



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

20th/21st August 2022

LISTEN SILENT TINSEL ENLIST

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

The anagrams of LISTEN give rise to this reflection as we approach Social Justice Sunday next week. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**. Its first section is devoted to **listening** to women and children and its last section is devoted to **building** community capacity for respectful relationships.

It was in 1967 that the First Lady of Soul, Aretha Franklin, released the anthem, "RESPECT". It was probably one of the precursors of the feminist movement for equality of male and female in society and was followed soon after in 1972 by Helen Reddy's iconic anthem, "I AM WOMAN".

Both these women asked us to listen to the injustices prevalent in our societies where women were excluded from opportunities and professions by a certain male dominance. Both these women made a call, in song, for women to demand their equal rights.

Times have changed somewhat but there lingers in our Australian society too large a percentage of men (even 1% is too large) who still, in spite of education, community standards and judicial processes, have not listened. Domestic Violence, abuse of children, abuse and violence towards others who may be different sexually or culturally persist and the vast majority of perpetrators are male.

It is a hackneyed statement but it is true: we have been created with two ears and one mouth so we should be listening twice as much as we are speaking. To LISTEN we need to be SILENT. It is in silence that we hear what is being said and it is in silence that our God has a chance to speak to our hearts. How often do we allow ourselves to simply sit and be; to sit and be open to the inspirations which God and God's Spirit gently whisper?

So, we LISTEN by being SILENT. But then we are compelled to react.

Our reaction can be as TINSEL. Platitudes can be spoken which sound good but are merely the mouthing of words not our own and certainly not heartfelt.

NO! We need to ENLIST. We need to stand up, speak out and be counted. We need to be part of a movement, or lead a movement, for change. When we are convicted in our beliefs, we cannot remain non-committal.

More will be said about the Bishops' Statement in the ensuing times. Sufficient for now is to prepare ourselves to LISTEN by opening our ears and our hearts to allow the Spirit to speak. Then, like the prophets of old and today, ENLIST by what we say and do in bringing about that RESPECT which is the right of every created being.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
Executive Officer/Stewardship

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
Receptionist

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Dr Presly Varghese
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CHURCHES

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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men

Part 4

The Wednesday morning session was a serious disruption to the flow of the Plenary Council. A catalyst for change. A number of speakers, including Virginia Bourke, the chair of Mercy Health Australia talked about the disconnect between the leadership roles of women in society and those held in the Church. There was a sense of hope that, after four years of consultation, change was inevitable. While the members voted in favour the bishops did not. The disbelief and disappointment were palpable. There was clearly unfinished business when we left for morning tea.

The crisis showed itself when, on return, many of us could not take our seats to continue until there was a resolution. Those who remained standing included women and men, priests and bishops. It was a defining moment for the council. It was not a protest of blame and shame but one where the Spirit swept over the chaos and God spoke in our hearts *Let there be light*. We were invited to return to the table to pray for light; for revelation.

The crisis became a turning point. We gathered in the library to listen to the varied and different points of view and ways forward. The bishops met together in dialogue. The week now would be determined on whether clericalism could be successfully challenged in the Catholic Church and the outcomes would truly reflect a synodal response. The importance of the Plenary Council was immediate.

The schedules were overturned and proceedings revised. There was now a reality to truly listen and see with new eyes what the Spirit was revealing to our Church for the twenty-first century. Could we be united in heart and together speak with one voice? A number of motions were revisited and revised in their format. Part 4. Motions would be reconsidered and voted on at the end of the week. There was still apprehension but also a deep sense of hope in the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

There has been a clear commitment by the Plenary Council to commit the Church in ways that witness the equal dignity of women and men, with their diverse gifts and experiences. For me, personally, although the motions passed, all the boxes I hope to be ticked will continue to need consideration and development. Nevertheless, the groundswell is evident and rises up rather than climbing a ladder of boxes.

