

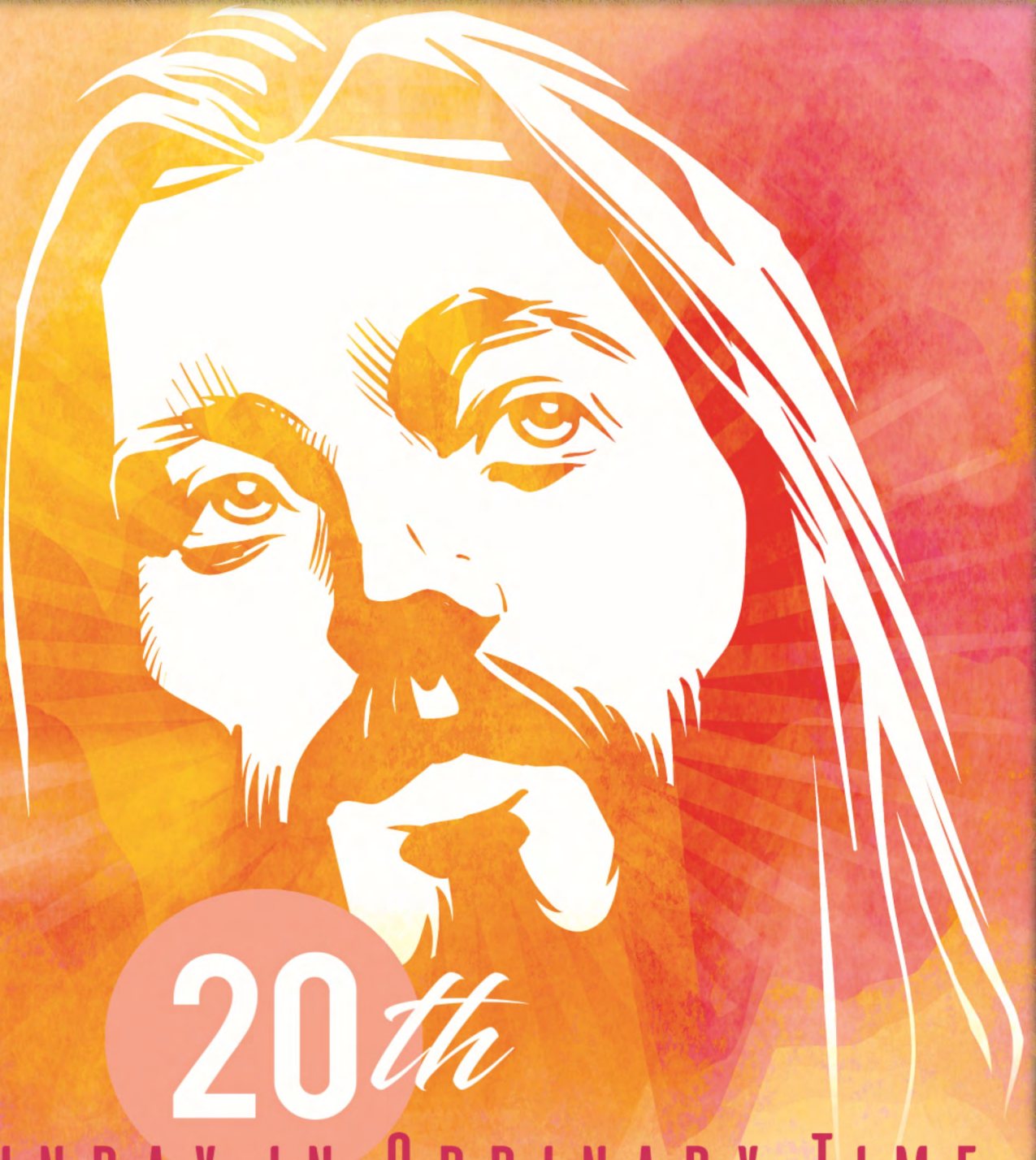


The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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20th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP

Parish Priest

Rev Andrew Hogan

Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental

Mrs Denise Tuzes

Visitation & Bereavement

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Bundaberg NET

Youth Ministry

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Shalom College

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

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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 Barga

OTHER CONTACTS

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Response Line: 1800 830 113

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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 Kaelyn Graham

Greetings from the NET Team!

We have been enjoying getting back into the swing of being in Bundaberg after our two week break. Things have been ticking along as per usual. This last weekend was an amazing opportunity for our Team to be part of the Parish Team for the Relay for Life. It was a great time to connect with the wider Bundaberg Community for such a special cause.

