



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

God's kingdom is a living power among us.
We experience it wherever we make peace, serve one another
and respect all living things.
Let us prepare to be touched and challenged by God's generosity and love.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C ~ Hours of Sunday, Te Deum ~ Psalter Week 1 ~ 13th November 2016

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

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FOCUS by The Bundaberg NET Team

As the NET team, we would whole heartedly like to say a massive thank you to the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg. From the moment we stepped off the train ten months ago, we have felt so welcomed. Above that, we felt so loved by everyone.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us into their homes for dinner, been so generous in so many ways and making us feel at home. We have loved every second of being part of this beautiful Parish. Thank you to everyone who has supported our youth groups whether that was providing a meal for the group or giving us a donation. Thank you to all who stopped to have a friendly conversation with us.

We would like to thank our young people who we have ministered to this year. You have all been amazing and we have loved every minute being with you. Watching all of the youth this year encounter the love and mercy of Jesus in their own way has been so overwhelming and we feel incredibly blessed to be part of that.

We could not have prayed for a better Parish to be a part of for the past ten months. We would like to thank you for your prayers this year. We are forever grateful and continue to pray for the Bundaberg Parish for the rest of our lives.

LITURGY SPOT

CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOORS in diocesan cathedrals across the world occurs this Sunday, 13th November. In Rome, the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica will officially close and mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy on the following Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Our door will remain "open" signifying our hope that, although the Year of Mercy has officially ended, we will continue as instruments of God's Mercy in our world.

STEWARDSHIP

This weekend we thank everyone for their patience and co-operation in completing the National Church Life Survey during Mass. A mammoth effort by everyone! Thank You!

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLY

Living Justly.....Living Sustainably ~ In every person the desire for peace.....coincides with the desire for a full, happy and successful human life. (Pope Benedict XVI's "Blessed are the Peacemakers")

*Can we in our lives be peacemakers by being more tolerant towards others whose cultures or beliefs are different from ours?
by speaking out against violence?*

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Jubilee of Mercy

Merciful like the Father

Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy Bear Wrongs Patiently

"For to this you have been called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly" (1 Pt 2:21-23). We know that Jesus stated quite categorically that if we want to be his disciples we must take up our cross every day and follow him (Lk 9:23). This work of mercy spells out one way to do this.

At the outset we should be clear what this work of mercy does not mean: it does not mean that we should continue to live in an abusive situation where we or those we love are being harmed. At the heart of the Gospel is the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God; we are commanded to love our neighbour as ourselves, not at the expense of ourselves. This work is aimed at those situations that are part of life in our fallen world: misunderstood motives, slights and insults, backbiting and gossip. It is only natural that we want to strike back, and of course there may be occasions where it is appropriate or even necessary to set the record straight. The wisdom required is to know when to speak and when to keep silent. As we read through the Gospels we find that there were occasions when Jesus responded to criticism of his disciples or of himself. But there were other times when he remained silent, trusting to him who judges justly.

This work of mercy challenges us to bear wrongs *patiently* – a tall order. Patience is not just a matter of temperament, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see Gal 5:22), so it is something we must pray for and strive to put into practice. Like other virtues, it is trait that improves with practice. We can school ourselves with little acts of patience so that we are prone to be patient when the bigger upsets of life come our way. We should strive to give others the benefit of the doubt and seek to be less critical ourselves.

Patience is rooted in a reality at the core of our faith: the Passion of Christ. Patience and passion come from a Latin word meaning to suffer or endure. Patience is by its nature a passive quality, a matter of putting up with something. But Christ has turned the word passion from the passive to the active voice: his Passion was ultimately something not done to him, but something he did: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (Jn 10:18). The alchemy that transformed Christ's suffering into something positive was love: love for the Father and love for us.

This is why Jesus tells us that, far from seeking to retaliate against others, we should respond to them positively: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Mt 5:44). He calls us to not simply bear wrongs patiently, but actively, with the activity of love. Even when Jesus stood silent in the face of those who mocked him and lied about him, he was loving them. May his Passion make our patience an act of love.

