



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

## 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**  
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**Mrs Kaye Andersen**  
Receptionist

**Bundaberg NET**  
Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**  
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**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
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**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**  
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**Shalom College**  
Principal: Mr Dan McMahon  
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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**  
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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 NET Team

Greetings! We are the new NET Team for the Bundaberg area this year! We have been spending the last few weeks in Bundaberg getting to know the place and spending time in the different Catholic schools.



Part of our role in Bundy this year is to facilitate different Youth Groups: The **Vision Youth Group** held every Tuesday at lunch-time at Shalom College for Shalom Students; The **Echo Youth Group** held every Sunday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Youth Group Centre (Old Parish Office behind Holy Rosary Church) for High School Students; and a **Young Adults Group** held every Friday from 6pm to 8pm for 17 - 25 year olds in the Youth Group Centre. As well as these Groups we also facilitate something called '**Drop-in**' for High School Students which is from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday in the Youth Group Centre. This is a chance for the Students to come and get some homework done, as well as hang out with us!

We have been blown away by all of the amazing generosity of everyone we have met so far! Thank you so much for making us feel so welcomed into your Community. We are looking forward to working alongside this community this year! Please feel free to introduce yourself to us.

Blessings, NET Bundy team 2017!

## LITURGY

A popular practice in many parishes during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The form of devotion known as the Stations of the Cross arose after pilgrims began to visit the Holy Land from the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century to follow the path that Jesus trod in his last week of life. The selection of fourteen stations is scripturally based and covers a full span of the events of our salvation. It begins with the Last Supper and concludes with Jesus' resurrection. Although the stations focus on the suffering of Jesus, they must never ignore our belief that the Cross is a symbol of victory, not defeat. We are led into the celebration of Christ's victory over death and into the renewal of our commitment to the life of faith at the Easter sacraments.

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## CARITAS: PROJECT COMPASSION

For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round.



The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

We are called to uphold the dignity of every person yet the poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice in our world compromises the dignity of many people.

*We can all do something to help alleviate these wrongs by giving financially,  
being a voice for the voiceless.*

## LITURGIES

### Monday 13 March

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 14 March

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

### Wednesday 15 March

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

### Thursday 16 March

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

### Friday 17 March

**St Patrick - Solemnity**  
9.00am St Patrick's School  
- Mass with Children  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 18 March

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

## NEXT SUNDAY 19 March 2017

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday LENT

Year A (I) Psalter Week 3

#### Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

#### Sunday

7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Mary's  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

#### First Reading

Exodus 17: 3-7

#### Second Reading

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

#### Gospel

John 4: 5-12

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**Sacramental Program:** This weekend the children preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist celebrate a **Ritual of Choosing** during Mass. Already members of God's family through the waters of baptism, the children "choose" now to proceed to the sacraments, with the support of their families and this faith community. This is their final ritual before the celebration of their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, 22 March 2017 at 7.00pm in Holy Rosary Church.

**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 and from the Parish Office. Please return completed Forms to the Parish Office by 3:30pm, Monday, 13 March 2017.

**Widows' Group Meeting:** From 2 - 4pm, Monday, 13 March 2017 in the Novakoski Centre.

**CWLA St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** Thursday, 16 March 2017 in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers' Sports Club at 9am. Admission: \$5. Bookings: Carmel - 4152 5979 or Maureen - 4152 1263.

**National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence:** Friday, 17 March 2017. Let's Take A Stand Together.

**Visitation Ministry Meeting:** Friday, 17 March 2017 at 10:30am in the Parish Office. Please RSVP to the Parish Office. (*Presentation on "Preparing a Catholic Funeral"*).

**Bundaberg Passionist Family Group Picnic Lunch:** Sunday, 19 March 2017 at 11:30am in the Botanical Gardens. For more information contact Helen Mackie - 0490 361 406.

**Australia Catholics & Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans (ACRATH) Information Night:** Sr Janine Bliss (ACRATH Co-ordinator Queensland) will hold an information evening on Thursday 23 March 2017 at 7pm in the Novakoski Centre.

**24 Hours for the Lord:** From 12.15pm, **Friday, 24 March 2017** in Holy Rosary 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.

