



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Andrew Hogan
Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental

Mrs Denise Tuzes
Visitation & Bereavement

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CHURCHES

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St Patrick's Church
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St Mary's Church
Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church
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OTHER CONTACTS

Diocesan Safeguarding
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AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

FOCUS by Carmen Wyatt

There is an assumption that “Stewardship” refers specifically to questions about Church Finances or Fundraising; that it is in some sense a “decision rule” about how much one ought to give to the Church. But “Stewardship” is far more. It is a spiritual attitude about who we are and what we have. It begins with the realisation that everything we are and everything we own is a gift, freely given to us by a God who loves us and calls us into relationship with Himself. We have nothing – not even life itself – which is not a gift from God. And with that understanding comes both a desire to somehow “give back” in thanksgiving some share of all we’ve been given and a growing awareness of our responsibility to use those gifts wisely. Stewardship is this attitude of responsive and responsible gratitude.

Today is the day we hold every few years to review our treasure, our money and possessions. As we develop our personal budgets for the new financial year, as a Christian Steward of my God-given money, I ask:

“What will be my income for this financial year?”

“How much can I give back to God?”

“What percentage of my income can I give to my Parish to serve both the spiritual and physical needs of people this year?”

“Can I budget this first, before I address my other expenses?”

Our Parish Finance Council is developing our Parish Budget to serve our Parish needs. It can’t do this without knowing what we plan to give. Therefore we are all called to make a commitment to Parish Planned Giving.

(Excerpts from: Stewardship by the Book, Sharon Hueckel)

LIVE THE LITURGY

Today our Gospel presents us with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear God say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Because of our baptism, we share in the same intimate relationship with the Father that Jesus has. This intimate relationship we have with God can transform us, just as it transformed Jesus. We, too, can radiate with love and newness of life and then help in transforming and positively impacting the lives of others. How has your relationship with God transformed you?

STEWARDSHIP

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

This week is National Homeless Persons Week “a time to remember the dignity of each individual, that every citizen has the right to shelter, offering security and providing the basis for participation in society.”

(Bishop Saunders)

LITURGIES

18th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 7 August
St Sixtus II & St Cajetan
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 8 August
St Mary of the Cross
9.00am St James - LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 9 August
8.00am Shalom - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 10 August
St Lawrence
6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 11 August
St Clare
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
2.30pm Pioneer South
- Mass with Anointing

Saturday 12 August
7.30am St Mary's - LWC
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY
13 August 2017

19th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A

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
11.00am Carinity
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading
1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading
Romans 9:1-5

Gospel
Matthew 14:22-33

NOTICES & EVENTS

Parish Planned Giving: Today is *Gifting Sunday*, a day we remember everything that has been gifted to us, by a generous and loving God. We invite all to recommit to the Parish Planned Giving Program.

Liturgical Ministers' Formation & Training: will be held on **Wednesday, 9 August 2017** from **9.30am - 11.00am** or from **5.30pm - 7.00pm** in the Parish Office for those Ministers of the Liturgy who were unable to attend the recent Formation Sessions with Sr Ursula O'Rourke. Contact the Parish Office by Monday, 7 August 2017 to register.

The 13th Annual National eConference: Thursday, 10 August 2017 from 10.30am to 2.45pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists will reflect upon these uncertain and turbulent times and discuss them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. For more information or to register your attendance, please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666. Registrations close Tuesday, 8 August 2017.

Rite of Commissioning: of all Liturgical Ministers will be held during all Masses the weekend of the **12/13 August 2017**.

Annual Diocesan Gathering of Catechists: has been organised for **Friday, 18 August 2017** from 10.00am until 2.00pm. All State School RI Catechists are welcome to attend either in person in Rockhampton or via video-conference at Shalom College Bundaberg. For more information or to register, please contact either Pauline Merefield (pauline@csat.net) or Nicole Butler (nicole_butler@rok.catholic.edu.au) by Friday, 4 August 2017.

Christian Meditation Workshop - Living in the Present Moment!: Gabby Nelson (Qld Coordinator of Christian Meditation) will hold a workshop on Christian Meditation on Saturday, 20 August 2017 from 10.00am - 12.30pm in the Parish Office. For more information or to RSVP contact Joe Mc Corley on 0418 727 845 or the Parish Office.

The Bundaberg Passionist Family Group Annual Ladies Dinner: Monday, 21 August 2017 at **6pm** in the **Panache Restaurant, Shalom College**. Tickets: \$26 / person & available from the Parish Office until Wednesday, 16 August 2017. Payment at the time of booking is appreciated. (*Note: Limited Tickets available*).

