



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

As Christians baptised into Christ's body, we are all his disciples.
As we gather today to learn again what it means to follow Jesus,
let us open our hearts to receive his call to us afresh.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C ~ Hours of Sunday, Te Deum ~ Psalter Week 3 ~ 4th September 2016

FOCUS by Anne Sheehan

FATHER'S DAY

For the past two weeks I have been conducting interviews with parents wishing to prepare their child/ren for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. All have been worthwhile experiences of meeting mostly new (as in 'unmet') members of our Parish. The number of families we have in our Parish whose Fathers are absent due to work commitments out of town is surprising. Mothers keep the family routines going until Dad comes home.

This is a family life that many of us who are older cannot comprehend yet it is becoming a growing trend. Families with Fathers who work 9 to 5 or shift work differ to Families where Dad is away anywhere from one (1) to three (3) weeks at a time, home for a weekend or a week then gone again. The "typical" family sees Mum as the nurturer and carer, the one who runs around after the children in a car, if the stories I've heard this week are an indication. Dads come and go, to work usually. Time spent with the family is valuable.

Father's Day is a good time to pause to appreciate this unique person in our lives. It's easy to take them for granted. The natural hurts and struggles that arise in all families can cause us to forget the wealth of goodness and commitment that is also there.

There is no one right way of being a Father. The model for fatherhood comes from our God and Father whose love for us is limitless. Fathers have a particular influence on the formation of their child's image of God, not only in childhood, but throughout life. Now more than ever our society needs Fathers who are able to exemplify this Godly love that is strong and enduring, no matter the family situation.

Much is expected of Fathers. Healing and forgiveness, as much as celebration, must be a part of our reflections today. There is no one right way of showing appreciation of one's father either. The important thing is to do it.

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLY

Living Justly.....Living Sustainably ~ In this Season of Creation September 1 to October 4 Pope Francis encourages us to join with other Christians throughout the world to pray in thanksgiving for creation, for healing of the earth and for greater care of our precious planet. www.seasonofcreation.org.

In our daily lives we can also do something practical to benefit our earth e.g. reduce, reuse, recycle.

STEWARDSHIP

This week we pay tribute to all the wonderful Fathers, Grandfathers, foster fathers, father-figures and male mentors in our parish. We 'thank you' and acknowledge the impactful role you have in our lives. Happy Father's Day!

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets Bundaberg CBD

St Patrick's Catholic Church
16 Powers Street Bundaberg West

St Mary's Catholic Church
Corner Barolin & Boston Streets Bundaberg South

St James' Catholic Church
38 See Street Bargara

PARISH OFFICE & CHRISTIAN GIFT & BOOKSTORE

Rossolini Place
Level 1 / 66 Woongarra Street
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 The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Pastoral Team

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - (07) 4151 4771
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Principal - Kaye Beston

St Mary's Catholic Primary School - (07) 4152 2167
www.stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au
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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School - (07) 4152 1380
www.saintpatricks.qld.edu.au
Principal - Mark Fox

Shalom College - (07) 4155 8111
www.shalomcollege.com
Principal - Dan McMahon



The Bundaberg Passionist Family Group will be hosting **Cuppa Sunday** after Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church this Sunday. All Welcome!



Canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta
4th September 2016
Feast Day - 5th September 2016



Jubilee of Mercy

Merciful like the Father

Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy
Visit the Sick

The parable of the Good Samaritan is so powerful that the very term has passed into our language. Jesus tells us that when the Samaritan found the man who had been assaulted, he bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, then brought him to a place where he could recover (Luke 10:34).

One of the glories of our Catholic tradition is the many institutions founded over the centuries to care for the sick. Heroic women and men have dedicated their entire lives to caring for the sick and elderly, and it may be that God is calling you to such a vocation. That is not the path for most of us, but we all should be concerned about health care in our nation.

Yet St. John Paul II reminds us that institutional solutions are not enough. As he recovered from the attempt on his life, the Pope wrote a moving exhortation on the meaning of human suffering, *Salvifici doloris*. In that remarkable document he wrote, "The institutions are very important and indispensable; nevertheless, no institution can by itself replace the human heart, human compassion, human love or human initiative, when it is a question of dealing with the sufferings of another" (SD 29). During his own recovery, the Holy Father noticed that often doctors talked about his "case" in front of him, without including him in the conversation. They were no doubt very professional, but John Paul recognized how important it is for the patient to feel that he or she is more than just a "case".

Visiting the sick is a work of mercy that calls for special discernment. Illness isolates people, and visits and cards remind them that they are not alone. But we must also be sensitive to individual needs: some people prefer privacy when they are unwell. We need to be humble enough to ask those who are sick what help *they* want, rather than assuming that we know already. On the other hand, we may find that we are not making that visit to the hospital because we are uncomfortable with the fact that seeing someone we love who is ill reminds us of our own mortality. We should pray for our loved ones who are sick, and also pray for the light of the Holy Spirit to know how best to serve their needs, not our own.

We should also be mindful of the situation of people, often our neighbours, who have no friends or family at hand. Our parishes can offer many opportunities here: visits to rest homes, meals for those who have returned home after a stay at the hospital, arrangements to take those who do not drive to the doctor's office. If we notice that someone we usually see at church has not been around, perhaps a discrete contact is in order. Bringing Holy Communion to those who are not able to come to church is a wonderful ministry.

