

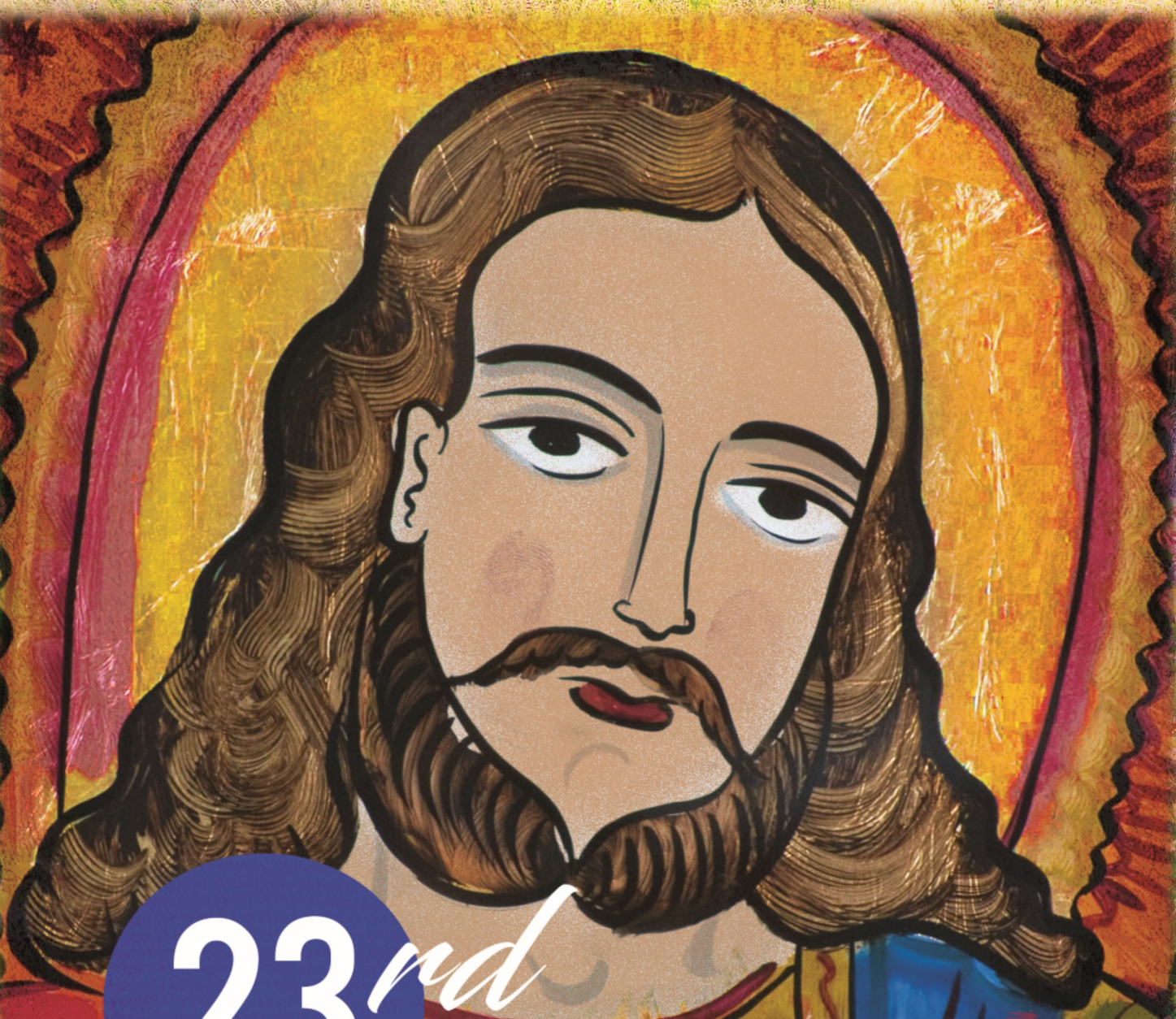


The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

Office Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday

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23rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

- Mt 18:15

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

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CHURCHES

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St Patrick's Church
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St Mary's Church
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St James' Church
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OTHER CONTACTS

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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

A GENTLE REMINDER - POPE FRANCIS

This life will go by fast!

Don't fight with people, don't criticise your body, and don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake let it go, and keep seeking happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy travel, enjoy your journeys, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware; don't save your favourite perfume; use it to go out with yourself; wear your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you go to sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect....look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this, because it simply was not intended to be completed here on earth.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.

WE PRAY...

Father,

Since your mercy has been revealed

in the tenderness of your Son Jesus Christ,
who said to his disciples:

"Suffer the little children to come unto me",

we pray that your Church may be a secure home
where all children and vulnerable adults

are brought closer to your Beloved Son.