SUNDAY MASSES

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

20th November 2016

SATURDAY

6:00pm St Patrick's

SUNDAY

2 Sam 5:1-3;
Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43.

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



Bear wrongs patiently

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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Please Note: All times marked with * are a Liturgy of the Word with Communion

| Monday 14 th Nov | Tuesday 15 th Nov | Wednesday 16 th Nov | Thursday 17 th Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary | Friday 18 th Nov | Saturday 19 th Nov |
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| Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43. | Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10. | Apoc 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28. | Apoc 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44/ | Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48. | Apoc 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40. |
| 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 * 12:00pm Holy Rosary |

17/11/2016 : 10:00am St Mary's (Anointing Mass)

RECONCILIATION

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR BAPTISMS

This weekend, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed **Ruby Jane Evans**.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Silvio Carosi (Canada); Paul Ziebarth (Brisbane); Kevin Grieve (Brisbane); Lenore "Marie" Mooney; Maxwell Graham; Terry Whitworth; Hubert Classen; John Beston (Redbank); Barry Raxworthy (Sydney); Jocelyn Connolly (Brisbane); Carmela Cavallaro; Gina Gonzales (Philippines); Catherine Roche (Rockhampton); Margaret Althaus (Brisbane); Barbara McNaught (Cooroy); Mary Kavanagh (Rosewood); Quinto "Serge" DE Paoli; Frances Steemson; Clem Healey.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Next weekend we celebrate a **Ritual of Belonging** with the children during Mass. This marks the turning point in their preparation where they begin to focus on the Eucharist as the sacrament of Belonging to the Body of Christ. We will also ask for Prayer Partners for the children this weekend.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRIES

Could all Ministers who will be here for Christmas please write your name on the list at the front door of the Church? Rosters for the Christmas Masses need to be prepared now. Thank you.

ROSTERS 2017

The 2017 January, February & March Rosters are currently being prepared. Please notify the Parish Office by Friday, 2nd December 2016 if you will be unavailable for more than a month during this period.

Remember~ if you're going to be away this December, please arrange your own replacement pro to your rostered day. Don't forget to update your Calendars / Diary with your Rostered Dates.

DATE CLAIMERS

Ladies you are invited to:

The Bundaberg CWL Christmas Dinner



Tuesday, 22nd November 2016
Leprechaun Room, Brothers Club
6:00pm (6:30pm start)

Cost of the Dinner is \$25 £ to be paid at the Parish Office no later than 12noon Friday 18th November 2016.

Don't forget a gift for Secret Santa.

Contact Maureen ~ 4152 1263 for more information.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Family and friends of our recently dearly departed are invited to a Memorial Service which will be held on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 at 7:00pm in the Holy Rosary Church.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office if attending ~ Ph. 4151 6666. All Welcome.



PAGEANT OF LIGHTS

Thursday, 1st December 2016

Each year the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg takes part in the Pageant of Lights Parade ~ Come join us & walk with the Parish Christmas Float.

We will assemble at 6pm at the corner of Bourbong & Walla Streets (near Subaru). For 7pm Parade start.

For more information, contact Nadia Fregonese at the Parish Office.

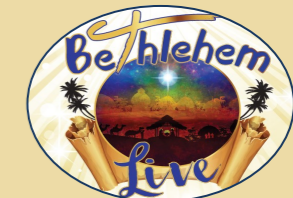
PARISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

When: Thursday, 8th December 2016

Where: Parish Office

Time: 5:30pm

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 7th December 2016.



Our Parish is going to be involved in **Bethlehem Live**, being held each evening (5:30pm to 8:30pm) from 20th to 23rd December 2016 at the Central State School Grounds.

Churches from around Bundaberg will be coming together to create the Christmas message of Jesus and will feature the Town of Bethlehem, Nativity Play, Live entertainment & interactive activities.

We are asked to replicate a stall in Bethlehem with such activities as Basket Weaving, Rug or Fabric Weaving, Pottery, Carpentry, Food Stalls etc. We are looking for any one with any of these talents who would be happy to volunteer for this event to get involved. We should only need you for one night, for 3 hours, if we get enough helpers.

The **Bethlehem Live** committee are also looking for "characters" - Money Changers, Rabbis, Beggars, etc and Live entertainment for the main stage.

If you'd like to be involved in this very special Christmas event, please contact the office or contact Sharon Melville on 0418 183 454 or via email sharonmelville@hotmail.com.

2016 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

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