



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Office Hours: 8.30am –3.30pm Monday to Friday

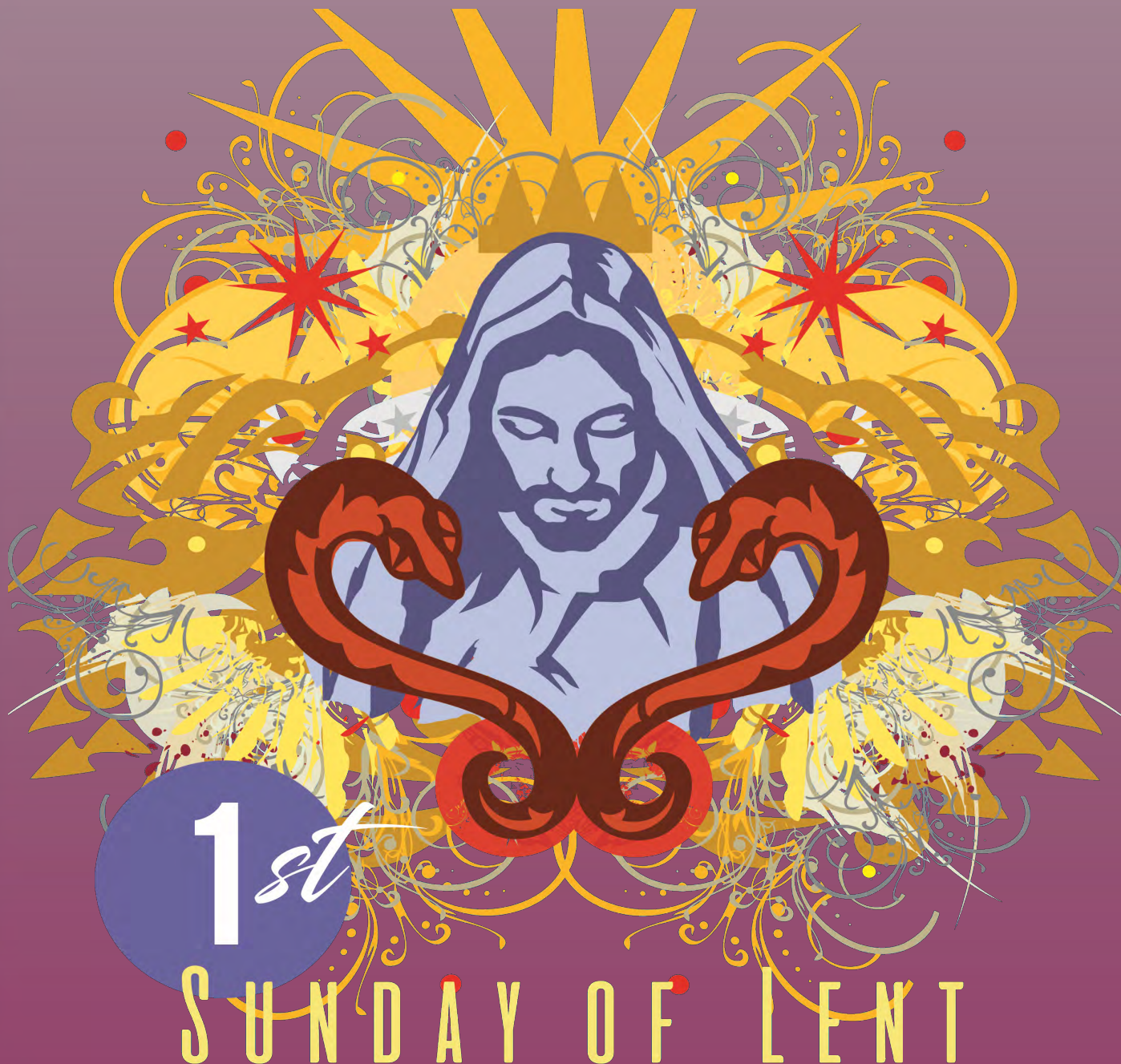
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SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." —Mt 4:8-9

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Very Rev John Daly PP VF**  
Parish Priest

