



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Office Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday

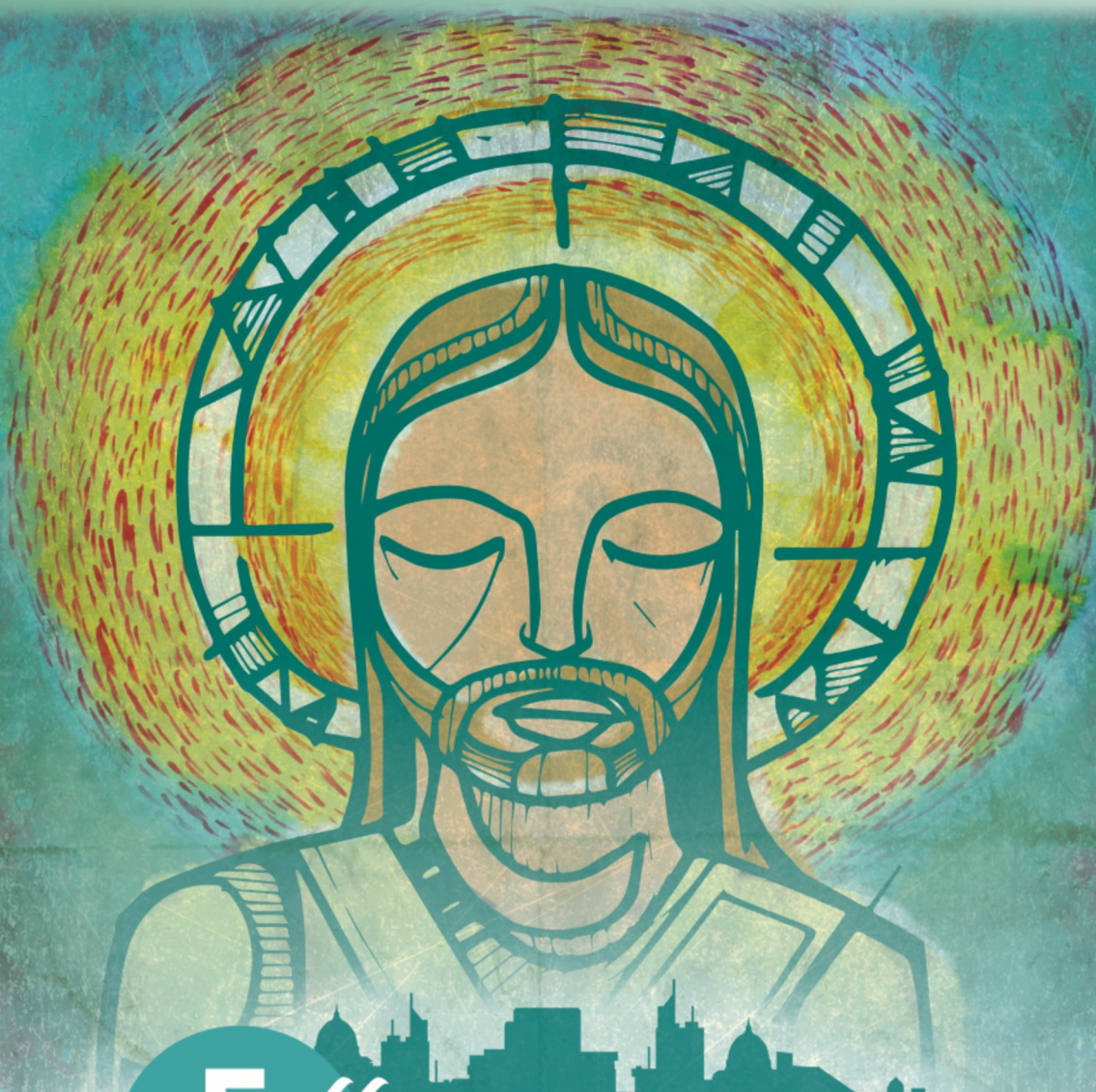
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5<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city  
set on a mountain cannot be  
hidden." —Mt 5:14



