



# 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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# 22<sup>nd</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25



## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**  
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**  
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Ph: 4151 4771

**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 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**  
**Daniel Donnini:** 4931 3632

**The Diocese of Rockhampton**  
**Response Line:** 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 by Denise Tuzes

### WHO DO WE LOVE

In the Gospels, Jesus invites us to love many different kinds of people. He does not speak much about our love for those who are close to us. He takes it for granted that love begins at home. We are first called to love our parents, siblings, spouses, children and friends. Jesus always invited people to leave the circles in which they were comfortable. He asked them to follow him. He and his disciples were close, and after his death those who believed in him also formed a close community.

Today, too, our fellow Christians are family. We should grieve for the Christians who have been driven out of their homes in Syria, Iraq and many other countries, as we would for our own family. Jesus' call to love others extends also to our acquaintances: our next door neighbours, our fellow students and teachers, our work mates. Loving our acquaintances does not involve feeling deeply for them. If we love our neighbours, we shall respect people, wish them well, take an interest in them and help them if they are troubled. We shall be there for them.

Love of our neighbour is central to Christian faith. It does not stand alone. It cannot be separated from God's love for us. Nor can we simply take for granted that we do love our neighbour. Our love for one another comes out of gratitude to God for all he has given us, especially for the way in which he has shared our life. Our love for one another is deep, not to be taken for granted. We are invited to love one another as Christ has loved us. To love deeply is not something we choose to do: it is a gift. As we don't always love as we would like, we always need to be able to forgive and to be forgiven. Love means being able to say sorry.

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Even as people of faith we often find ourselves reasoning our way through our trials and difficulties. It makes a huge difference using our own eyes and not those of God. God knows that we live in an imperfect world filled with suffering, pain, difficulties, disappointments, and death; all part of the mix. Jesus shows us by example that when we encounter hardships God transforms them into something better. We do not need to despair. God gives us hope. When we view our lives through God's eyes and not our own this gift of hope and transformation becomes very apparent. We must lose our lives in order to gain them.

### STEWARDSHIP

I am not against *stuff* (possessions) in principle, but I do realize that *stuff* can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life? --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

In this **Season of Creation**, September 1 to October 4, Pope Francis encourages us to join with other Christians throughout the world to pray and care for creation.

*This year we are encouraged to engage in symbolic actions re coal mines, fracking and other environmental destruction.*

[www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

## LITURGIES

22<sup>nd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

**Monday 4 September**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 5 September**

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 6 September**

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Thursday 7 September**

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

**Friday 8 September**

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

2.30pm Pioneer South

- Mass with Anointing

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Saturday 9 September**

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

10 September 2017

23<sup>rd</sup> 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

11am Carinity

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

**First Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Second Reading**

Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel**

Matthew 18:15-20

## NOTICES & EVENTS

# - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY -

**The Atrium of the Good Shepherd:** is looking for Parishioners interested in being trained as an Assistant in the Montessori-based faith environment. The hours are about three hours of volunteer work per week & all you will need is a Blue Card & a reflective & patient attitude. Please contact the Parish Office if interested. Thank you for your consideration & prayers.

**Parish Christmas Magazine:** The Annual "Good News" magazine project is under way, with the focus this year "We're Reaching Out". The Magazine Committee would appreciate your monetary sponsorship, either in big or small amounts. Please consider helping in this way. Sponsorship Forms are on the back of this weekend's Hymn Sheet. You may also have on your camera photos of Parish or group activities that have happened throughout the year which could be used in the magazine. Please send those in to the Parish Office via email ([sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au)), USB, or hand delivered.

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK ~ 3 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

**CWLA September Spring Meeting:** Tuesday, 5 September 2017 at Café 1928 at 11.30am. Cost: \$5.00. Raffle proceeds go to Edon Place. RSVP to Maureen on 4152 1263 before the evening of Sunday, 3 September 2017. All welcome.

**Workshop on Enactment of a Spirituality of Justice:** The Rockhampton Diocesan Justice Group invite you to attend a workshop to enhance your skills in relation to a Gospel Spirituality of Justice in whatever context you live and work, from **9.30am to 3.30pm, Wednesday, 20 September 2017** in the Parish Office. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen at the Parish Office by Monday 18 September 2017. (*Registrations are essential for catering purposes*).

**Social Justice Sunday:** will be celebrated this year on Sunday, **24 September 2017**. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'*. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

**Brisbane Bells:** are celebrating their tenth year of handbell ringing with Workshops & Concerts throughout Regional Queensland. Take the opportunity to get hands on & participate in a **Handbell Workshop** on **Thursday, 28 September 2017** at **10am** in the **Novakoski Centre** prior to their **Concert in Holy Rosary Catholic Church** at **7pm**. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.brisbanebells.com.au](http://www.brisbanebells.com.au).

