



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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21st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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
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Bundaberg NET
Youth Ministry

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt
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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
Principal: Mr Mark Fox
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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

The Diocese of Rockhampton
Response Line: 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.

FOCUS by Anne Sheehan

Recently we blessed and commissioned those who serve as ministers in the liturgy. The Church is the house of God's people where God's people do holy deeds and celebrate being God's people in the liturgy – the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed and the fount from which all the Church's power flows. (SC10) The liturgy is the public worship of the people of God. Ministers of the liturgy are called to make God's work happen, to enable God's work to be done, that is, to be on mission.

The People of God, the assembly, we, are the first ministers of the liturgy. Christ is made visible in the gathered assembly. We "do" the work of Christ.

In the liturgy, the ordained minister is first and foremost the "ordinary" minister of holy communion. We have those among us who are the "extraordinary" ministers of communion, commissioned to do the work of distributing communion to the faithful at Mass and to the sick who cannot be with us. There are also those who have the responsibility of proclaiming the Scriptures at Mass and other liturgical services, including Children's Liturgy of the Word, and those who serve as musician, gift bearer, sacristan, collector, hospitality minister, altar server, and environment minister.

Overseeing the liturgies of Sunday and the Seasons is the Liturgy Team. The members of our Liturgy Team, which includes representatives from each worshipping community and ministry, work with the priest and co-ordinator to ensure that all ministers are formed in their ministry to provide "good" liturgy. Members of the Team are Cheryl Petersen, Di Bright, Helen Stanley, Paulette Huggins, Helen White, Irene Hills, Bev Walker, Jan Davidson, Anne Sheehan (co-ordinator).

These ministers of the liturgy serve the assembly in a particular way by virtue of their baptism and initiation into the life of Christ. They serve with humility, reverence, gratitude and respect.

STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, "You don't know them." Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person's name.

My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in him.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ECUMENISM

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

The theme for this Refugee and Migrant Sunday is "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless". Approx 535 million children live in countries affected by conflict or disaster often without access to medical and education services, and protection. (www.acrmo.catholic.org.au)

*We can become informed and engaged with those working in this field.
We can assist local migrant and refugee children by helping them settle
and integrate into our community*

LITURGIES

21th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 28 August

St Augustine

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary

- Memorial Mass

Wednesday 30 August

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 31 August

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 1 September

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 2 September

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

3 September 2017

22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A

Year A (I)

PSALTER WEEK 2

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

12noon Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

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*. Visit. www.bundabergregionevents.com.au for information on what's happening in our area.

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

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**.

Blessed to be Called Retreat: A quiet day to reflect on how we respond to God's invitation to deeper communion with Him. Presented by Dilys Griffiths, **Saturday, 16 September 2017** in **Christ Church, Childers** from **8.30am - 2.30pm** with Eucharist at 8.30am (*optional*) & Retreat starting at 10.30am. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch. Cost: \$10 donation. For more information, please contact Dilys on telephone no. 0421 733 394 or via email: dilysg@me.com.

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, from **9.30am to 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*).

Creating A Dementia Friendly Church Seminar: from 5.30pm to 7pm, **Thursday, 5, 12, 19 & 26 October 2017** in the Parish Office. For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office on telephone no. 4151 6666 or via email sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. **All welcome.**

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. For more information visit: www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au or if you would like to be part of the Diocesan Group please email your interest to youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

Planned Giving Tax Receipts: for the 2016/2017 Financial Year are available for collection from the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Hubert 'Tom' Butcher; John George; Fr Paul Kettle; Charles 'Charlie' Halpin; Ronald Bacon; Jean Ward (Boonah); Andrew & Daphne Falconer (Toowoomba); Cornelius 'Con' Lucey (Brisbane); Francis Staatz (Plainland); Sadie Zischke (Laidley); Robert 'Bob' Gallagher; Geoff Bullpitt & Merv Williamson.

September Anniversaries: Frank Curran; Tony Gunn; Alma Della; Graham Moohen; Beatrice Ball; Agata Leonardi; Nell Gunn; Clem Healey; Mary Priesa (USA); Edna Christensen; Frances Steemson; Harry Fincham; Joseph Jendra; Ross Andrewartha; Brian Woodward; Reta Murphy; Leonard Coop; Peter Felesina; Sergio De Paoli & Theresa Galea.



SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

We are all familiar with today's gospel. It tells us something fundamental about our life as Catholics. This text portrays Peter as the one authorised by the Saviour to lead his disciples in professing their faith in him. In this age, when God calls believers to work for Christian unity, it is important that we understand it well. When we compare Matthew's account of Peter's confession with that of Mark (Mk 8: 27-33), we see that the two evangelists present Peter in very different ways. In Mark's account, to the questions of Jesus, Peter responds, 'You are the messiah'. Then, when Jesus begins to explain that his role will be very different from that of the messiah of popular expectations – 'The Son of Man is destined to suffer and be put to death' – Peter can not accept what Jesus is saying; and he is sharply rebuked by Jesus, 'Get behind me Satan! You are not thinking as God thinks'. When Matthew is writing his gospel, long after this incident, Peter has long been recognised and venerated as the one who was appointed by Jesus, as the leader of the chosen disciples who were to carry on his mission. In order to celebrate the role given to Peter by the Saviour – a role that he has carried out with great faith and courage – Matthew combines two incidents that took place at different times. He uses Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi as an introduction to what is his main point – the commission that was given to Peter by the Lord, so fundamental for the life of the first Christian community. The gospels make it clear that Peter received such a commission. This commission may well have been referred to by Jesus in different contexts, in view of its basic importance in the carrying on of the mission of Jesus. The change of name recalled by Matthew in this text is so remarkable (Jesus used the Aramaic word for 'rock', kephas, never before used as a name, translated as Petros in Greek) that it obviously had far-reaching significance. Luke refers to the commission of Peter as being made in the highly charged atmosphere of the Last Supper: 'I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brethren' (Lk 22:31). In John's gospel, the risen Lord's three questions to Peter on the shore of the lake – reminding us of Peter's three denials – lead on to his great commission, 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'. This whole tradition is filled with reminders of Peter's frailty – a great lesson for the whole Church, faithful and pastors.

In its totality, Matthew's text is a magnificent summary of the self-understanding of the Church of the first generation, and of Peter's leadership role in that Church. Matthew alone of the evangelists used the term 'church' (in this and a later text). This term, that Paul used so frequently – echoing the Old Testament term for the community of faith of old Israel – refers to the New Israel inaugurated by Jesus. The 'gates' of the cities of antiquity were the embodiment of their strength. The Church founded on the ministry of Peter, the 'rock', will triumph over the dark forces of the kingdom of death; and, under Peter's leadership, open the way to the final Kingdom announced and inaugurated by the Saviour. The words of Jesus make clear the practical implications of the authority given to Peter. 'Binding and loosing' referred to the authority of the teachers of old Israel, to legislate and determine policy, and to exclude from the community. If this pastoral authority is shared with the other apostles (cf. Mt 18:18), it is only under the leadership of Peter that they can effectively carry out this pastoral responsibility.

SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Matthew 16:13-20

How would you answer Jesus' question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Isaiah 22:19-23

Shebna, a scribe under King Hezekiah, fell from God's favor for not heeding Isaiah's prophetic warnings. How seriously do you take the word of the Lord?

Romans 11:33-36

Paul's reflections on God come at the end of an extended discussion of where Jews and Gentile fit into God's plan of salvation, Romans 9-11. What do you find compelling in Paul's theological reflections?



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