



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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4th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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

St James' Church
38 See St Barga

After Hours
Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies
Phone 41516666
& follow the prompts

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I write with the very sad news that one of our active priests, Father Chris Schick, has been diagnosed with tumours in his body which require immediate attention.

Father Chris was to take up an appointment as the Parish Priest of Capricorn Coast at the end of May. Father Noel Milner will pastor the Capricorn Coast community until the end of this year, assisted by priests from the Cathedral Parish. I am grateful to Father Noel for his generosity as he assists the Diocese and the Capricorn Coast Parish.

Please keep Father Chris and his family in your prayers during this time.

Sincerely

Bishop Michael



Most Revered Michael McCarthy

BISHOP OF ROCKHAMPTON

LIVE THE LITURGY

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then "smell" like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

STEWARDSHIP

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper and to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper. Tracy Earl Welliver

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

When purchasing food and other goods, we can be conscious that some things are produced by trafficked, forced or child labour.

We can become aware of what goods are produced ethically, with the Fairtrade logo, and be part of the change to eliminate human trafficking.

LITURGIES

Monday 8 May

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 9 May

9.00am St James LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 10 May

8.00am Shalom - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 11 May

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 12 May

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
2.30pm Pioneer South - Mass with Anointing

Saturday 13 May

7.30am St Mary's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

14 May 2017

5th Sunday Easter

Year A (I) Psalter Week 1

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

Acts 6: 1-7

Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 4 - 9

Gospel

John 14: 1 - 12

NOTICES & EVENTS

The Catholic Diocese E-Newsletter is being launched on 10 May and will appear on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Find out what is happening across the Diocese. To subscribe, please send your name and email address to CatholicCQ@rok.catholic.net.au It is free!

The 100th Anniversary of the First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated at St Mary's Church on Saturday 13 May commencing at 7.30am with Mass, followed by silent Adoration and Rosary throughout the day until 3.00pm.

Children's Sacramental Program for children preparing for Confirmation and First Communion resumes for Term 2 next Sunday 14 May 10.30am, or Wednesday 17 May 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

The Rite of Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church is the liturgical rite in which people who are baptised in another Christian denomination are received into the Catholic Church. Next Sunday, 14 May, during the 5.30pm Mass we will welcome six new Catholics: Tanya O'Shea, Gail Bock, Zane Groves, Jed Morley and her daughters Alani and Kiele.

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.

You are invited to come to a workshop on **The Baptismal Call to Service of the World** presented by Fr David Orr osb and Sr Carmel Pilcher rsj on Wednesday 24 May 5.30-7.30pm, and repeated on Thursday 25 May 9.00-11.00am in the Parish Office. All members of the parish family, including leaders in schools, parishes and communities, liturgy groups, teachers and catechists will find much value in this workshop.

Being in the Present Moment: The Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld invites you to a morning of meditation, information & discussion on Saturday 10 June at the Uniting Church 52 Merthyr Road New Farm. For further details contact Joe McCorley. "Every single moment is a chance to turn it all around - Dynamic Catholic."

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Newly Baptised: Ayana Marie Leah Canete BURBANO

Recently Deceased: Sr Mercia HAWKEN; Sr Carmel O'DWYER; Teresa BUSUTTIN (Proserine); Anthony "Tony" GALEA; 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).



SCRIPTURE

REFLECT & RESPOND

John 10:1-10:

Jesus speaks of himself metaphorically: "I am the gate for the sheep." What does this image imply to you?

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

At the end of Peter's Pentecost speech, we hear "three thousand persons" were baptized. What do you think the people found so compelling in Peter's words?

1 Peter 2:20b-25

How does Peter connect our suffering to the suffering of Christ?



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

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

The image of Jesus, as a shepherd, established itself early in the outlook of the first Christians. The letter of Peter, identifying Jesus with the Suffering Servant of the Isaian writings, calls him their 'shepherd and guardian'. It is a pity that this great theme is associated for many people with a sentimental image of the Saviour. Today's gospel reading invites us to reflect that for Jesus himself the comparison would have suggested the rough and tumble of a world in which widespread poverty led to theft of livestock, and the disputes and violence arising from such a practice.

The image of the shepherd was long established in the biblical tradition. It was used by the prophets to challenge Israel's corrupt rulers; Israel's Lord, the familiar psalm tells us, will care for them 'like a shepherd'. When, in the passage following today's reading, Jesus declares, 'I AM the Good Shepherd', he is making a messianic claim. In the sequence of John's gospel, today's reading follows immediately after the healing of the blind man. The implication is that the conflict between Jesus and the opponents whose bad faith had been demonstrated on that occasion could be compared to the conflicts that arose between honest shepherds and the thieves who preyed on them.

The shepherd theme gives rise in this passage to a whole complex of comparisons. They can be confusing if they are not considered separately. As our passage begins, Jesus compares himself with his opponents. He comes to God's people with the 'messianic signs' that confirm his mission from the Father. His enemies, on the other hand, are robbing God's people of the blessings he brings – using their authority to undermine the trust and enthusiasm with which he was initially received.

As the passage continues, Jesus – having identified himself with the shepherd who enters the sheepfold with proper authorisation – speaks of the relationship that exists between such a shepherd and his sheep. They recognise his voice when he calls them – as the common people did when he began his ministry. He knows them and leads them to pasture.

The obtuseness of those he is challenging leads Jesus to take up a new comparison – one that makes more clear the claim that he is making for his mission from the Father: 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'. This comparison may have been suggested by words of Psalm 118, a psalm used as a processional hymn for the Feast of Tabernacles (cited several times in a messianic sense in the New Testament): 'This is the gate of Yahweh, where the upright go in'. 'I am the gate' Jesus says, 'Enter through me; you will be safe, and be sure of finding pastures'. Through Jesus Christ our Lord – these words were to become one of the most meaningful phrases of the Church's common life. In a sense, they sum up the whole of Christian faith: Jesus is for us, 'the Resurrection and the Life'; he is the 'mediator' of the new and everlasting covenant; he is our 'way to the Father'.

John Thornhill sm

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