



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



*“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”*

*- Mt 5:33-34a, 37*

## 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

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**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
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**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**  
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**Shalom College**  
Principal: Mr Dan McMahon  
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## 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

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**Melissa Davey:** 1800 830 113

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**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



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

01 February 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences on February 6, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, 'it is a sin that shames us'.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, 'find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated'.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

Yours in Christ,

**Bishop Michael McCarthy**

**Diocesan Response Coordinator:** provides pastoral support for those affected by abuse. This person assists people in their journey of healing and reporting to appropriate authorities. The response coordinator can be contacted on: 1800 830 113.

**Diocesan Safeguarding Manager:** ensures the safety of children, young people and the vulnerable within the diocese. All non-emergency reports and disclosures are made through the Safeguarding Manager. The Diocesan Safeguarding Manager reports to the Safeguarding Committee and is accountable to the Bishop. The Diocesan Safeguarding Manager can be contacted on: 07 49313632 or [safeguarding.manager@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:safeguarding.manager@rok.catholic.net.au).

**The Truth Justice and Healing Council:** is coordinating the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

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## LITURGIES

**Monday 13 February**  
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 14 February**  
**Sts Cyril & Methodius**  
9.00am St James - LWC  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 15 February**  
8.00am Shalom College - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Thursday 16 February**  
6.30am St Mary's - Mass

**Friday 17 February**  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Saturday 18 February**  
7.30am St Mary's - LWC  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY 19 February 2017

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**Ordinary Time**

Year A (I) Psalter Week 3

**Saturday**  
6.00pm St Patrick's

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

## SCRIPTURES

**First Reading**  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18.

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23.

**Gospel**  
Matthew 5:38-48.

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**World Day of Prayer:** Pope Francis declared the 8 February 2017 to be the *World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking*. He chose this day because it is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and victims of slavery. This Sunday join ACRATH (*Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans*) and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on this day of prayer, reflection and action. Find out more about the campaign at [www.acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer](http://www.acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer)

**8.00am Mass:** Next Sunday, 19 February 2017, will see the Filipino Community involved in various ministries of the Mass.

**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*).

**Bishop's In-service Day Mass:** All parishioners, are invited to celebrate Eucharist with Bishop Michael M<sup>c</sup>Carthy on Wednesday, 15 February 2017 at 8.00am in the Loyola Chapel, Shalom College.

**Sacramental Program:** A Parent Session and Child Session on Reconciliation will be held Sunday, 19 February 2017 at 10:30am and Wednesday, 22 February 2017 at 7pm in the Parish Office. For more information contact Anne (4151 6666).

**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.

**Lingiari House Mass:** Parishioners, parents & friends are invited to Shalom College's Lingiari House Mass, on Friday, 3 March 2017 at 11.25am in the Loyola Chapel, Shalom College.

**The Mass of Chrism:** The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated during the evening of Wednesday, 5 April 2017 at 7:00pm at St Joseph's Cathedral. All Priests & People of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Michael at this Mass when the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated.

**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.)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Traude Lohner (*Austria*); 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 5:17-37**

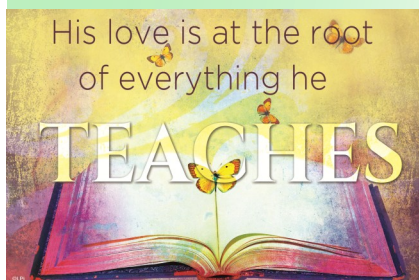
Jesus challenges his disciples to follow aspects of the Jewish law (anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths) by seemingly impossible (human) standards. How do we best order our lives according to God's standards heard today by Jesus?

### **Sirach 15:15-20**

The Jewish sage Sirach places a strong emphasis on making the right ethical choices. Why do you think this is so difficult for many people?

### **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Paul speaks of "a wisdom of this age" versus God's eternal wisdom. How does one remain focused on God's wisdom when it is "mysterious" and "hidden"?



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

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

In today's long gospel reading we continue the 'Sermon on the Mount'. As we have seen, in this discourse Matthew gathers fundamental teachings of Jesus which constitute a charter for the 'Kingdom'. Since Matthew's gospel was written for a community of Jewish converts, it is not surprising that this charter includes teaching concerning the attitude of Jesus to the traditions of old Israel. Understanding this teaching is important for Christians of later generations if we are to understand how we, as the new people of God, are related to the old Israel, and how we should understand the scriptures of the Old Testament. During his earthly life, Jesus was a faithful observer of Old Testament customs – though he was critical of the narrow interpretation given them by the leaders of the Jewish people. Clearly, the challenge he brought to the scribes and Pharisees led to confrontations in which he made it clear that he did not seek an abolition of the traditions of old Israel: his words, 'not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law' were spoken, no doubt, in such a debate. But the words which follow – 'until its purpose is achieved' – help us to understand what he meant when he declared, 'I have not come to abolish the Law and the prophets (i.e. the Old Testament scriptures and the traditions they fostered), but to complete them'.

The Old Testament was an expression of the Word of God, but it was an expression that was to give way to the absolutely final expression of the divine Word, in the life, death and resurrection of the one who was the divine Word Incarnate. The Old Testament gave witness to the eternal truth of God and God's designs for humanity, but it was only a witness in hints and shadows, giving rise to boundless expectations concerning the future. These expectations were fulfilled in Jesus Christ; but as Paul tells us in the second reading, this fulfilment was to be a stumbling block to those whose hopes were shaped by expectations of an earthly triumph of God's people – God's final self-expressions in the Saviour's Paschal Mystery was something greater, a 'hidden wisdom that God predestined to be our glory before the ages began'. The New Law, that 'completes' and 'achieves the purpose' of the Old Testament's hints and shadows, must, of course, be promulgated by the divine Lawgiver himself. Jesus intimates this in the remarkable series of instructions he gives to his followers. Referring to the divine commands of the Old Law ('you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors') he goes on to declare, as a Lawgiver of the same authority, 'But I say this to you'. The first Christians loved the Old Testament – its hints and shadows gave them a fuller understanding of what God did for the world in Christ.

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