



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

Today all three readings are about mercy.  
Mercy is the gift God has given us to recover what was lost,  
and so mercy enables us to escape the past  
and find a new future.

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C ~ Hours of Sunday, Te Deum ~ Psalter Week 4 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## CATHOLIC CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Catholic Church**  
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets Bundaberg CBD

**St Patrick's Catholic Church**  
16 Powers Street Bundaberg West

**St Mary's Catholic Church**  
Corner Barolin & Boston Streets Bundaberg South

**St James' Catholic Church**  
38 See Street Bargara

## PARISH OFFICE & CHRISTIAN GIFT & BOOKSTORE

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Bundaberg Qld 4670

### Parish Office Hours

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 The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

### Pastoral Team

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*Associate Pastor* - Fr Andrew Hogan  
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*Stewardship & Adult Faith Co-ordinator* - Nadia Fregonese  
*Visitation & Bereavement Co-ordinator* - Denise Tuzes  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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www.sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au  
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*Principal* - Mark Fox

**Shalom College** - (07) 4155 8111  
www.shalomcollege.com  
*Principal* - Dan McMahon



## BBI eConference - MERCY : A Way of Being in the World

To help enrich the faith life of our Catholic communities throughout Australia, the Broken Bay Institute will present one of its most creative initiatives in the area of faith formation - the annual **eConference**. This year's theme, "**Mercy: A Way of Being in the World**", will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith.

Speakers include:



**Archbishop Mark Coleridge** - Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. Previously, he served as Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn and Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. Prior to becoming a Bishop in 2002, he served for five years in the Vatican Secretariat of State. He is a theologian and teacher especially qualified in the fields of Sacred Scripture and the Church's liturgical worship.

*eConference topics include - Pope Francis' vision and dream of Mercy in our Church and world & Leaving Space for Mercy: the Sermon on the Mount*



**Sr Veronica Lawson RSM Phd**, Scripture scholar and author, Veronica Lawson is an Australian Sister of Mercy and the first woman to be elected to the presidency of the Australian Catholic Biblical Association (1988-89). She is probably best known for her online Sunday gospel reflections, which have a global circulation. Her recent publication, "**The Blessing of Mercy: Bible Perspectives and Ecological Challenges**", has been widely acclaimed as a significant resource for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

*eConference topics include - Leaving Space for Mercy: a Hebrew Perspective & A Lucan Perspective*



**Mr Phil Glendenning**, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre since its inception in 1996 and currently the President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

He has been presented with several awards and titles for his work in human rights advocacy and education including an Honorary Doctorate by the Australian Catholic University, the Sir Ron Wilson Award for Human Rights by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and most recently an Award for Advocacy from Baptistcare Western Australia.

*eConference topic - The Cry of the Poor, the Cry of the Earth*

Join us at the Parish Office on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 where the **eConference** will be broadcasted live. Arrive 10am for registration and 'cuppa', commencing 10:30am and concluding 2:45pm. Lunch will be provided (*gold coin donations will be accepted to offset catering costs*). To register or enquire, please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666. Program schedules are also available. All are welcome.





# Jubilee of Mercy

## Merciful like the Father

Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy  
Visit the Imprisoned

"Remember those who are in prison, as if in prison with them" (Heb 13:3). When Jesus began his public ministry in his home town of Nazareth, he quoted from the prophet Isaiah that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives (Lk 4:18). Society has good reasons to keep some people incarcerated, but they too have a claim on our mercy. When we might be tempted to withhold our care from them, it would be good to recall how many saints have spent time in jail. Jesus himself experienced this condition, thereby making the prison cell sacred ground. His good news is meant for all people regardless of their circumstances.

There are practical challenges when it comes to visiting prisoners, but the Church does have a ministry to them and properly-trained volunteers are always needed. In addition, we might look for ways to help those whose spouses or parents are incarcerated. They suffer not only the pain of separation but the stigma of guilt. We can also exercise this work of mercy by speaking up for the dignity of prisoners. Our prisons are overcrowded and conditions can be dehumanizing for prisoners and guards alike. We must recognize that even those who are guilty of the most heinous crimes possess human dignity. Our Lord said, "When you did it to the least of these, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Those who committed brutal crimes and have been imprisoned are certainly "the least" in the eyes of society. Those who were most marginalized were the special recipients of Christ's merciful outreach two thousand years ago and he wants us, the members of his Body, to continue his mission.

Another important group of people who stand in need of the mercy of this work are juvenile offenders. These young people have found themselves behind bars because something or someone has failed them. We should not be naïve: working with young offenders requires discretion and training. There will be heartbreaks and setbacks. But if it is a tragedy when any human being stops hoping, it is doubly so when that human being is standing on the threshold of adult life.

Finally, we can expand this work of mercy to embrace those who are imprisoned by the circumstances of life. The elderly shut-ins in our parishes, the residents of homes for the aged, and those who are trapped in addictions of various kinds are incarcerated in different ways. Their isolation is less dramatic than if they were literally in prison, but for that very reason they are deserving of our care. And, because they live in our neighbourhoods and may be members of our own family, we have easy access to them.

