



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

Office Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday

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## SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." —Jn 20:28-29

## 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 Carmen Wyatt**  
Stewardship Co-ordinator

**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**  
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**St Patrick's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Principal: Mr Mark Fox  
saintpatricks.qld.edu.au  
Ph: 4152 1380

**Shalom College**  
Principal: Mr Dan McMahon  
shalomcollege.com  
Ph: 4155 8111

## 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

**Diocesan Response Line**  
Melissa Davey: 1800 830 113

**Centacare:** 1300 523 985

**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

Greetings from the NET Team! Over the past month and half, we as a team have been settling more into life in Bundaberg. We have been enjoying getting to be a part of the community here in the Bundaberg Parish! Part of our weekly ministry has been school visits into all of the Catholic schools in Bundaberg, and we really enjoy the opportunity to meet as many students as possible! We also have been really excited about the Youth Groups which we run as they are growing in size but also in fellowship as it proves in a very real way that young people are present in the Catholic Church today! We are still facilitating our Drop-in Centre, which is an after school program of sorts for all High School students from Monday-Friday 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Youth Centre behind Holy Rosary Church, and it would be lovely to see more faces there! We would also like to advertise that junior Youth Group Blaze which is open for students in Grades 3-6 will be starting this Sunday! The Youth Group is from 4pm-5pm in the Youth Centre behind Holy Rosary Church, and we would love to see as many students as possible there! Blaze Youth Group will be held every Sunday at the same time and place! Wishing you all a Blessed week - NET Team.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Breathing is necessary for living. Without air and the ability to breathe, we would die. It is no wonder then that Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. As our physical breath is essential to physically live, the Holy Spirit is essential to personally and socially live. Jesus shows his friends that God is within them, sustaining them with his gifts and providing them with the fullness of life and love. We take God's role in our lives for granted and we give ourselves more credit than we ought. Much of what we treasure and accomplish every day is due to God's inner presence moving and acting within us calling us to new life.

## STEWARDSHIP

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof. The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

Living Justly.....Living Sustainably

*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. (John 10;10)*

Let us reflect on God's gift of life to each of us.

Do I celebrate this gift and show to all people the dignity and respect which is their right?

## LITURGIES

### Monday 24 April

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass  
11.30am Mater Hospital - Mass

### Tuesday 25 April

#### ANZAC Day

6.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Wednesday 26 April St Mark the Evangelist

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

### Thursday 27 April

6.30am St Mary's - Mass  
10.00am St Mary's - Mass with  
Anointing

### Friday 28 April St Peter Chanel

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 29 April St Catherine of Sienna

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

30 April 2017

### 3rd Sunday

#### Easter

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

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

### Second Reading

1 Peter 1: 17 - 21

### Gospel

Luke 24: 13 - 35

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Feast of the Divine Mercy, Sunday 23 April at 3pm in St Mary's Catholic Church.

**ANZAC Day Commemorative Mass:** Tuesday 25 April at 6.00am in St Patrick's Catholic Church.

**St Patrick's Adoration Cancelled** this Tuesday 25 April for Anzac Day

**The Parish Office** will be closed on Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day.

**Bundaberg Passionist Family Group Afternoon Tea:** Combined Birthday Celebrations of Family Groups - **Cancelled Sunday, 23 April.** These celebrations will now be held on **Sunday, 28 May**, at 2pm in the Novakoski Centre. All welcome! Contact: Helen Mackie ~ 0490 361406.

**MacKillop Family Group** have a trip planned to the Bucca Pub for lunch on Sunday 21 May. Also, a Hot Pot Dinner on Saturday, 17 June in St Patrick's Hall after the 6.00pm Mass. More information later.

**Maytime Morning Tea, Fashion Parade & Mini Cent Sale** held by the Friends of Carinity Kepnock Grove Auxiliary is on Tuesday, 23 May at 9.30am in the Kepnock Grove Community Centre. Admission is \$3. For Bookings contact Casimir ~ 4151 4888 or Carmel ~ 4152 5979.

**15th Bundaberg Ecumenical Luncheon (Helping the Homeless):** Saturday, 26 August 2017 at Shalom College from 11am to 3pm. Honoured Guest Speaker is Moira Kelly (International Humanitarian and Global Peacemaker). Tickets available as from April 1st from Bundaberg Broadcasters (38 Crofton Street) or via [www.bundabergtickets.com.au](http://www.bundabergtickets.com.au). Cost \$55 per person (Aged Pensioners & Students - \$35). For more information, please contact Cristel at Impact on Ph: 4153 4233.

As you all know, **Fr John** is stepping down from his administrative role as the Parish Priest of Bundaberg. To thank him for the hard work and dedication he has shown to us, the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, we invite you to join in the celebrations and ask that you advise the Parish Office of your attendance or place your name on the lists at the Church doors.