**The Mass of Chrism:** The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated Wednesday, 5 April 2017 at 11am at St Joseph's Cathedral.

**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.

**Easter Liturgy Times: Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 7pm Holy Thursday, 13 April 2017 at Holy Rosary Church; **Stations of the Cross:** 10am Good Friday, 14 April 2017 at Holy Rosary Church; **Celebration of the Lord's Passion:** 3pm Good Friday, 14 April 2017 at Holy Rosary, St James' & St Patrick's Churches; **Easter Vigil:** 7pm Holy Saturday, 15 April 2017 at Holy Rosary Church; & **Resurrection Sunday:** Easter Sunday, 16 April 2017 at 7am, St James' Church; 8am Holy Rosary Church & 9am St Mary's Church.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**Anniversaries:** Erin Szigmund; Madge Miles; Pasquale Panichelli; Frank Melcer; Frank Paterson; Alan Wood; James Cross; James Emerine; Pat Callaghan; Maureen Hammermeister; Eugene Ferris; Kathleen Burton; Renzo Crappa; Bill Della Vedova.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Matthew 17: 1-9

During Jesus' transfiguration, the apostles hear God proclaim of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Why do you think the divine imperative centers on listening to Jesus?

### Genesis 12: 1-4a

We hear today the first call of Abram (Abraham) in the Book of Genesis. What does God promise Abraham in exchange for his obedience?

### 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

Paul writes to Timothy of bearing "your share of hardship for the gospel." What hardships are you bearing in this season of Lent?



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

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy's gospel reading tells of the Transfiguration. This year we hear Matthew's account. Throughout our long Lenten observance, we are encouraged to keep in mind the triumphant glory of the Saviour that we are preparing to celebrate, and the challenge it brings to us. All three gospels link the Transfiguration with the warning of Jesus, that he was 'destined to suffer' in Jerusalem, and that those who are his true followers must 'take up their cross and follow him'.

What is the basis of this mysterious narrative, that is not easy to relate to the later attitudes displayed by the apostles as the story of the gospels unfolds? It had obvious importance for the Church of the beginnings, because it is given in all three synoptic gospels. Luke associates this experience of the three apostles - who were to witness the agony of Jesus in the garden - with a moment in which Jesus led them in prayer. Perhaps the narrative has its basis in an ecstatic prayer experience. Perhaps the more restrained presentation of Luke, the gentile convert, is significant. Luke avoids reference to a metamorphosis ('transfiguration'), a phenomenon associated with the gods of the pagan mythology. He merely states that 'the aspect of Jesus' face was changed'. No doubt, the early Church saw this narrative as an important expression of their faith in the Saviour - as sharing in the Father's greatness and glory, even in the obscurity of his earthly life.

Matthew's recounting of this tradition, with its many references to biblical themes familiar to the Jewish converts of his community, presents the Jesus of the Transfiguration as fulfilling what was prefigured in the history of old Israel: the 'mountain' reminds us of the defining moment of the Sinai covenant; 'Moses and Elijah', representing the Law and the Prophets, both have close links with Sinai; the 'cloud' recalls the 'shekinah' cloud that was an expression of Yahweh's presence during the Exodus; the shining face of Jesus reminds us of the face of Moses when he came down from the mountain; Peter's reference to the 'three tents', or booths, recalls the Jewish feast of Tabernacles, when the people lived in booths celebrating their arrival in the promised land - a celebration of the kingship of Yahweh that came to be filled with messianic expectations. Matthew adds to the words of the Father from the cloud a reference to one of the songs of the Suffering Servant (Is 42:1), bringing us back to the association of the Transfiguration with the warning of Jesus - of the ordeal that lay ahead of him in Jerusalem, and the challenge of discipleship.

The term used by Mark and Matthew for the transformation that took place in Jesus - that we are accustomed to translate, 'transfiguration' - is also used in the New Testament to describe the spiritual transformation brought by life 'in Christ'. For the first Christians, it had overtones of the blessings of the final kingdom announced by Jesus. The journey begun so long ago - in the story of Abraham's heroic response to the call of God, and the promises that accompanied it - has brought God's people to the moment of fulfilment.

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