15th Bundaberg Ecumenical Luncheon (Helping the Homeless): Saturday, 26 August 2017 at **Shalom College, 11am - 3pm**. Guest Speaker: Moira Kelly (*International Humanitarian & Global Peacemaker*). Tickets available via www.bundabergtickets.com.au or from the Parish Office. Cost: \$55/person (or \$35 for Aged Pensioners & Students). Contact Cristel - 0408 228 187 for more information.

Have A Movie Experience Like No Other!: The Bundaberg Passionist Family Group invite all Parishioners to Morning Tea & a Movie at the Childers Paragon Theatre on **Sunday, 9 September 2017** at **9.30am**. Guest Speaker Merissa Craft will divulge the history of the Theatre that once belonged to her Grandparents. Cost \$15. For more information contact Colleen (4152 8497 / 0478 043 643) or Helen (0490 361 406).

St James' Celebration Day Raffle Winners: David Ryan; Sr Margaret Schofield; Frances Formosa; Phil Trotter; Betty Houlihan; Damian Mullins; Maggie S.; Fr Peter Tonti; Helen Stewart; Ron Thornton; Alf Bonanno; Helen Maher; Denise Schneider; Fr John Daly. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Fr Chris Schick; Tony Fogarty; Sr Rose Cavello; Giorgio Fanton (Italy); Br Thomas Hickey (Brisbane); Margaret 'Anne' Bullpitt.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Matthew 17:1-9

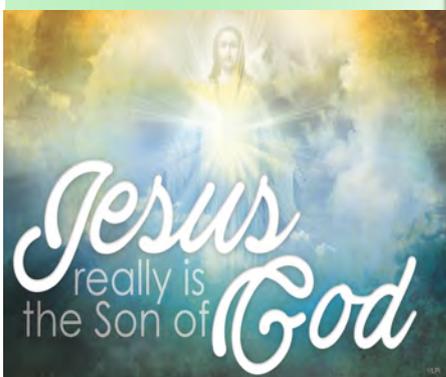
Today we hear the voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What helps you listen to Jesus?

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

In his visions, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God (the "Ancient One"). What do you think this divine title reveals about God?

2 Peter 1:16-19

The apostle Peter believed Jesus' transfiguration revealed his divine "majesty." What else do you think the Transfiguration tells us about Jesus?



Mark's gospel confronts us with the theme, WHO IS THIS MAN? It is a question to which we are invited to find the answer, by taking more seriously how the life and death of the Saviour is an expression of the ways of God. In all probability, Mark's original audience were the Roman Church of the beginning which was experiencing the ordeal of Nero's persecution. If their answer to this question was lacking in depth and seriousness, they were invited to meet again the One who, in Mark's account, immediately before his Transfiguration called his true followers to 'take up their cross and follow him' – 'anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it'. That Mark's gospel is written for a community that has heard Peter tell the story of Jesus is given strong support by the fact that – in contrast to the other synoptic gospels – Mark's account does not omit any of the embarrassing details of the part played by Peter in the gospel story. The words of Jesus, that we have just quoted from Mark in the passage leading up to the Transfiguration, follow a remarkable sequence in which Peter replies to the question, 'Who do you say I am?' with his confession of faith, 'You are the Christ' – you are the one who will fulfil all the hopes of Israel. Jesus then 'began to teach them' what his undertaking of this role would involve. He identifies himself with the victorious 'Son of Man' spoken of in our first reading from the Book of Daniel; but his victory, 'he tells them quite openly' will be achieved through his suffering and death. When the impetuous Peter refused to accept this he was severely rebuked, and told he does not understand God's ways.

Mark's Transfiguration narrative leads to the comment that Peter's strange suggestion, that three tents be erected, is made because 'he did not know what to say; they were too frightened'. The narrative then comes to a climax with the words of the heavenly Father, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. The confusion and fear of Peter and the other disciples shows they are on their way to the fullness of faith, as they come to terms with Jesus' teaching concerning the ways of God that are to find expression in his coming death and resurrection triumph. Retold in every generation of Christian faith, this story invites us all to ask ourselves whether we have found the faith to come to terms with the challenging ways of God as we face the struggles of life.

The story of the Transfiguration is puzzling in many ways. We find it hard to square with the disillusionment which was soon to overtake the apostolic group. It has been suggested that it had its origin in a witnessing by the chosen apostles of a moment of ecstatic prayer of Jesus as he communed with his Father. Luke's account states that Jesus went up the mountain to pray; and he describes the apostles as having their experience as they awoke from a 'heavy sleep'. We can imagine their privileged sharing in the prayer of Jesus leaving them confused. After his resurrection triumph, however, the story was told in dramatic terms that clearly echo the experience of Moses on Mount Sinai.

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