**Rev Andrew Hogan**  
Associate Pastor

**Mrs Anne Sheehan**  
Liturgy & Sacramental

**Mrs Denise Tuzes**  
Visitation & Bereavement

**Mrs Diana Pippia**  
Office Manager

**Mrs Kaye Andersen**  
Receptionist

**Bundaberg NET**  
Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston  
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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 McMahan  
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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 Barga

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Diocesan Safeguarding**  
**Daniel Donnini:** 4931 3632

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**Melissa Davey:** 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 Fr John Daly

It was a terrible shock to be told last Saturday that Fr Bruce Little had died the night before. He was travelling on a journey of a life time, holidaying for three(3) months. That journey ended within two (2) days of leaving the Port of Brisbane.

He has now travelled another unplanned journey into eternal life - a life with our compassionate ever embracing God. At some time in the future each of us will have to make that journey into God.

Last Wednesday we began our Lenten Journey. This Journey prepares us both for Easter and for the ultimate Easter Rising we call "Eternal Life".

Through our prayers, penance and works of love and mercy we journey with Christ to become a people better living the Gospel.

## LITURGY

Catholics have a rich understanding of fasting that goes beyond the notion of simply giving up food. In our Lenten liturgy we ritually experience this fasting. For forty days we do without the proclamation of 'Alleluia' before the Gospel. The absence of this Easter word reminds us that we are immersing ourselves into a season of fasting. In the same way we also fast from singing the Gloria. Even our liturgical space is devoid of any decoration.

## STEWARDSHIP

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

On 'Clean Up Australia Day' we think of the pollution which is part of people's daily experience and which affects everyone - caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, etc.

(Laudato Si 20)

*We can all be part of reversing this by recycling, reducing rubbish  
and being conscious of other ways I can reduce pollution.*

## LITURGIES

### Monday 6 March

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 7 March

9.00am St James - LWC  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Wednesday 8 March

8.00am Shalom - LWC  
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Thursday 9 March

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

### Friday 10 March

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass  
2.30pm Pioneer Home  
- Mass with Anointing

### Saturday 11 March

7.30am St Mary's - LWC  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

12 March 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
LENT

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  
11.00am Carinity  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

### Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

### Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**Sacramental Program (Primary Students):** A Family Session (Parent & Child together) on Reconciliation will be held Sunday, 5 March 2017 at 10:30am & Wednesday, 8 March 2017 at 7pm in the Parish Office.

**RCIA Happenings:** This Sunday, **the first Sunday of Lent**, during the 5.30pm Mass, the candidates for the Easter sacraments will celebrate the **RITE OF ELECTION**. This rite marks the beginning of a more intense period of preparation by the candidates. It is called "election" because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God. We are a chosen People, the Elect of God. At this stage in their journey the catechumens, along with their sponsors and catechists, are asked to discern their readiness for initiation. By answering 'Yes' they move forward to initiation through the Lenten rites and presentations.

**Adoration & Benediction During Lent:** will be held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church after 5.30pm Mass on the Sundays during Lent.

**United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group:** Tuesday, 7 March 2017 at 7pm in the Novakoski Centre. All welcome.

**New Parishioners Welcome:** Drinks & Nibbles - Thursday, 9 March 2017 in the Parish Office. Please RSVP to the Parish Office on 4151 6666

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm at St James' Catholic Church & 7pm at St Patrick's Catholic Church. Begins Friday, 10 March 2017

**CWLA St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** will be held on **Thursday, 16 March 2017** in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers' Sports Club. From 9.00am. Bookings: Carmel - 4152 5979 or Maureen - 4152 1263.

**24 Hours for the Lord:** Friday, 17 March 2017 from 12:15pm in Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Every Parishioner & Prayer Group is asked to spend an hour with the Lord in prayer and adoration. Please write your Prayer Group's Name or your Name on the 24 Hour Roster located at the front door of each Church this weekend.

**Parish Stewardship Council Nominations:** Nominations for Parish Stewardship Council are now being called. Nomination Forms are available at the front door of each Church this weekend. Please complete and return to the Parish Office by 3:30pm, Monday, 13 March 2017.