## PASTORAL TEAM

**Very Rev John Daly PP VF**  
Parish Priest

**Rev Andrew Hogan**  
Associate Pastor

**Mrs Anne Sheehan**  
Liturgy & Sacramental

**Mrs Denise Tuzes**  
Visitation & Bereavement

**Mrs Diana Pippia**  
Office Manager

**Mrs Kaye Andersen**  
Receptionist

**Bundaberg NET**  
Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**  
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**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt  
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**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**  
Principal: Mr Mark Fox  
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Ph: 4152 1380

**Shalom College**  
Principal: Mr Dan McMahon  
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Ph: 4155 8111

## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**  
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Sts

**St Patrick's Church**  
16 Powers St

**St Mary's Church**  
Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

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

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Diocesan Safeguarding**  
Daniel Donnini: 4931 3632

**Diocesan Response Line**  
Melissa Davey: 1800 830 113

**Centacare:** 1300 523 985

**St Vincent de Paul:** 4151 5455

**Ozcare:** 1800 692 273

**Towards Healing:** 1800 337 928

## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick  
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666  
& follow the prompts

## FOCUS by Jana Mackie

### News from the Atrium

A few weeks ago, we, the catechists from the Atrium of the Good Shepherd, participated in further training. This training will aid us to expand the Atrium so that we can invite children who are between 6 and 9 years old. We are so pleased to be learning more about helping very young children to '*find God by themselves*'. In the past year we have had the privilege to enrol five children in the Catechesis. Our experiences have shown us that children are often closer to understanding the mysteries of God than adults. The Montessori environment focuses on the development of the children's skills and especially in maturing spiritually.

Next week we begin again for this year and we are asking for your support, especially in prayer. If any of you would like to be involved, we would greatly appreciate assistants who would be able to spend a few hours a week helping us to prepare materials, setting up for the sessions and packing up. Please come and see us, we would love to show you why we are so excited about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and how it affects the whole parish community.

### LITURGY

Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ.

### STEWARDSHIP

You and I are called to be the light of the world. Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure.

### JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

The ageing of the population has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development'. We can all give thanks to God for the grace of a long life for ourselves or those we love.

*How will we use this gift for the benefit of our families,  
communities and our nation?*

## LITURGIES

**Monday 6 February**  
**St Paul Miki & Comp. - Martyrs**  
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 7 February**  
9.00am St James - LWC  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 8 February**  
8.00am Shalom College - Mass  
9.30am Millbank - Anoint. Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

**Thursday 9 February**  
6.30am St Mary's - Mass

**Friday 10 February**  
**St Scholastica - Memorial**  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass  
2.30pm Pioneer - Anoint. Mass

**Saturday 11 February**  
7.30am St Mary's - LWC  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY 12 February 2017

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Year A (I) Psalter Week 2

**Saturday**  
6.00pm St Patrick's

**Sunday**  
7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Mary's  
11.00am Carinity  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

**First Reading**  
Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-21

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

**Gospel**  
Matthew 5: 17-37

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**Sacramental Program:** A Family Session on the Eucharist will be held Sunday, 5 February 2017 at 10:30am and Wednesday, 8 February 2017 at 7pm in the Parish Office. For more information contact Anne (4151 6666).

**The Catholic Women's League Australia AGM:** All ladies are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League Australia on Tuesday, 7 February 2017. Commencing with a mass in Holy Rosary Church at 12.15pm followed by a catered lunch in Novakoski Hall. Subscriptions are now due. For further information contact Maureen (4152 1263).

**St Mary's Conference of St Vincent de Paul:** Monday, 6 & 20 February 2017 from 4.30pm - 5.30pm in Room 2 in the St Mary's Community Centre.

**Religious Instruction State-School In-service Day:** Tuesday, 14 February 2017, 9.00am - 2.00pm in the Apostolic Church. Guest Speaker; Allocation of Classes; & Compulsory Education Qld paperwork. Morning tea & lunch provided. For more information contact Pauline (41593272 A/Hrs or [pauline@cqsat.net](mailto:pauline@cqsat.net)). *(Note: This In-Service is compulsory for all Teachers wishing to teach RI in the State Schools in 2017).*

**United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group:** warmly invites you to come along to the first Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 21 February 2017 at 7pm in the Novakoski Centre.

**menALIVE Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, 25 February 2017 at 7.30am in the Parish Office. Guest Speaker: Dr Andre Conradie (Cardiologist). Cost: \$10. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 22 February 2017.

