



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

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 Carmen Wyatt
Stewardship Co-ordinator

Mrs Diana Pippia
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Bundaberg NET
Youth Ministry

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CHURCHES

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St Patrick's Church
16 Powers St

St Mary's Church
Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church
38 See St Bargara

OTHER CONTACTS

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Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

FOCUS BY Carmen Wyatt

My name is Carmen Wyatt and I have recently been appointed as the Stewardship Coordinator for the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg. I was born and educated in Bundaberg and have lived in Brisbane, Emerald and Biloela working in various Government departments, including Rail, Fire, Transport and Health. I am married to Brett, and we have three children, Bridie and Faith are at school at St Josephs in Years 1 and 3 and Cooper is 3½. As I begin this role as Stewardship Coordinator I would like to thank those parishioners who have made me feel very welcome over the past few weeks. I am quite humbled by the gifts of time, talent and treasure that our Parish received. Next week I will meet with a group to establish a Stewardship Team, comprising of Father John, Judy Vollmerhause, Dianne Bright, Maureen Ewing and Jim Thorne. Primarily the role of this team will be to meet monthly to table any needs at the various parish groups; establish an open communication between parishioners and Parish Stewardship Council; and to provide support to my role as needed. Next year we will see the stewardship renewal of time and talents for our Parish and will ask each person to prepare to live a Stewardship way of life.

During the second half of this year I will be starting to gain momentum to prepare the parish for this renewal. I would like to use this as an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of stewardship in our Parish. *"It is a spiritual attitude about who we are and what we have. It begins with the realisation that everything we are and everything we own is a gift, freely given to us by a God who loves us and calls us into relationship with Himself. We have nothing – not even life itself. And with that understanding comes both a desire to somehow 'give back' in thanksgiving some share of all we've been given and a growing awareness of our responsibility to use those gifts wisely. Stewardship is this attitude of responsive and responsible gratitude."* In the interim if you would like to become involved in a ministry, please feel free to see me after Mass, or come into the parish office or call the office number.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Does your celebration of the Eucharist ever transform you? Today we are presented with the story of what happened on the road to Emmaus. The disciples are simply journeying with Jesus, whom they do not recognize, talking about all that happened over the past days. They were quite bewildered as they did not know what to think about the empty tomb. Each year, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection and many of us wonder, what does it all mean? Jesus journeys with us every moment of our lives, yet we often do not recognize him. When we gather each week, the word of God, the homily that is preached, and the Eucharist that is received all help us lift the veil that often hides the wonder, power, and presence of God. Will you be open today to being taught, led, and transformed by Christ? He is walking with us, eager to open our eyes so that we can see.

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus demonstrated to us in his actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.
--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

Through the simple acts of gathering and talking, eating and drinking, Jesus made manifest the mercy and love of God. (Social Justice Statement 2016-2017)

As followers of Jesus we are called to be inclusive in our community (parish, local, national and global) and welcome everyone - the elderly, those of a different nationality, religion or belief.

NOTICES & EVENTS

Monday 1 May

9.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

Tuesday 2 May

St Athanasius

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 3 May

Sts Phillip & James

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 4 May

10.00am St Mary's - Funeral

Mass for Gloria Auer

2.00pm St Mary's - Funeral

Mass for Mavis Simons

Friday 5 May

9.00am St Mary's School

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 6 May

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

7 May 2017

4th Sunday

Easter

Year A (I) Psalter Week 4

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

12.00pm Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41

Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

Gospel

John 10: 1 - 10

To thank Fr John for the hard work and dedication he has shown to us, the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, we invite you to join in the celebrations and ask that you advise the Parish Office of your attendance or place your name on the lists at the Church doors.

6.00pm, Friday 19 May: we will celebrate with a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Rosary Church, followed by a Parish Barbecue.

2.00pm, Saturday 20 May: there will be a Concert at Holy Rosary Church, followed by Wine and Cheese.

The Bundaberg Catholic Women's League Australia is participating in the State CWLA project for 2017 to raise funds for local women's refugees. Our group is holding a Mother's Day raffle as our effort. **\$1 tickets in the raffle will be available at the Parish Office from 02 - 12 May and at Masses on the Weekend of 06 - 07 May.** Drawn on Friday 12 May.

Memorial Service: Family and friends of our recently dearly departed are invited to a Memorial Service which will be held on Wednesday, 17 May at 7:00pm in the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and afterwards enjoy a shared "Cuppa" at the Novakoski Centre. Please RSVP by Friday, 12 May 2017 to the Parish Office if attending - 4151 6666.

Maytime Morning Tea, Fashion Parade & Mini Cent Sale: held by the Friends of Carinity Kepnock Grove Auxiliary is on Tuesday, 23 May 2017 at 9.30am in the Kepnock Grove Community Centre. Admission is \$3. For Bookings contact Casimir - 4151 4888 or Carmel - 4152 5979.

Relay For Life High Tea: Our annual fund-raiser for Cancer research in the form of a High Tea will be held on Saturday 03 June 2017 commencing at 2.00pm. **(Please note: change of time).** Please phone the Parish Office for bookings - 4151 6666.

