



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

30th/31st July 2022

Lighting the Flame

By: Fr Peter Tonti
Parish Priest

Make sure when you light a really good fire you have with you plenty of gum leaves to throw onto the flames. Then you will see clouds of smoke billowing out everywhere before eventually the sparks come alive and fly out and create new fires all over the place. The cleansing smoke from the fire our First Nations People lit covered all of us as we met together in our Sacred Place for Truth Telling. There is real importance in our Sacred Place. We initially gathered, from all across Australia, in the St Mary of the Cross, Mackillop Chapel in Sydney. Mary MacKillop and our First Nations People knew each other and worked together really well. There was plenty of Truth Telling.

We were called into something special, something new. Mary understood, only too well, the importance of Sacred Place and Story-Telling together. Mary also understood her vocation was the Truth Telling of Jesus Christ by living it as a real witness. The Church will only renew when there is Truth Telling and living the understandings together.

It was in humility we listened to the Truth Telling and we prayed deeply, in the sacredness of our hearts, that we would hear and live the call of the Holy Spirit. Each morning our First Nations People threw a few more gum leaves onto the flames and the cloud of cleansing smoke billowed again before the sparks flew everywhere creating new fires in our hearts and minds.

St John Paul II told us that all our efforts “will be totally inadequate” unless Christ increases in our hearts and minds. And so we listened. We listened to our vocation to be in communion with our God and all

the witnesses of Christ who have gone before us. What a Missionary Team!

Pope Francis, the prophet in our time says, “I dream of a ‘missionary option’, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” (Evangelii Gadium 2013).

You should have seen the fireworks on Wednesday when the topic was *Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men*. Someone threw some extra gum leaves on the fire. Clouds of smoke billowed everywhere. The sparks came alive and the flames were bigger than ever. It became obvious to everyone that the Holy Spirit wanted a really, lively, fiery experience and not to be treated like some good idea to be placed on a shelf.

There is so much to do. We first of all must pray and commit ourselves to Christ as true witnesses. What is God asking our Church in Australia today? What are our gifts and frailties that the Holy Spirit can set on fire?

Hopefully, over the next few weeks, I can offer my understandings of the eight themes focused on throughout the Plenary Council. These themes can be found on the Plenary Council website: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The first theme will be *Part 1. Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts*. Until then:

**Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of the Faithful, and kindle in them the Fire of your Love.
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall Renew the face of the Earth.**

Amen.

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg respectfully acknowledges the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the country in which we live. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Miss Elizabeth Kelly
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Reception

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Presly Varghese
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Deputy-Chair

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Holy Rosary Church

Corner Barolin & Woongarra Street

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Monday: Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts

Part 1

Every morning we began with the Welcome to Country and the cleansing ceremony followed by our prayers and song. These events were deeply moving and meaningful. Our indigenous brothers and sisters were open for us to receive the Truth-Telling. The Story telling was confronting and challenging. Could we dream that we would truly listen and walk together in humility, understanding, hope and compassion? That our new song-lines would be sung together in rich harmony and love?

We were told accounts of how the aboriginal girls would have a stint inserted in their arm for the purpose of contraception to stop them breeding. The men would check the arms of the girls and if they saw the stint they knew the girls were good to be raped and abused. Today we have the accounts of thousands of dollars being used to build state of the art incarceration centres for the aboriginal young men. They have become fodder for building projects. The ongoing horrendous present day stories in the north do not meet the interests of our media.

Amidst the Truth-Telling the Elders told fond stories of the Catholic Church and the many Sisters and Brothers who provided care and education in reading and writing language even when the governments legislated against these teaching initiatives. The Elders saw the church as a sacred place like country. A place where we share what we have to offer with love, compassion and meaning. Where we walk together and be sacred in our dreaming and creation. Where we thank God for the universe. We look to the heavens and listen to what the Milky Way tells our hearts. We marvel at the Emu dreaming and the song line of the Gospel. The need for us to sit down together with Christ in the centre of the circle.