My prayer for the universal Church Synod in 2023 is the commitment to the enhancing role of women in church leadership and the overcoming of assumptions, cultural practices and language that leads to inequality. We have two legs to walk, two arms to open wide, two lungs to breathe, two eyes to see, two ears to hear and one heart to speak with one voice.

Results of Part 4. Motions. Details: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

NOTICES: *Sunday 28th August*

WOONGARRA STREET PARTIAL CLOSURE: The Auswide side of the street plus the centre parking of Woongarra Street will be blocked off on Sunday 28th August. The area from the Auswide corner to in front of the Parish Office will be affected. If you are concerned about access and parking for the 8.00 am Mass, then you might like to attend the 9.00 am Mass at St. Patrick's.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: is next weekend. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference statement for this year is titled: **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**. This statement is enlightening about Church teaching and condemns the use of the bible to justify male power over women and children. To access a copy online go to: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au, or limited copies available at the front of the church.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CONCERT: Following the 9.00 am Mass, a short concert will be held so that we can enjoy the beautiful sounds of the new Clavis 224 organ. Other performances will be included in the Concert, organised by Suellen Cusack-Greensill and friends. A very generous donation from the Order of the Eastern Star Bundaberg Hall Committee Association has been put towards the purchase of this new organ to replace the one lost in the St. Mary's fire, and we acknowledge the Association's generosity.

GARDEN DEDICATION FOR MR. FRANK PIPPIA: Following the 10.30 am Concert, a Garden Dedication ceremony for Mr. Frank Pippia will be held at the front of St. Patrick's church to acknowledge Frank's more than 40 years dedicated volunteer services to St. Patrick's as church cleaner and groundsman. Please stay after the Concert to acknowledge Frank's mighty contribution to our Parish. **Thank you Frank.**

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST, PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Will be held at Holy Rosary followed by a fellowship. All welcome.

RELAY FOR LIFE WALK: Thirty-four Parishioners took part in the Relay for Life last Saturday. Such was their contribution, enthusiasm and fund-raising that the Team was awarded the Spirit of Relay Trophy. Congratulations to all Team members and to your organising committee. Your community awareness and support for this vital cause is edifying.

PRESENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN BUNDABERG: The Parish Archivist, Cathryn King, researched and presented a lecture on the "History of Catholic Education in Bundaberg" for the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society recently. It was very well received and applauded by the organisers. We are indebted to Cathryn for her unstinting voluntary work in our Archives and for her generosity in giving her time and talents to this very important ministry.

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Next weekend throughout the Diocese there will be a Leaving Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society and its many good works. This Outreach of our Catholic Community does remarkable work in many areas of social disadvantage. "Vinnies" is a respected name known by all and we are grateful to all who support and minister to the poor, the oppressed and all in need. Your financial support is received with gratitude.

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Invite you to join them at their Spring Function which will be held on Monday 12th September in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers' Sports Club. A Devonshire morning tea will be served from 9.00am. Entry is \$10 with 5 Lucky Door prizes of a \$25 Gift voucher. A variety concert featuring local artists will be followed by a Cent Sale. As usual there will be Lucky Spots and raffles. Proceeds go towards supporting local and Australian charities. To assist with the catering we would appreciate bookings before August 29th. For more information and bookings please contact **4151 3397 or 4152 5365**.

MINISTRY TRAINING AND FORMATION: for continuing Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are as follows:

- **Ministers of the Word (Readers)** - Wednesday 24 August, 10.30am or 5.30pm
- **Ministers of Communion** - Wednesday 31 August, 10.30am or 5.30pm

Both sessions held in the Parish Office. Attendance would be appreciated. RSVP's to the parish office thank you.

THE 19th ANNUAL BUNDABERG ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON: Will be held on Saturday September 10th at the Bundaberg Services Club (RSL, Quay St). Doors will open at 10.00am with presentations commencing at 10.50am. Guest speaker will be Mr Jeff Irwin, Principal, Woongarra State School. **Tickets are \$40.00 per person** and will be available through the Catholic Parish Office (**Cash Only**) from Monday August 15th. For group booking, tables up to 10 people will be available. The net proceeds from the Luncheon will go to the Bundaberg Chaplaincy Committee.

