



# 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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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Then the king will say to those on his right,  
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit  
the kingdom prepared for you from the  
foundation of the world.’” - Mt 25:34

## PASTORAL TEAM

### Rev Peter Tonti

Parish Priest

### Rev Andrew Hogan

Associate Pastor

### Mrs Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ord.

### Mrs Denise Tuzes

Visitation & Bereavement Co-ord.

### Mrs Carmen Wyatt

Stewardship Co-ordinator

### Mrs Diana Pippia

Administration & Finance Co-ord.

### Mrs Kaye Andersen

Receptionist

### Bundaberg NET

Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's Catholic

#### Primary School

Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston

sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 4151 4771

### St Mary's Catholic

#### Primary School

Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt

stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au

Ph: 4152 2167

### St Patrick's Catholic

#### Primary School

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

saintpatricks.qld.edu.au

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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 Bargara

## OTHER CONTACTS

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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 Carmen Wyatt

We celebrate today what is popularly and traditionally called the Feast of Christ the King. This is also the last week of our Catholic Liturgical Year, as the New Year begins with Advent next Sunday. We often mention that time is a gift to us; this idea of measuring Church time is also a gift, but do we truly appreciate it?

People tend to say "I go to church." In reality, Christ does not call us to "go" to church; He calls us to be Church. Therefore, we should live our lives in such a way that it is clear we are Catholic and Christian and part of Christ's Kingdom, for He is our King.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who is involved in making the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg the wonderful community it is today. We have gifted and talented parishioners who have responded to their baptismal call of service in many varied ministries. Without the response from these people we would not be able to reach out and serve as widely as we do today. To thank all who are "good and faithful servants", the Parish Stewardship Council invites you to our Parish Christmas Celebration on 9 December 2017, 3.00pm - 5.00pm at the Parish Office. Please RSVP by 4 December 2017.

On another note, if you would like to participate in an uplifting Christmas event, I extend to you an invitation to be part of our Parish Pageant of the Lights display to walk with our float, or to be part of Bethlehem Live to spread the good news of the birth of the baby Jesus with the community of Bundaberg. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Extracts from Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

As the King of the universe, Christ does not desire earthly power or kingly admiration. What Christ our King desires is that we advocate and work for those most in need among us: the poor, the unfortunate, the forsaken, the abused, and the exploited. Providing for the basic needs of others is a human right that we must strive to fulfill. If someone is hungry, feed them. If someone is without shelter, provide one. If a person requires clothes, clothe him. When others are in harm's way, find them safety. When it comes to basic human needs, it does not matter WHY a person is in need; all that matters is that someone IS. That's where you and I, who are citizens of God's eternal kingdom, come in. What we do for the least of these, we do for God.

## STEWARDSHIP

Who is your daughter or son, your mother or father? Who is your neighbour? Better yet, in whom do you see Jesus? Unless we are mindful of those in our midst, we miss the chance to see any of them. We must never be fooled by appearance.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

Human trafficking is the modern face of slavery and it is a growing global tragedy and crime. "No one can claim to be indifferent in the face of new forms of slavery imposed by criminal organizations..." (Pope Francis)

Each of us can become more aware of forms of human trafficking in the world and in Australia. Visit [www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au).

## LITURGIES

34<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

### Monday 27 November

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

### Tuesday 28 November

9.00am St James - LWC  
9.30am Gracehaven  
- Mass w/- Anointing  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

### Wednesday 29 November

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Thursday 30 November St Andrew

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

### Friday 1 December

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 2 December

7.30am St Mary's - Mass  
9.00am Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

3 December 2017

### First Sunday of Advent

Year A (I)  
Hours of Solemnity  
Psalter Week 1

### Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

### Sunday

7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Mary's  
12noon Baffle Creek  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Isaiah 63:1-17, 64:1, 3-8

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

### Gospel

Matthew 13:33-37

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**R.C.I.A Happenings:** This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens at the 6.00pm Mass for three candidates for the Easter sacraments: Julie Price and Kristy-Lee & Atlanta Anderson. We ask that you keep them in prayer as they accept the way of the Gospel into their lives and enter a period of learning and preparation for the Easter sacraments. We have one candidate, already baptised, Kellie Howard, who will be received into the Church in early January. Pray for them and all those who are discerning a commitment to faith.

**The Books of Remembrance:** have been placed in all Churches for you to record the name/s of your loved one/s who have died. These & all the dead will be remembered in our Masses this month.