15th Annual Ecumenical Lunch Saturday, 26 August at Shalom College 11am-3pm. Honoured Guest Speaker is Moira Kelly (International Humanitarian and Global Peacemaker). Tickets available as from April 1st from Bundaberg Broadcasters (38 Crofton Street) or via www.bundabergtickets.com.au. Cost \$55 per person (Aged Pensioners & Students - \$35). For more information, contact Cristel at Impact on Ph: 4153 4233.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Newly Baptised: Harrison Joseph CARUANA; Poppy CARUANA; Declan David DE PAOLI.

Newly Married Vicki Sheree SMITH and Alex Martin WILSON

Recently Deceased: Gloria AUER; Jack McGLYNN; Mavis SIMONS, Noah DAHL; Pamela SKELTON (Brisbane); Toby MURRAY (Wangaratta); Frank BRYSON (Rockhampton); Thomas James POTT; Tony FLEMING (England); Daniel JANKOVIC (Canberra); Colleen PEARCE (Murgon); Ian Joseph GALL (Cairns).

May Anniversaries: Tony GLODE; Orazio LEONARDI; Agnes LUCKE; Lloyd HORWOOD; Beverley JONES; Edna McGARRY; Ronald BRIESCHKE; Margery BRODRICK; Grace McCONVILLE; Mary Ellen EMERINE; Ian TIMSON; Helen FAULKNER; Euge FERRIS; David Thornel James GUNN; Alice GUNN; Judith KOCZAN; Eric STITT.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Luke 24:13-35

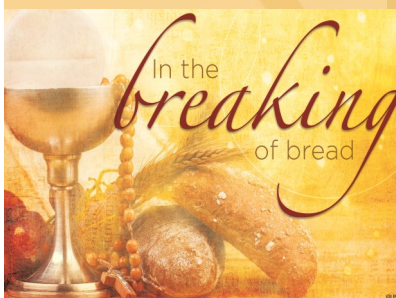
Luke tells us in the Resurrection story on the road to Emmaus that Jesus "was made known to them in the breaking of bread." What does this teach us about the Eucharist?

Acts 2:14, 22-33

We hear today part of Peter's speech delivered in the streets of Jerusalem on the feast of Pentecost. How does Peter use the prophecies of King David to prove the resurrection of Christ?

1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter advises fellow believers in the Resurrection to "conduct yourselves with reverence." What is your reaction to Peter's counsel?



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

For many centuries, Christian awareness has not been focused as it should be, on all that the Saviour's Resurrection means in the life of the Church. That the Church lives through 'the power of the resurrection' was the central truth preached by the apostolic Church. This is clearly illustrated in today's readings. The manifesto proclaimed by Peter on the day of Pentecost hinges on this truth – the resurrection is pointed to as unassailable evidence that it is intervention of the God of Israel's faith that is being announced; but more than that, established 'at God's right hand' the Risen Christ now bestows the Holy Spirit on the infant Church and sends it forth on its mission. In the Letter of Peter, probably written shortly before his martyrdom, Peter takes up the same theme – the Saviour has been 'raised from the dead and given glory' so that believers may share in his new life through their 'faith and hope in God'.

Luke's account of what took place on the road to Emmaus inspires us each time we hear it. It is told, that later generations of believers may share the experience the first disciples of Jesus, as they learned to make the Risen Lord the centre of their lives. Their finding of faith is a reversal of all that their earthly expectations had looked forward to: 'Our hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free'. The fulfilment of their hopes was not to be a political triumph, but a messiah who drew close to them at sunset on the dusty road of their disappointment. Recognising him called for a change of heart: coming to know – through the full message of the Scriptures – the ways of God, so different from the ways of worldly wisdom. It is through a renewed appreciation of the great drama recorded in the Scriptures that the Church will find the strength it needs to face today's challenges. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Jesus Christ' – words as true today as they were when they were first written by St Jerome in the 4th century. Touched by the message that makes their hearts 'burn within them', they ask the stranger to stay in their company. How easily, in the bustle of our lives, we pass up the opportunity to enter more deeply into the relationships and special moments that can nourish our faith.

In the end, it is in 'the breaking of bread' that the eyes of faith are fully opened for them, and they joyfully accept the Saviour and enter upon the revolutionary way he has opened up for them. As we strive to give the Eucharist the central place it should have in our relationship with our Risen Lord, it is important to recognise that it is, before all else, in our conscious participation in the Eucharistic action ('Do this in remembrance of me') that this gift of the Saviour will be the great source of the Church's life – enabling us to bring our lives, our needs, and the needs of all God's people, to the Father, as we are caught up by the Saviour into his great self-offering. Veneration of the reserved sacrament - a venerable practice in our Western Church - should not detract from the supreme importance of the Mass; it should, we are told in today's official teaching, increase our hunger to 'take and eat'.

In the joy and wonder of their new-found faith, the two disciples 'set out that instant' to rejoin 'the Eleven and their companions' in Jerusalem. It is in a vital Christian community that we will find the support and confirmation we need in our journey of faith.

John Thornhill sm

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