May all those who have been abused

physically, emotionally and sexually by your minister,

be respected and accompanied by

tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that

they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

Today is both Child Protection Sunday and World Suicide Prevention Day. We are reminded that all human beings are created in the divine image and have an inherent dignity which must always be upheld. Human life is therefore sacred.

*Let us respond to our children and those in distress as we open our eyes to
'see and hear' their joys and sorrows.*

LITURGIES

23rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 11 September

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 12 September

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 13 September

St John Chrysostom

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 16 September

St Cornelius

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

17 September 2017

**24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A**

Year A (I)

PSALTER WEEK 4

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

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

NOTICES & EVENTS

Disability Action Week ~ 10 - 16 September 2017

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. 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), USB, or hand delivered.

R U OK? A Conversation Could Change a Life: Got a niggling feeling that someone you know isn't themselves? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Trust that gut instinct & act on it. By starting a conversation & commenting on the changes you've noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up. If they say they are not ok, you can start a conversation to show them they're supported & help them find strategies to better manage the load. If they are ok, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask. **ROK Day - 14 September 2017.**

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.

The Bundaberg CWLA Younger Group will meet again for Dinner on **Tuesday, 12 September 2017 at 6.30pm** at Sabrosa Steakhouse. Any ladies who would like to join us would be most welcome. For further information or to RSVP, please contact Maureen - (4252 1263) by lunchtime Tuesday.

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 **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 or call (02) 8306 3499.

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 or flyers are available at the front door of all Churches.

100 Years of Fatima: Join the public nation-wide Rosary for Our Lady for the conversion & reparation of our Nation on **Saturday, 14 October 2017** from **1pm** at **Holy Rosary Church** (Woongarra Street Grassed Area). BYO: chair; sunshade & water. All welcome.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Josef Dettl; Alice Kerr (Ireland); Claude Stevenson; Nola Maguire; Alan Noble; Hubert 'Tom' Butcher; John George.



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus commands fellow believers to be direct and honest with each other when one sins against another. Why is this so challenging?

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Why do you think the Lord put such a heavy burden on the prophet Ezekiel?

Romans 13:8-10

How do you imagine the Jewish Christians in Rome reacted to Paul's assertion that *"love is the fulfillment of the law"*?



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

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.

Today's gospel reading from Matthew comes from a collection of Jesus' teachings applicable to life within the community of the Church, as it awaits the coming of the final Kingdom. In the passages that precede this one, Jesus has warned against arrogance on the part of those called to be leaders: 'the one who makes himself as little as this child is the greatest'; he has pronounced a terrible judgment on those who lead astray 'these little ones who have faith'. Matthew also includes here the parable of the lost sheep, as indicating the generous zeal that should be shown by leaders in the community. This reference to those who have gone astray leads into today's reading. It describes the manner in which these people are to be dealt with within the Church community. Clearly, the community Matthew is writing for has developed procedures to be followed in such cases, and they see themselves as acting in accordance with the Lord's own mind. When we recall the authoritative spirit that was taken for granted by those with leadership roles in the ancient world, we recognise how the listening and dialogue of these procedures reflect the fraternal love that was taught by Jesus - and recalled by Paul in our second reading.

In these procedures, we see the origins of the sacrament of reconciliation that is an essential part of the life of the Church during its time of pilgrimage. It was not a question of some private offence committed against the one who admonishes the wrongdoer. In referring to the need for 'two or three witnesses to sustain the charge', this procedure echoes the community's Jewish background, citing a prescription of the Old Testament (Deut 19:15), thus making it clear that it is a question of serious and public faults. When these procedures, calling the wrongdoer to conversion, have failed, this person is to be 'excommunicated' - excluded from the community. We know from comments of St Paul concerning such cases, that this exclusion aimed to help the wrongdoer find forgiveness: 'Do not treat them as enemies, but warn them as believers', Paul writes (2 Thess 3; cf. 1 Cor 5). Being welcomed back to share in the life of the community - especially the Eucharist - was the sacramental sign of reconciliation with God. Note that Matthew follows these procedural instructions with a second reference, in his gospel, to the power to 'bind and loose' in God's name. This time it is given to the Church community, acting through the ministry of those who carry on the leadership role of the apostles. As we said, the sacramental sign of reconciliation with the Lord is being received back into the Church community.

'The Son of Man has power to forgive sins', Jesus declared (Mk 2:10). The reconciliation available in the life of the Church is the reconciliation he brings to the world. The words with which our reading ends, though brief, have immense importance for us, as we seek to understand and enter more fully into the mystery of the Church's common life. You come together 'in my name', Jesus tells us. In the biblical tradition, these words have a great depth of meaning: they imply our identification with the Lord through our baptism, and to the fact that he continues to be present in the world of our time through our coming together as his Church and celebrating the Church's common life. They also remind us of the Saviour's presence in the public prayer of the Church, uniting our prayers with his, as he intercedes for the world before the Father.