**Life in the Spirit Seminar:** is an eight (8) week Program commencing on **Tuesday, 3 October 2017** at **7pm** in **Novakoski Centre**. Let's come along to deepen our relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. All warmly welcome. For more information, please contact Sr Mary Della at the Parish Office.

**Creating A Dementia Friendly Church Seminar:** **Thursday, 5, 12, 19 & 26 October 2017** from **5.30pm - 7pm** in the **Parish Office**. For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office on telephone no. 4151 6666 or via email [sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Newly Married:** Rebecca Ann Surmon & Ashley Joel Zunker.

**Recently Deceased:** Alice Kerr (Ireland); Claude Stevenson; Nola Maguire; Alan Noble; Hubert 'Tom' Butcher; John George; Rev Fr Paul Kettle; Charles 'Charlie' Halpin.





## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus defines true discipleship in the context of his passion prediction. How are you challenged by Jesus' words?

### Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments to the Lord for being called to be a prophet. When have you offered a prayer of grief to the Lord?

### Romans 12:1-2

Paul advises the Roman Christians to "*not conform yourselves to this age.*" What does being "*conformed to this age*" look like in twenty-first century?

PEACE  
BEGINS  
WITH A  
SMILE

—St. Teresa of Kolkata

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

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

In last week's gospel reading, Matthew celebrated Peter's commission as the guardian of unity in the Church. The continuation of that passage, in today's reading, recalls the rebuke Peter received from Jesus after his confession. It was the mission of Jesus, to fulfil all the expectations of the Old Testament. In the questions put to the disciples that led to Peter's confession, Jesus speaks of himself as the 'Son of Man', and he repeats this reference in the concluding words of today's reading. The 'Son of Man' was the triumphant figure of the book of Daniel who was to come on the clouds to establish God's universal reign. Now, in the first of three predictions of his passion, he identifies himself with the 'Servant' of the Isaian writings who, by his sufferings, would lead God's people to the fulfilment of their God-given destiny. These references would have been treasured by Matthew's community, as they recalled their great theme that the life and death of the Saviour took place 'to fulfil the scriptures'. In Peter's condescending response to Jesus' prediction of the outcome of his rejection by the leaders in Jerusalem – 'This must not happen to you' – we glimpse something of the trusting relationship Jesus maintained with his disciples. But the sharp reaction of Jesus makes clear the seriousness of Peter's mistake. There is a great irony in the rebuke of Jesus: the 'rock' is told that he is a 'stumbling block'.

Jesus is forming his disciples, we remember. And now he challenges them to begin to come to terms with the mystery of the Cross – his reconciling and healing of a shattered world. Though Jesus was aware that his conflict with the Jerusalem authorities was a matter of life and death – 'the elders, chief priests and scribes' were the three groups of leaders who made up the Sanhedrin that was to condemn him – his words do not necessarily involve a miraculous foreknowledge of his fate. 'Taking up the cross' was a proverbial way of referring to the bearing of adversity and suffering. Under Roman rule, crucifixion – with its prelude of the criminal's bearing of the heavy crossbeam to the place of execution – was a familiar reality. Those who wish to be his followers, Jesus declares, must be warned that this means a readiness to bear the burden of suffering. The community, from a Jewish background, that Matthew is writing for have been filled with wonder and gratitude, as they recalled the Isaian description of the Suffering Servant: 'He was being wounded for our rebellions ... the punishment reconciling us fell on him, and we have been healed by his bruises' (Is 53). Now they recall the words of Jesus inviting them to enter into this mystery of reconciliation: 'Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it' – a reference to the martyrdom that has already been the fate of some of their fellow Christians; 'Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it'. These words of Jesus imply an astounding claim. 'For my sake', Jesus says. For Old Testament faith, it is only God who deserves to be loved with all one's 'heart, soul and mind' (Deut 16); now Jesus is claiming the same absolute allegiance for himself. For Jesus, this taking up of the cross is a daily, life-long calling. The other readings of today's liturgy help us to reflect upon what this call involves in practical everyday terms. Jeremiah's heroic faithfulness was to become a source of blessings and encouragement for God's people of every age. Today's passage from Paul to the Romans can serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus. We can offer our faithfulness as a 'living sacrifice', uniting our offering to the Saviour's gift of himself for the sake of the world. It is the mystery of the Eucharist that makes this possible.