounds, Peter Lightfoot Oval, under by-laws administered by Queensland Christian Soccer Association (QCSA) and FIFA.

We also have a group of tennis players who play once a week at local courts.

Not all members of these groups are worshippers at St. Catherine's, but enjoy the friendship and support of those who are.

In 2019, in negotiation with Playgroup Queensland, we started a new community group called Centenary Playgroup which meets in the church hall once a week during school term. Our primary thinking was we would have access to these families and therefore the opportunity to invite and involve more young families in our church life.

With the help and hard work of several parishioners and one other community volunteer, we have provided weekly support to help the group become established. Now that it is, the parents/grandparents have been encouraged to take leadership of the group and have done so. We continue to attend and support but in a lesser way, and we continue to invite them to join us.

Finances

Since the pandemic, our main sources of income are from parish giving and fund-raising activities held throughout the year, as permitted.

Government grants have been obtained in the past which enabled significant building repairs and improvements to be carried out.

The parish has sufficient funds to manage its affairs and pay for one full time Priest, and a part time Administrative Assistant, if the current level of fundraising is maintained.

Giving is declining and this is a problem we face.

The parish is debt free at this time and its finances are stable enough to support the work of the wider church at the diocesan level and beyond, although our contributions have been decreased in recent years.



What we do

What we do well

The St. Catherine's community is very welcoming, caring for each other and those in our wider community. Generosity of time and talents, and support for outreach and fund-raising efforts is very apparent. (E.g. regular food and clothing donations for local Anglican agency, "beanie" donations to Mission to Seafarers, volunteers to help with Playgroup Qld.; responding to calls for community assistance, etc.)

We enjoy strong lay leadership in worship – readers, LA's, musicians, sides persons, welcomers, and intercessors.

Areas where we need to grow

Youth/young families

We need to develop new ideas on how we can grow in numbers and discipleship. Planning effective approaches to invite, welcome, encourage, nurture, and teach younger members of our community to join us is needed. With many time-poor families whose own priorities and those for their children often lie elsewhere, this has been an ongoing challenge. To ensure that we continue to have a presence here well in to the future, this is vital.

Lay leadership

Key areas include:

- identifying and tapping into the wealth of gifts we already have in our church membership to optimise use of our resources, and
- encouraging, and having training available, for parishioners who are willing to lead small groups for prayer, study and fellowship.

Where we see our future

Our Mission Action Plan is currently being reviewed and updated, but our key areas of focus are listed below.

Parish Ministry - A congregation made up of all age groups, diversities and backgrounds, who celebrates God's presence through inspiring worship.

Outreach Ministry – A community who connects, builds and sustains supportive relationships with the wider community by being aware of and identifying areas where we may assist. E.g. welcoming new people to the area, supporting environmental groups, responding to calls for assistance, advocating for social justice issues.

A Missional Church – A congregation who gathers for worship, encouragement, and teaching so that we can be sent forth confident and empowered for mission.

Ministry to Children, Youth and Young Families – A vibrant church, focussed on a welcoming environment for children and young families where they can experience belonging, and have the necessary resources available to help them build their faith.

Sustainable Ministry – A community who embraces the wise use and protection of God's gifts, encompassing human, environmental and financial resources.



Our parish leader

Worship is central, so there is a need to provide inspired contemporary worship which embraces all people and their understanding.

We see that our parish leader will:

- have energy and enthusiasm;
- foster prayer and meditation in the lives of parishioners;
- be a person of integrity, who has a deep sense of service;
- have a strong pastoral care focus and is prepared to visit people in their homes and in hospital;
- have a desire and commitment to build and sustain a ministry to young families and children
- possess good management, counselling, and communication skills
- encourage participation and leadership
- generally be a happy, positive-thinking person, with a good sense of humour, who will be our guide and companion as we all strive to build God's kingdom together.

For further information or to make an enquiry, please contact the Bishop's office via his secretary, email bsecretary@anglicanchurchsq.org.au.

Labyrinth



The Rectory



Garden of Memories