**Rosters:** are being prepared for April, May and June. Please advise the Parish Office of any changes to your Mass Ministry &/or your contact details. As these Rosters need to be completed and distributed by mid March it is important that you advise the Office of any changes by **Wednesday, 8 March 2017**.

**Easter Ministries:** All Ministers who are available for ministry at any or all of the Easter Mass & Liturgies please write your name on the list provided at the front door of the Church.

**The Little Black Easter Books:** and Purple Books for Children are available from all Churches & the Parish Office at a cost of \$3.00.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Wedding Anniversary:** Frank & Kathy Gambley.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Bruce Little; Rosina Caruso; Frank Sannut; Antonio Cagatin (Philippines); Denise Vary; Rodney Baldwin.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Matthew 4:1-11

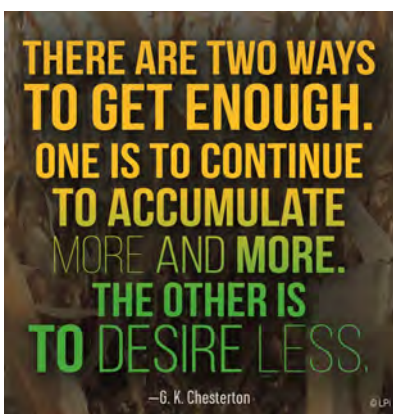
In his responses to the temptation of the devil, Jesus quotes from the Book of Deuteronomy and Psalms. How does sacred Scripture guide you in times of distress?

### Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

What does this excerpt from the creation story of Adam and Eve teach us about the nature of evil?

### Romans 5:12-19

In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul juxtaposes the disobedience of Adam with the obedience of Christ. During this season of Lent, how can you confront this tension in your spiritual life?



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

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

The lessons of the Scriptures are conveyed, for the most part, through stories. Today's readings bring us two outstanding stories of this kind: the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve, and the story of the temptations of Jesus, the 'New Adam', as he takes up his mission after his baptism in the Jordan.

Writing for his community of Jewish converts, Matthew tells the story of the temptations of Jesus in a way that echoes themes of the traditions familiar to them: his temptation 'in the wilderness' calls to mind the trials that led the people of the Exodus, during their forty years wandering in the desert, to lose their trust in the Lord; like Moses, at Mount Sinai, Jesus fasts for 'forty days'; Jesus finds the strength to overcome his temptations by living according to the words of the Scriptures.

This carefully crafted story refers to more than a single episode in the life of the Saviour. It gives us an insight into the ongoing human experience of Jesus who, in the wonder of the Incarnation, shared our human condition and its struggles – even its temptations, though he was 'without sin' (Heb 4:15). The temptations of Jesus are set forth as an encouragement for us. As we give direction and meaning to our lives, we are tempted to seek security in false gods (Col 3:5): pleasure and possessions; the exercise of power; the achievement of recognition and status. The Saviour's temptations have often been linked with these false securities. As, in his hunger, he rejects the consolation of miraculous food, Jesus encourages us to recognise the empty promise of pleasure and possessions, and to find our security in the truths of our Christian faith. As he turns his back on the earthly triumph many of his contemporaries associated with the coming of Israel's messiah, he invites us to see that a selfish exercise of power over others leads only to bitterness. As he refuses to turn aside from his mission to express the ways of his Father, by becoming involved in the politics of 'the kingdoms of the world', he points out to us the way that leads to the true peace yearned for by the peoples of the world.

In today's second reading – a text much discussed in recent scholarship – St Paul compares the Saviour, whom elsewhere he calls 'the final Adam' (1 Cor 15:45), with the Adam of the Genesis story. The point he wants to make is the incomparable greatness of the Saviour and the blessings he brings in the story of humanity – brought out in a comparison with the Adam figure of the Scriptures. He is not concerned to interpret the complex significance of that figure.

The gospels speak of the temptations of Jesus immediately after his baptism and the Father's words of encouragement as he come from the waters. We may see here a concern in the community that gave us the gospels, to prepare those receiving baptism for the temptations that they will certainly face as they live their lives as disciples of the Lord.

John Thornhill sm