



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

Office Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday

Parish Office: Rossolini Place Level 1, 66 Woongarra St Ph: 07 4151 6666 Email: [sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) PO Box 79 Bundaberg Q 4670

## *First Communion*



## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**  
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**  
Office Manager

**Mrs Kaye Andersen**  
Receptionist

**Bundaberg NET**  
Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston  
sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au  
Ph: 4151 4771

**St Mary's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt  
stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au  
Ph: 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Principal: Mr Mark Fox  
saintpatricks.qld.edu.au  
Ph: 4152 1380

**Shalom College**  
Principal: Mr Dan McMahon  
shalomcollege.com  
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 Bargarra

## 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.

# *Congratulations on your First* **COMMUNION**

Dear Children,

At your Baptism, you were recognised as a child of God. At Confirmation you have received the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, as you receive your First Communion you receive the gift of Jesus into your life in a very special way. As we celebrate Eucharist, we remember the gift that Jesus gave to us in this special meal, and the gift of his life on the cross. As you are now fully initiated in the Church, it is your responsibility to tell the world about the great gift that Jesus has given to us, and show the world the love that God has for each and every person by what you say and what you do.



**Fr Andrew**

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Today is all about transformation. The bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ and we, by partaking in the Eucharist, are also transformed into the body and blood of Christ. St. Augustine issued a wise instruction regarding the Eucharist: "Become what you eat." This is the real challenge of every eucharistic celebration. Will we allow God to transform us into his Son so that the hope, love, healing, comfort, and mercy he embodies can be brought to our world through us? As Jesus feeds us, how can we feed others?

## STEWARDSHIP

**Question:** One of my co-workers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

**Answer:** *We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar - not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.*

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" describes the Mass as the "Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ" (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the "source and summit" of Christian life (#1324).

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

National Refugee Week begins today with the theme "*With courage let us all combine...*". We celebrate the courage of refugees, who leave their homeland and often hardship, and of all people who speak out against persecution and injustice.

*We are called to welcome refugees and acknowledge the skills and energy they bring to their new home land.*

## LITURGIES

11<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

### Monday 19 June

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 20 June

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Wednesday 21 June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

### Thursday 22 June

Sts John Fisher, Thomas Moore

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

10.00am St Mary's

- Mass with Anointing

### Friday 23 June

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 24 June

Nativity of John the Baptist

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

25 June 2017

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Ordinary Time

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

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

### Second Reading

Romans 5: 12-15

### Gospel

Matthew 10: 26-33

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**We welcome Bishop Michael McCarthy** who on Friday evening conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be present at some Masses this weekend. We also extend a warm welcome to Fr Jomon and Fr Alex, who have joined our diocese from the Diocese of Cochin, India.

**Ignite Conference 21-24 September.** Ignite is a national Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious. It's about encountering Jesus Christ and the Church, experiencing dynamic faith, being equipped for living the Christian life, and being empowered to impact the Church and the world. Contact the Parish or the NET Team if you are interested in attending.

**School Chaplaincy Breakfast w/- Guest Speaker Shane Webcke:** join fellow parishioners at a table to support the *Mayoral School Chaplaincy Support Breakfast* on Friday, 23 June 2017 from 6.30am - 8.30am in the Bundaberg Civic Centre. Tickets are \$35 & available from the Parish Office.

**The Divine Dance of Trinity ~ "There's a Party Going On & You're All Invited":** presented by Joe McCorley, Friday 23 June 2017 in the Parish Office. Beginning with a Cuppa at 10am for a 10:30am start. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 21 June 2017. For more information, please contact Denise Tuzes.

**Bible Institute for Everyday Living ~ "Friends of God & Prophets" - The Biblical Foundations of Friendship!** An excellent faith formation opportunity presented by Laurie Brink (OP) at the Australian Catholic University, Banyo, from Friday 7 to Saturday 8 July 2017. For more information contact ERDU on 3285 6233 or via email [office@erdu.com.au](mailto:office@erdu.com.au) or visit [www.erdu.com.au](http://www.erdu.com.au).

**Liturgical Ministry Formation:** All in ministry or who are interested in becoming involved in the Church's liturgy in any way, please mark in your diaries the weekend, from Friday, 21 July 2017 at 5.30pm to 12noon, Sunday 23 July 2017 for Biannual Formation Sessions, led by Sr Ursula O'Rourke SGS. Session times to be advised at a later date.

**Relay for Life:** is being held from 2:00pm Saturday, 12 August 2017 to 8:00am Sunday, 13 August 2017 at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Registration is \$20 for Parishioners who register & pay before Friday, 30 June 2017. Registration will be \$30 after this date. To Register as a Parish Relay for Life Team Member or Volunteer, contact Denise or Kaye at the Parish Office on 4151 6666 or email [sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au).