Today our governments legislate against any form of Christian Spirituality being taught in our public schools. As a society we are suffering deeply as we notice the rise and the rise of mental turmoil, scepticism and relational disconnect. We give thanks for our indigenous brothers and sisters as they welcome us into their belonging and hope and pray we can sing the new song together in harmony.

All the Part 1 Motions passed on Monday and it was good. Details: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

DID YOU KNOW?
Twining Program

- 01 The Members assist many people in the Philippines, Indonesia and Southern India.
- 02 We correspond with the Members in those parts of the world. The Bundy Conference has twins in India.
- 03 The people in India assisted are mainly in central Tamil Nadu, the east coast of Andhra Pradesh, and throughout Kerala State.
- 04 The program started in the 1970's for the St Vincent de Paul Rockhampton Diocese.
- 05 Fill in the QR code to express interest in being involved or call 4339 3751.

 St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



St Vincent de Paul Society has been in Bundaberg since 1934. Offering a hand up to people when needed. We have 3 **"Vinnies" Stores** in the local area.

- 18 McLean St, Bundaberg
- 68 Johanna Boulevard, Kensington
- 37 See St, Bargara.

If you wish to volunteer at one of our local stores your help would be most appreciated.

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL: is being held this weekend. This is an opportunity for us to contribute financially to various ministries that support those in need or on the margins within our Diocese. The needs that you can support are:

- ◆ Woorabinda Ministry
- ◆ Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre
- ◆ Catholic Prison Ministry
- ◆ Parishes of the Central West

Please pick up a brochure to learn more about the good works being done on behalf of us all and offer your financial support where you can.

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Ladies you are invited to join the CWL for their lunch at the Spotted Dog 11.30am for 12.00pm start on **Tuesday August 2nd**. If you would like to join us, please let Olga(4151 3397) know by Sunday night July 31st. Lunch will be purchased off the menu. A continuous raffle will be held after lunch, any prizes would be welcome. The funds raised will be donated to the Heart Research Foundation. All are welcome.

MASK WEARING: The current surge in cases is a reminder that COVID is still among us. You might consider wearing a mask in the workplace, at Mass and in places when you can't socially distance, to protect yourself against the virus and to prevent further spread. This is a recommendation and is optional. This is also a reminder to keep practising good hygiene and monitoring your own health for any symptoms. If you are experiencing any COVID/flu like symptoms, please stay home and test yourself using a Rapid Antigen Test. Being in public when you are unwell puts others at risk of contracting the illness. Please take care of yourselves through these winter months.

PRIEST RETREAT: All priests will be on retreat from Monday August 1st up to and including Friday August 5th.

WOMEN OF THE WAY RETREAT: Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite. 26th-28th August 2022, Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

Guest Speakers: **Rebecca Crouch** is passionate about Jesus, the church and becoming all she can be, and calling others to do the same.

Fr Neville Yun ordained 8 years, is Parish Priest of Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. His Holy Spirit led ministry at last retreat will be remembered and participants will be under his guidance once again. **Registrations close 31st July 2022.** Contact Rosa Montegrando, Ph: 07 3886 1661, or email: rmontegrando@hotmail.com

CANCER COUNCIL'S RELAY FOR LIFE: This weekend we held our Major Fundraising Function. We will update you with totals raised in next weekend's bulletin.

RELAY FOR LIFE WALK: Will be held at the **Recreational Precinct** on **August 13th**. This year the walk starts at **1.00pm** and concludes at **10.00pm**. We are looking for more people to register for the Parish Team, especially the younger members from our Parish. **The theme for this year is Australiana.** The tent design is coming together really well, complete with a campfire (Flameless but still glowing).

If you would like to walk and/or volunteer to help, please contact the Parish Office. We are looking to make this year a great success post Covid 19.