**El Shaddai Prayer Partners Fellowship International:** Sunshine Coast Cell Group's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Saturday, 25 February 2017 from 9.30am - 3.30pm, Stella Maris Catholic Church, Maroochydore. For more information contact Ellie (0415 552 289) or Melanie (0413 015 766).

**Lenten Program 2017 ~ Hope:** If you are interested in joining a Lenten Discussion Group, please write your name under your preferred group on the List located at the front door of the Church or contact the Parish Office (4151 6666.)

**Position Vacant:** The Bishop's Office is seeking an Executive Officer to provide high-level, confidential administrative support to the office of the Bishop. Applications close COB Monday, 20 February 2017. For more information contact Andrew Bourne (4931 3725 or [andrew.bourne@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:andrew.bourne@rok.catholic.net.au)).

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** You are invited to join Fr George Joseph of St Mary's Catholic Parish Maryborough on a 14 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21 May - 3 June 2017. For more information contact Rajesh George (0422 215 855) / [www.magiholidays.com.au](http://www.magiholidays.com.au)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Ronnie Griffiths (Brisbane); Christian Gunter (Sydney); Allen Dowley; Vittorio 'Vic' Marano; Marian Palu; John Faircloth; Janette Pappalardo; Paul Galea; Thomas Chalmers; Francis Fisher.





## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Matthew 5:13-16

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offered metaphors of discipleship--"salt of the earth" and "light of the world." How do these simple metaphors help you understand the challenge of discipleship?

### Isaiah 58:7-10

In today's reading, the prophet Isaiah issued a call to action to the Israelites to clothe, feed, and shelter the hungry and homeless in their midst. According to Isaiah, how will God respond to these acts of compassion?

### 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

As Paul reflects on his early encounters with the Christians in Corinth, he recalls his fundamental proclamation of "Jesus Christ, and him crucified." What do you find appealing in Paul's message?



In relationship with Christ,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we serve joyfully as a people  
beloved and called by God.

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading continues the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes of Matthew ended with a reference to the 'abuse' and 'persecution' that will be the lot of those who heed the call of Jesus – no doubt reflecting the situation of a community of Jewish converts that have been expelled from the synagogue. Against this background, we can understand why Matthew now incorporates two parables of Jesus concerning the witness that is expected from his followers.

These brief but powerful parables put us in the presence of Jesus the teacher who made such an impression, as he appealed to the basic things of life familiar to all his hearers. Salt is a commodity prized by all peoples for its flavouring and preservative qualities. Though pure salt is very stable, the salt of common use, referred to by Jesus, was far from pure and could easily become useless. Light is such an eloquent symbol that all the world's religious traditions have appealed to it. As today's first reading reminds us, the prophets made use of this image. In the Isaian writings, God's people had not only found the light, they were called to be bearers of the light – 'I shall make you a light to the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth' (Is 49:6). This great theme finds its ultimate expression in the Church, the final People of God - through our union with the Saviour, whose life is 'the light of all people' (Jn 1:4). For Matthew, therefore, the words of Jesus, 'You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world', are addressed to the members of a community in the midst of rejection and difficulties, and in danger of losing heart. And for the Church down through the ages, as it has proclaimed the Sermon on the Mount, the words of Jesus are addressed to the Church as it faces similar situations. In the present moment of history, when the tide seems to be running strongly against the things the Saviour stands for, we know the temptation to lose heart before the task of evangelisation. But, as we hear the brave words of Jesus we should recognise their realism – as if Jesus anticipates these misgivings. The magnificent light that has been entrusted to us, bringing us life and hope, must not be 'put under a tub'. The Church community must offer its light to a desperate and struggling world, like a beautiful city built on a hilltop. If we have received this charge from him, we can rely upon the help that only he can give.

Even the great Paul, whose witness to faith in Christ has proved so fundamental in the life of the Church since the beginning, came to recognise – as we are reminded in today's second reading - that the sharing of his faith did not depend upon brilliant oratory or argumentation. Instead, the 'power of the Spirit' was made manifest through the sincerity of his simple faith in 'the crucified Christ'. And so, while Jesus tells us that we must be evangelisers, he also gives us practical advice as to how we are to give our 'witness' to the Good News he brings. Our light should 'shine', first and foremost, through the 'good works' that make it clear that we are true offspring of our 'Father in heaven'. The quality of truly Christian lives can change the world.

John Thornhill sm