[6.00pm, Friday 19 May, we will celebrate with a Mass of thanksgiving at Holy Rosary, followed by a parish barbecue.](#)

[2.00pm, Saturday 20 May there will be a concert at Holy Rosary Church, followed by wine and cheese.](#)

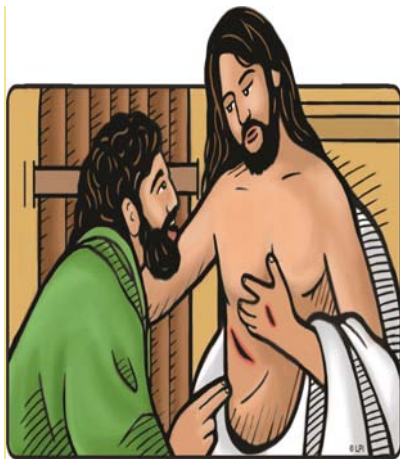
**The Annual Relay for Life High Tea** is to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, 03 June, in St Patrick's Hall, at 2.00pm. **Please note change of time!** The Parish Office is now taking bookings. Cost \$25 per person. If you would like to donate towards our continuous raffle it would be greatly appreciated.

Family and friends of our recently dearly departed are invited to a **Memorial Service** to be held on Wednesday 17 May, at 7.00pm, in Holy Rosary Church. If attending, please RSVP by Friday 12 May to the Parish Office ~ Phone 4151 6666.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Frank BRYSON (Rockhampton); Thomas James POTT; Tony FLEMING (England); Daniel Jankovic (Canberra); Colleen PEARCE (Murgon); Ian Joseph GALL (Cairns).

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION



### SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

#### John 20:19-31

Today's Resurrection account details Thomas' initial doubt that Jesus actually rose from the dead. How do you react to people who "doubt" the resurrection of Jesus?

#### Acts 2:42-47

Luke presents the early community of believers in Jerusalem of one heart and mind, rejoicing in the Resurrection. How does your faith community compare in response to the good news of the Resurrection?

#### 1 Peter 1:3-9

In Peter's prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, what reasons does he give for believers to "rejoice"?



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

Our faith is grounded in the witness of the apostles. This witness had its origins in an overwhelming experience: a meeting, against all their expectations, with the final achievement in God's work of creation, the greatness of the Risen Lord. The gospel accounts echo this experience. Meditating on them gives us a greater appreciation of this foundation of our faith – the 'teaching of the apostles' that has gathered the Church in faith, since its beginnings in Jerusalem.

John's gospel, as we know, is the product of profound reflection on this gospel tradition. The more we come to know it, the more we recognise how much is implied in its apparently simple narrative (even, it seems, reference to the fact that the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection on 'the first day of the week' had its origin in the generation of the apostles).

It has often been pointed out that our understanding of the Easter Mystery has been shaped by Luke's schema of three distinct events: Resurrection, Ascension (40 days later), Pentecost (10 days later). In John's gospel, the Easter Mystery, is already experienced in all its aspects on Easter Day itself. Meeting Mary of Magdala, Jesus speaks of his imminent 'ascent' to the Father; and when he comes to the apostles place of refuge, on the evening of that same day, the Saviour who had 'emptied himself' becoming as we all are, shows himself already one with the Father in divine greatness and authority, as he bestows 'the Holy Spirit' and commissions the apostles to undertake their great mission – 'As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you'. John's narrative tells of the apostles' experience as a passing from apprehension and uncertainty – 'the doors were closed for fear of the Jews' – to the reassurance and joy brought by faith in the Risen Lord. Three times in this narrative he repeats his greeting, 'Peace be with you'. Given the fact that this is their first encounter with the one they had abandoned to his fate, even denied, these words three times repeated are far more than a conventional greeting. They echo down through the ages as words of divine forgiveness and reconciliation for a world whose burdens he has taken upon himself in the terrible drama of the cross. The gospels all speak of the hesitations experienced by the group as they came to terms with their experience, and passed from fear and uncertainty to the joy of believing. In John's narrative, this is all dramatised in the story of Thomas, the outspoken enthusiast, who tells Jesus, 'We do not know where you are going, how we can know the way?' and urges the group, 'Let us go up and die with him!' As in other gospel accounts, Jesus makes it clear that what they have encountered is not a ghostly apparition, but his Incarnate Self: 'Put your finger here, your hand in my side. Doubt no longer but believe'. And so, as John's narrative comes to its climax in Thomas' confession – 'My Lord and my God' – we hear echoes of the gospel's opening, 'The Word became flesh' (1:18), and an echo of its meditation on the Eucharist, 'The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world' (6:51).

Even for the apostolic group, 'seeing' was not 'believing'. The 'seeing' of their extraordinary and mysterious encounter was an invitation to accept the Saviour's gift of faith. Each Easter brings the same invitation to us all: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Peter has this same message: 'You did not see him yet you love him, filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described'.

John Thornhill sm

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