IGNITE CONFERENCE: THE MOMENT: Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Rockhampton Diocese will be taking a group, open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite will be at St Laurence's College Brisbane on September 22nd to 25th. To register just go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22bne>. Then enter the coupon code **RockyHigh** or **RockyAdult** and then select the ticket type that starts with 'Rocky Diocese'. Accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost. For more information contact Mick on 0433897973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Baptised:

Sadie Jane Liddle, Harrison Kye Petersen, Lucinda Anne Petersen, Sienna Quinn Henry, Elsie Mae Hendrie, Eva Jade Hendrie

Recently Deceased:

Pietro Felesina, Robert Guidice (NSW), Sr M. Gabriel Kennedy (Rockhampton), Shirley Heale, Delsie Carswell, Francis Watson

LITURGIES

Monday 22 August 2022
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am St Patrick's Mass

Tuesday 23 August 2022

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 24 August 2022
St Bartholomew

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 25 August 2022

6.30am St Patrick's Mass

10.00 am Holy Rosary
Anointing Mass

Friday 26 August 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 27 August 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

28 August 2022 Year C(2)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Sirach 3:17-20,28-29

Second Reading

Hebrews: 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

The church will be open daily from Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. On Saturday, the Church will be open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.

FUNERAL

Pietro Felesina: 22nd August at Holy Rosary Church 10.00 am

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

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

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

OTHER CONTACTS

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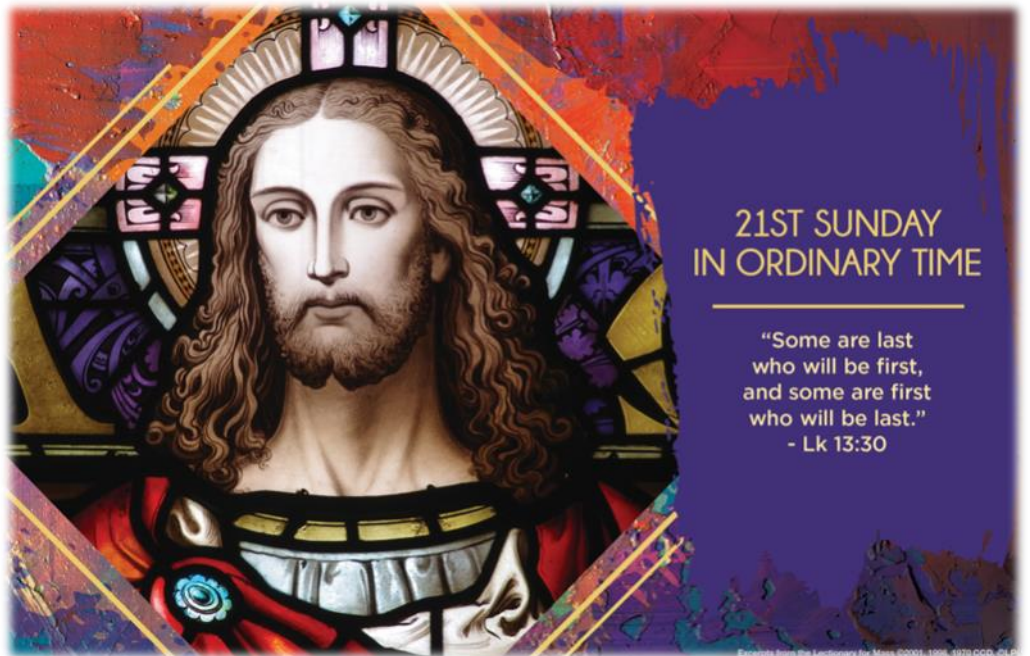
Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled... If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

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Nourished by Word and Sacraments,
we go out,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
to welcome and share
God's Love respectfully,
with all people