**The Bundaberg Passionist Family Group Ladies Dinner:** Monday, 21 August 2017 at 6pm in the Panache Restaurant, Shalom College. Tickets: \$26 / person & available from the Parish Office until Wednesday, 16 August 2017. Payment at the time of booking is appreciated.

**15<sup>th</sup> Bundaberg Ecumenical Luncheon (Helping the Homeless):** Saturday, 26 August 2017 at Shalom College from 11am - 3pm. Guest Speaker: Moira Kelly (*International Humanitarian & Global Peacemaker*). Tickets available at the Parish Office & Bundaberg Broadcasters or via [www.bundabergtickets.com.au](http://www.bundabergtickets.com.au). Cost: \$55/person (or \$35 for Aged Pensioners & Students). For more information please contact the Parish Office - 4151 6666 or Cristel - 0408 228 187.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Newly Baptised:** Korbyn Rayne Arnicar & Deliah Darcie Welby.

**Recently Deceased:** Ursula Jackson (Cowra); Hazel Schmeider; Debra Appleby; Roma Jacabu (Sydney); John Mackie (Charleville); Ken Bryant (Toowoomba); Kevin Swift; Leona 'Jill' Morpeth.

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION



### SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

#### John 6:51-58

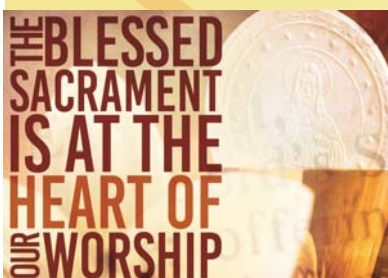
Jesus uses the metaphor "living bread" in reference to himself. What makes this such a powerful and meaningful metaphor in today's reading?

#### Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Just before entering the Promised Land, Moses reminded the Israelites of the manna sent from heaven to them during their forty years in the desert. Why do you think Moses kept emphasizing this was "a food unknown to your fathers"?

#### 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Written around 55 AD, Paul offers us in 1 Corinthians the New Testament's earliest witness of the Eucharist. What does Paul's language of "participation" in the body and blood of Christ mean to you?



**THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT  
IS AT THE  
HEART OF  
OUR WORSHIP**

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

'Do this in memory of me'. Many of the great things of life are kept alive through the 'remembering' of cherished traditions. Moses says to the people, 'Remember ... do not forget, the Lord fed you with manna'. In the words of John's gospel before the passage we read today, Jesus has recalled this story of the Exodus, and likened himself to the manna given to the people in the midst of their complaining. Now he announces the inauguration of a new tradition – and, as John tells us, it too will be met with complaining. To this point, Jesus has been telling the people that he was foreshadowed in the manna. He came to nourish their old faith. Now, however, he makes a dramatic announcement. In all that he does, he is giving expression to the ways of his Father - taking up the initiative himself. He will become the nourishment of God's people in a way that could never have been anticipated: 'The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world'.

John uses the word 'flesh (sarx)' in this reference to the Eucharist. We are accustomed to using another term, speaking of the 'body (soma)' of Christ. In the early Church, both terms were in use. When we recall the Prologue of John's gospel – 'The Word became flesh' – we can recognise the implications of this term. 'All flesh is grass', Isaiah declares, 'The grass withers; but the word of God remains forever' (Is 40:6-8). When the Prologue of John's gospel echoes these words - 'The Word was made flesh' – it is underlining the full implications of the Incarnation: the Son of God 'emptied himself', as Paul says, coming to share our humanity in all its frailty. John is presenting the Eucharist as the sacrament of this Incarnation and all that it was to give to the world. He is also affirming the 'healthy materialism' of the biblical tradition. For all its frailty, the human body is God's creation; and in the Incarnate Christ it has become our salvation and the source of eternal life for us.

'This is my body, given, broken, for you. This is my blood poured out for the whole world'. All this is clearly, but subtly, implied in the words of John's gospel. 'Sent by the Father', Jesus is still carrying out - in the eucharistic mystery - the great task he had been given. In John's account of the last days of the Saviour, Jesus declares, 'And when I am lifted up from the earth I shall draw all people to myself' (Jn 12:32). In the Mass, we are given to share in the Saviour's return to the Father, making intercession for the whole human family. 'As I draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me' – our sharing in 'this one loaf' is nothing less than a sharing the life of the Father. It is unfortunate that discussion of this passage often does not get beyond a defence of the 'real presence'. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the whole drama of salvation – 'Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day'. 'Communion', the term we have long associated with this sacrament, has implications that have been neglected. Our 'communion' in the Saviour's return to the Father – his Paschal Mystery – is what unites us as members of his Church.

This gospel, in its emphatic rejection of the murmuring of those who do not accept the teaching of Jesus, certainly upholds the challenging truth of the Eucharist in what has been the Church's faith since the beginning. The repeated reference to 'eating and drinking' clearly echoes the eucharistic practice of the apostolic Church.

John Thornhill sm

Copyright © The Emmaus Series 2017