We are told in the Book of Sirach: "Do not shrink from visiting a sick person, because for such deeds you will be loved" (Sir 7:35). The Good Samaritan gave the unfortunate man soothing medicine, and discerning care for others is Christ's prescription, too.

SUNDAY MASSES
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th September 2016

SATURDAY
6:00pm St Patrick's

SUNDAY
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14;
1 Tim 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32.

7:00am St James'
8:00am Holy Rosary
9:00am St Mary's
11:00am Carinity
5:30pm Holy Rosary



Visit the sick

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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Please Note: All times marked with * are Liturgies of the Word (LWC)

Monday 5 th Sept St Mother Teresa	Tuesday 6 th Sept	Wednesday 7 th Sept	Thursday 8 th Sept Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday 9 th Sept St Peter Claver	Saturday 10 th Sept
1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11.	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19.	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26.	Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23.	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42.	1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49.
9:00am St Patrick's *	9:00am St James' * 12:15pm Holy Rosary *	8:00am Shalom * 5:30pm St Patrick's	6:30am St Mary's	12:15pm Holy Rosary	7.30am St Mary's *

06/09/2016 : 2:00pm Riverlea (Cancelled) | 09/09/2016 : Pioneer South (Anointing Mass)

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9:00am - 10:00am at Holy Rosary Church or by Appointment.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Betty Charles (Bev Lever's Mother); Leslie Allen; Clare Thomsen (NSW); Michael Lawrence; Florence "Flo" Grant; Teofista Onglao; Yvonne Douglas; Merv Williamson; Mary "Molly" Jarvis; Dawn Blacklock; Ian Sotherland (Ipswich); Margaret Proctor (Maryborough); Victorino Pagulayan; Eduardo Tubballi Arirao (Philippines); Audrey Nielsen; Rev. Fr Michael Cantwell MSC (NSW); Preding Pugoy (Philippines); Margaret McCarthy (Gatton).

DATE CLAIMERS



Coming to BUNDABERG!
One night only!!!

Where: St John's Lutheran Church
(30 George Street, Bundaberg)
When: Friday, 9th September 2016
Time: 7:00pm

FREE ENTRY !!
(Donations Kindly Accepted)

Rated: PG All proceeds will be donated to the Children's Ward of Bundaberg Base Hospital

Combined P&F
Catholic Schools Bundaberg

Miracles from Heaven NIGHT

Have you seen the amazing and inspirational movie, *Miracles From Heaven*??

"Faith is the only true shelter"
quote from movie

When: 5:45pm Saturday 10th September (movie starts at 6:30pm)
Where: Reading Cinemas
Tickets: \$20, includes a drink and nibbles
Why? To laugh, cry, love, give and support

Broken Bay Institute & Australian Catholic Bishops Conference present

12th National eConference

"MERCY: A Way of Being in the World"

The eConference will be broadcasted live in the Parish Office Conference Room on Tuesday, 20th September 2016 commencing at 10am for a 10:30am start & finishing at 2:45pm. (Morning tea & Lunch will be provided).

Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge | Mr Phil Glendenning | Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

Please register at the Parish Office on 4151 6666.
(Gold Coin Donation accepted to offset Catering Costs - Thank You).

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Childers
celebrating
75 years of Worship

Mass Sunday, 25th September 2016 at 10:30am followed by Lunch & Entertainment.

For more information, please refer to the Church Noticeboard, or contact the Childers Parish Office on 4126 1256 or email childers@bne.catholic.net.au

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
Rockhampton Diocese

Invites You to Celebrate With Us
in this Jubilee Year of Mercy @ the 2016 Annual Conference
14th, 15th, and 16th October
Kevin Castles Centre
152 West St, Rockhampton, Central Qld

Guest Speaker

Fr. Gino Henriques, CSSR

Friday 7pm & Saturday 8.30am - 4pm Kevin Castles Centre.
Vigil Mass 6pm @ St Joseph's Cathedral;
7pm St Joseph's Cathedral Praise & Worship;
Sunday 8.30am - 12.00 noon
Kevin Castles Centre

PARISH NEWS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENROL !!!
2016-17 PRIMARY CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM
(Sacraments ~ Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist)
For More Information contact Anne Sheehan ~ 4151 6666

Number 27 Characteristic of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
(from the International Council 1996)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is also concerned with helping adults open their eyes to the hidden riches of the child, especially to the child's spiritual wealth, so that the adult will be drawn to learn from the child and to serve him/her.

The guiding principles in this endeavour are:

- The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd does not seek success.
- It does not set about to be important or to impress others. (Isaiah 10:33 - 11:10)
- It is faithful to the spirit of the mustard seed. (Matthew 13:31)
- It stands in solidarity with the least in the church.

Atrium of the Good Shepherd
70 Woongarra Street
4151 6666

PLEASE NOTE !!!

The October, November & December Rosters are being distributed earlier than normal. It is important that you mark your Roster Dates in your Calendars & Diaries. Please make your own arrangements to swap with another Minister if you are going to be unavailable. Thank you.