BLANKET BUDDIES: Meet weekly on **Wednesday** at Novakoski Centre. **9:00am to 12:00 noon.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:

Delsie Carswell, Francis Watson, Lorraine Argent (Mackay), Peter Schofield (Sr Margaret's Brother), Jim Brittain (Brisbane), Susan Ofilan (Philippines) Noel and Betty Mooney, Dean Mauro, Richard (Dick) Hyne, Dragica Kreg,

LITURGIES

Monday 1 August 2022 St Alphonsus Liguori

9.00am St Patrick's LWC

Tuesday 2 August 2022

9.00am St James' LWC
Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

Wednesday 3 August 2022

St Dominic

8.00am Shalom - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's-LWC

Thursday 4 August 2022

St John Vianney

6.30am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 5 August 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

Saturday 6 August 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

7 August 2022 Year C(2)

7.00am St James'
8.00am Holy Rosary
9.00am St Patrick's
12Noon Baffle Cr
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading

Hebrews: 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

FUNERALS:

Delsie Carswell, 8th Aug
Des Allen Chapel 1.00pm
Francis Watson, TBA

PRAYER GROUPS

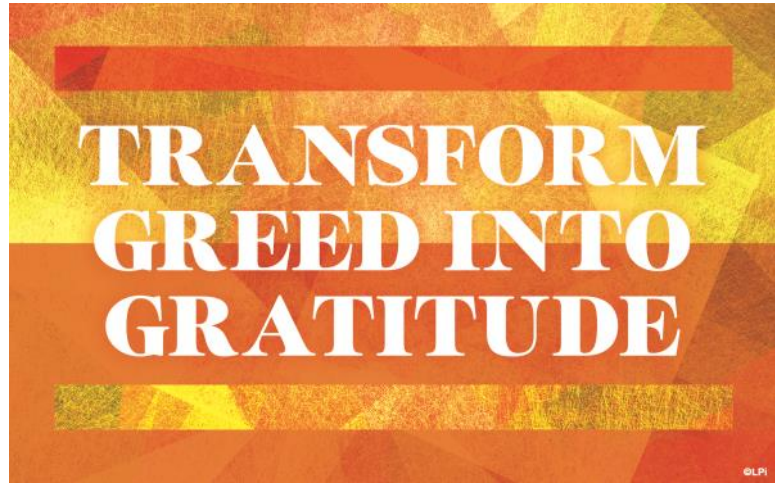
ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month **7.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre.

Monthly prayer groups will be advertised in the bulletin the week prior

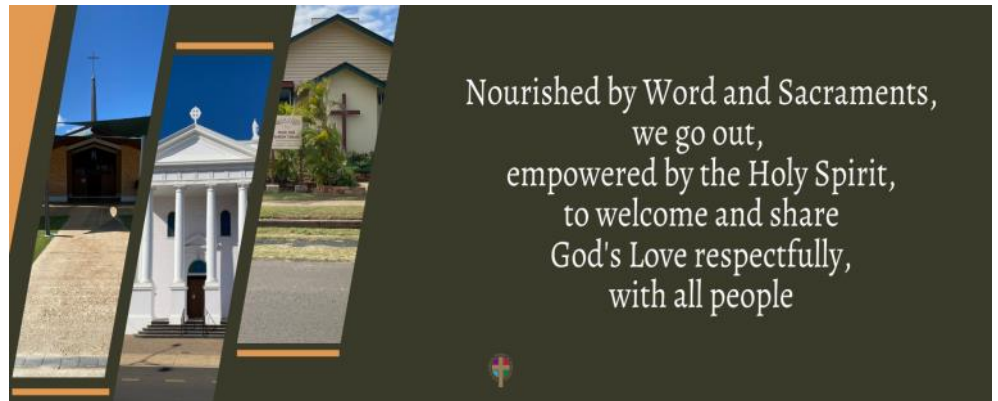
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. ©LPI



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abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the **Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:**

Response Line: 1800 830 113
(free call)

Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net

Diocesan website for more information:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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Mater Hospital: 4153 9539
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for Medical Emergencies**
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts

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