We have many different events coming up for young people within our Parish. On the 15th to the 17th of September we are holding a Retreat Weekend at Chaverim for those who are in Grade 11 and 12 to those who are aged 25. The Retreat is a chance to explore our faith more as a group and will cost around \$60 per person. If you are interested in coming along to this then please come see any of the Net Team to get more information.

Also coming up in September we will be taking a group of young people to Brisbane as a part of the Ignite Conference. Over the last few weeks we have been facilitating barbeques as a way to help fundraise some of the cost for the young people going to the conference, so we would like to say a huge thank you to all of those people within the Community who are helping to support our young people in this amazing youth event! We would not be able to make this event happen without such a helpful and supportive community, so thank you all very much!

LITURGY

Our relationships often need reconciling and healing. While it is easy to say, it is often difficult to achieve. Sometimes, reconciling requires that we take down the barriers that are sources of division, remove our prejudices, look beyond differences and see the "sameness" that connects us one to another. Of course, each party has to be willing to do this in order for healing to occur. Our Gospel shows us the healing that can occur when both parties are willing participants.

STEWARDSHIP

What an uplifting experience to be part of the Parish Relay for Life Team last weekend! I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to those who participated, from the team who organised the High Tea earlier in the year to those who set up, decorated, face painted, baked cakes and those who walked through the day and night. The sense of Community was felt by all and it was a wonderful achievement to raise well over our initial goal of \$2000 and reach \$4523.35 for cancer research and programs!!!

ECUMENISM

Combined Churches Morning Tea: Wednesday, 30 August 2017 at 9.30am in St James' Catholic Church. Guest speakers: Bundaberg Net Team. All welcome.

Christian Unity Prayer Group: Thursday, 31 August 2017 at 10.00am in the North Transept of Holy Rosary Catholic Church followed by fellowship afterwards in the Novakoski Centre.

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

This week begins Migrant and Refugee Week. We are called to serve, to 'welcome the stranger', those who for various reasons are forced to live far from their homeland.

*We can respond by forming relationships
where individuals are valued and cared for and focus on their positive contribution
recognizing their strength, courage and endurance.*

LITURGIES

20th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 21 August

St Pius X

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 22 August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

9.00am St James - Mass

9.30am Gracehaven

- Mass with Anointing

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 23 August

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 24 August

St Bartholomew

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

10.00am St Mary's

- Mass with Anointing

Friday 25 August

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 26 August

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

27 August 2017

**21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A**

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

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

NOTICES & EVENTS

MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK 21ST - 27TH AUGUST 2017

Queensland Seniors Week 2017: from 19 to 27 August 2017.
Celebrate a Queensland for *All* Ages.

After Mass BBQ: The Bundaberg NET Team will be having a BBQ on Sunday, 20 August 2017 after 8am Mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church to raise money for our Youth to attend the September Ignite Conference.

Memorial Mass for Fr Chris Schick: will be celebrated on Tuesday, 29 August 2017 at 12:15pm in Holy Rosary Church. All welcome.

Have A Movie Experience Like No Other!: The Bundaberg Passionist Family Group invite all Parishioners to Morning Tea & a Movie at the Childers Paragon Theatre on **Saturday, 9 September 2017 at 9.30am.** Guest Speaker Merissa Craft will divulge the history of the Theatre that once belonged to her Grandparents. Cost: \$15. For more information: contact Colleen (4152 8497 / 0478 043 643) or Helen (0490 361 406). RSVP: Friday, 1 September 2017.

Youth Retreat: The Bundaberg NET Team will be holding a Youth Retreat at Chaverim on **Friday, 15 September to Sunday 17 September 2017.** This weekend is aimed at building a Community where our young people can journey together to discuss and make decisions about life choices. Open to Year 11 to those out of High School. For more information please contact the Bundaberg NET Team or Parish Office.

Rosters: are being prepared for October, November & December. As these Rosters need to be completed & distributed before the September School Holidays, it is important that you advise the Parish Office of any changes to your Mass ministry &/or contact details by **Thursday, 31 August 2017.**

Workshop on Enactment of a Spirituality of Justice: The Rockhampton Diocesan Justice Group invite you to attend a workshop to enhance your skills in relation to a Gospel Spirituality of Justice in whatever context you live and work, **9.30am - 3.30pm Wednesday, 20 September 2017** in the Parish Office. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen at the Parish Office by Friday, 18 September 2017. (*Registrations are essential for catering purposes.*)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival ACYF: is being held from 7 – 9 December 2017 in Sydney and will kick off the Year of Youth in Australia. The event is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops and is for Youth from Grade 9 up to 30 years of age. Many of our Catholic High Schools are already arranging School Groups to attend. If you would like to be part of the Diocesan Group, please email your interest to youth@rok.catholic.net.au or for more information visit: www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au.