We read in the Acts of the Apostles that once when Paul and Silas were in prison they were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them (Acts 16:25). May our hymns of praise to the God who sets us free reach the ears of our sisters and brothers in prison!

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**SATURDAY**  
6:00pm St Patrick's

**SUNDAY**  
Amos 8:4-7;  
1 Tim 2:1-8;  
Lk 16:1-13.

7:00am St James'  
8:00am Holy Rosary  
9:00am St Mary's  
5:30pm Holy Rosary



Visit the imprisoned

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### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Please Note: All times marked with \* are Liturgies of the Word (LWC)

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept St John Chrysostom	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept
1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Lk 7:1-10.	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17.	Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17.	Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27.	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3.	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15.
9:00am St Patrick's	9:00am St James' * 12:15pm Holy Rosary	8:00am Shalom 5:30pm St Patrick's *	6:30am St Mary's	12:15pm Holy Rosary	7.30am St Mary's *

14/09/2016 : Millbank (Anointing Mass) | 15/09/2016 : St Mary's (Anointing Mass)

### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9:00am - 10:00am at Holy Rosary Church or by Appointment.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Lillian O'Bryan (Vic); Cliff Diamond; Emanuel Borg; Alistair Langhorn; Daphne Joan 'Jem' Ireland; Betty Charles (*Bever's Mother*); Leslie Allen; Clare Thomsen (NSW); Michael Lawrence; Florence "Flo" Grant; Teofista Onglao; Yvonne Douglas; Merv Williamson; Mary "Molly" Jarvis; Dawn Blacklock; Ian Sotherland (*Ipswich*); Margaret Proctor (*Maryborough*); Victorino Pagulayan; Eduardo Tubballi Arirao (*Philippines*); Audrey Nielsen; Rev. Fr Michael Cantwell MSC (*NSW*); Preding Pugoy (*Philippines*); Margaret McCarthy (*Gatton*).

### DATE CLAIMERS

The Bundaberg CWLA Younger Group will meet again for dinner on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6:30pm at Sabrosa Steakhouse. If you would like to come along, you would be most welcomed. Please contact Maureen - (4252 1263) if you are attending or for further information.

The Friends of Kepnock Grove Auxiliary invite you to their:

### ANNUAL CENT SALE

**When:** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 9:30am

**Where:** Community Hall, Carinity Kepnock Grove

**Cost:** \$3.00

For bookings, contact Casimir ~ 4151 4888 or Beryl ~ 4152 2538.

*A Good Morning Assured!*

### Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Service

For the parents of babies who died too soon before, during or after birth.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
7:00pm

For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.  
*Psalm 139*



Our desire for inner peace is impeded by the struggle with our own inner darkness. This retreat provides the space for God to enter into our darkness to lead us into the light. We track through the darker side of our humanity to awaken ourselves to the God who lives in the light of our lives, bringing love, healing, renewal and peace.

This is a First Exercise Retreat in Ignatian Spirituality. It is conducted in daily life over a period of four weeks. Material is provided for Retreatants to pray in their home most days of the week and then come together in a small group on Fridays. There is no cost, but please bring a pen and writing journal.

**DATES:** Friday's 7, 14, 21, 28 October 2016  
(Conclusion meeting 4 November 2016)

**TIME:** 4:30PM—6PM

**PLACE:** Parish Office

Registration essential —  
Please contact the Parish Office 4151 6666

### PARISH NEWS

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend we celebrate a Ritual of Remembering Baptism with the Children and Parents who are preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. This marks the beginning of the process of preparation. Please pray for these Children. For More Information contact Anne Sheehan at the Parish Office ~ 4151 6666.

**DID YOU KNOW .....** that the Blanket Buddies have donated 4740 Blankets & countless Beanies, Scarves & Shawls?



The Blanket Buddies are in URGENT need of 8ply wool or money to purchase wool so as to continue their great work.

All donations are gratefully appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office ~ Thank You.



#### CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

The Parish Christmas Magazine relies on sponsorship to defray the costs of publication.

Sponsorship comes in two (2) forms:

- \* **Individual Sponsorship ~ \$55 (Incl GST)**  
Individuals or Families are invited to sponsor our Magazine.
- \* **Business Sponsorship ~ \$231 (Incl GST)**  
For an Ad at the base of one (1) of the Magazine Pages.

Sponsorship is now being invited. Sponsorship Forms are available from the Parish Office.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

### DIOCESAN NEWS



You Are Invited  
to the  
**DEANERY ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
9:00am - 12noon  
Parish Hall, Gladstone

Bishop Michael McCarthy expressed desire to be able to meet with the people of his diocese to discuss matters that are pertinent to the local communities and the future of the Local Church. Our Deanery includes members of the Parishes of Bundaberg, Gladstone, The Callide Valley & The Dawson Valley.

Please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666 or email [sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) before Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 if you are interested in attending the Assembly.

### WORLD NEWS

Pope Francis' Daily Homily : [www.radiovaticana.va](http://www.radiovaticana.va)  
National Catholic Reporter : [www.ncronline.org](http://www.ncronline.org)  
National Jesuits News : [www.jesuit.org](http://www.jesuit.org)  
UCAN : [www.ucanews.com](http://www.ucanews.com)  
The Journey Catholic Radio Program : [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)