Year 1 Catechist Needed: for the two (2) Year 1 Classes at Norville State School on a Thursday afternoon from 1.45pm to 2.45pm. If interested, please contact Pauline Merefield at the Parish Office.

menALIVE Raffle Winners: THANK YOU to everyone who support the recent raffles in support of the Homeless of Bundaberg. The winners were: **Holy Rosary Church:** Vicky Trevor & Theresa Ryan; **St Patrick's Church:** Anne D'Addario & Noel Mooney; **St Mary's Church:** Jan Kirby & Colleen O'Berle; & **St James' Church:** Joan West & Frances Formosa.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Newly Baptised: Eleanor Bronte Fernandez & Arya Grace Rapley.

Newly Married: Danielle Elizabeth Ashley & Matthew Joel Forbes.

Recently Deceased: Charles 'Charlie' Halpin; Ronald Bacon; Robert 'Bob' Gallagher; Geoff Bullpitt & Merv Williamson.



SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

Sometimes the gospel narrative has a ring of authenticity that is unmistakable. The response of Jesus to the Canaanite woman, in today's reading, must have been puzzling - even embarrassing - to Christian converts from both Jewish and Gentile backgrounds. Jesus, in fact, echoes the Jewish custom in his time, of referring to Gentiles as 'dogs'. It can only have been retained in the gospel tradition because it was what he had said. Those who heard the brave woman pleading for her daughter against all odds - she was an outsider appealing to a Jewish teacher, a plaintive voice in a very masculine world - must have remembered her story as a remarkable moment in the life of the Saviour. What is more, she is remembered as seeming to get the better of Jesus in their exchange. But this exchange leads, in the end, to a moment that those who witnessed it would never forget, confronting them with the generous and inclusive ways of God: 'Woman, your have great faith. Let your wish be granted'.

Once again we should recall that this incident is included in a narrative section of Matthew's gospel, in which Jesus is instructing his disciples. A significant part of the community for whom this gospel was written had belonged to a Jewish community that was extremely exclusive and intolerant. This attitude is puzzling, because the Old Testament scriptures included a remarkable vision of God's plan as ultimately inclusive of all peoples. Abraham was promised that he would be father of many nations; the prophets looked forward to the peoples of the world - even Israel's enemies - flocking to Jerusalem to worship the true God. In today's reading from Isaiah, the prophet declares, in the name of God, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples'. As they embraced the Christian faith, Matthew's community would have recognised that this great vision was being fulfilled with the inclusion of the Gentiles. But old ways die hard. They needed to renew their identification with the inclusive ways of God - something we too need to do as we meet the misconceptions and unfriendliness of today's post-Christian outlook.

But why did Jesus hesitate, seeming to share in the intolerance of his contemporaries? The immediate task of the mission he had received from his Father was to call the chosen people back to the role that had been given them in a plan that was to benefit the whole human family - 'I was sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. If they had been true to the covenant, learning to identify with the ways of God, they would have fulfilled their mission to be 'a light to the nations', a living invitation to find the true God. Jesus so angered the people of his own town of Nazareth, when he spoke of the inclusive ways of God, that they wanted to stone him. This issue was probably an important factor in the conflict that led to his death. In his exchange with the woman, he was probably referring to the messianic banquet of the end-time, that he had foretold would be shared by people coming from the East and the West. In the end, the extraordinary generosity of his words to the pagan woman, 'Woman, you have great faith', cancels out the apparent rejection of his first words to her. They invite us to rejoice that we share in her faith. We know he is the true 'light to the nations', fulfilling in his person the great destiny of Israel, bringing the whole human family to join in the messianic banquet.

SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Matthew 15:21-28

What do you think most impressed Jesus about the Canaanite woman?

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

According to Isaiah, "*observe what is right, do what is just*" is the Lord's expectation for ALL people. How do you measure up to this divine code of conduct?

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

In Romans 9-11, Paul wrestles with the Jewish rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. In today's reading, how does Paul determine that this rejection ("*disobedience*") actually helps the Gentiles?



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