**Christmas Mass with Children:** will be held on **Christmas Eve** at **4.00pm** in **Holy Rosary Church**. Each year we invite young children to take part in this *Christmas Mass with Children*. There are parts in the Gospel dramatization for Joseph, Mary, Angels, Shepherds, Sheep & Cattle. If you would like to be involved in this Mass, either in the dramatization, reading or singing please come along to the Novakoski Centre (behind Holy Rosary Church), **Wednesday, 29 November 2017** at **3.30pm** where parts will be allocated. For more information, contact Pauline Merefild on 4159 3272 or Anne Sheehan at the Parish Office.

**Chosen - Daily Advent & Christmas Reflections 2017:** is a 72 page pocket-size book containing short Daily Reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2017) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2018). Available at the Parish Office & at the entrance to all Churches until sold out.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** is happening again this year. Please buy a Gift & bring it along to Mass over the next 3 weekends. Leave Gifts in the basket provided to be brought up during the Procession of Gifts during Mass. This year, St Vincent de Paul has asked that only Gifts for **Children, infants to 12 years old, be donated**. Don't forget to leave your Gift/s unwrapped. The last weekend for the collection of Gifts is the **9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. Thank you.

**The Lights of Christmas 2017:** the Cathedral Parish of St Joseph is proud to present *The Lights of Christmas* from 17 - 23 December 2017. The William St façade of the Cathedral becomes a canvas for a light spectacular. From 7.30pm until 10.30pm each night a 20 minute show will be project with an animation of the Christmas favourite, 'The Nutcracker' and slides depicting many of the Cathedral's majestic stained glass windows that make Christ the centre of Christmas. The shows are free and refreshments will be available for purchase. You are encouraged to bring a camping chair but some seating will be available.

**CWLA Raffle Winners:** the Bundaberg Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who supported our Christmas raffle, the proceeds of which are going to the Women's Refuge. The Winners are J. Classen; N. Short & C Woods.

**Word Among Us:** the December Edition of the Word Among Us is now available for collection from the Parish Office.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Olvino Targato; Irene Hansen, Patrick Dalton; & Leslie Kirkham.



## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

The tableau in today's gospel concludes Matthew's collection of the teachings of Jesus concerning the End. Unique to Matthew's gospel, it is a masterpiece. Strictly speaking, it is not a parable, but an allegory – a narrative in which details have symbolic significance. It may be the development of a simple parable, in which Jesus likened the expected coming of the 'Son of Man' with divine authority (Dan 7) to a shepherd 'separating sheep from goats'. It provides, in a simple form, a splendid summary of the teaching of Jesus in Matthew's gospel, concerning the living of our Christian faith.

For the first Christians, Jesus was the 'Son of Man', invested in his risen glory with divine authority (Mt 26:64). In today's second reading, Paul celebrates the divine authority with which the Saviour brings his saving work to completion. In the triumph of the resurrection he has authority over the whole of creation; when 'the end' comes, having overcome all the forces of evil, he will deliver the New Creation into the hands of his Father, and those who share in his triumph will rejoice in a divine generosity that has no limits. Paul's account of 'the end' is somewhat overwhelming. Matthew's tableau, on the other hand, presents the final Judgment in terms that are easy to understand – terms that can be related to the ways of God that found expression in the Sermon on the Mount. Despite its simplicity, however, the more we ponder this tableau the more we come to appreciate how rich it is in inspiration for those who want to live as followers of Jesus.

The criterion by which we will be judged when we come into the presence of God is practical, simple and clear. It is not so much what we do for the God 'we cannot see' that matters, in the end, but what we do for one another – expressing the fact that we are true children of the same Father (cf. 1 Jn 4:20). And among God's children it is the poor and needy who should have our special care – our 'preferential option'. The things that will establish our worth in the sight of God, and our readiness to share in God's friendship, are simple things, possible to all, learned and simple, rich and poor. What overturns our expectations and is immensely reassuring is the fact that those who have proved themselves worthy of hearing the Lord's invitation – 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world' – may well be taken unawares. Responding to the grace of God, working in them 'in a hidden way' (Gaudium et spes, n.22), they have shown themselves true children of the Father – helping for the sake of those in need, without any thought of a reward. Matthew's tableau finds a place among the elect for all who fight unselfishly humanity's ancient enemies: 'ignorance, poverty, disease, injustice, bigotry, death of body or soul' (B. Vawter). The greatest inspiration of all, however, is found in the Lord's affirmation, 'You did it to me'. Sharing our humanity and experience in a struggling world, the 'Son of Man' has made himself one in a privileged way with those in greatest need.

Placing us on the threshold of the final Kingdom, this tableau gives us a glimpse of what it will be like – one family of the Father, united in God's generous and merciful ways. Today, we venerate Christ the King; today's gospel reminds us that it is only in his final 'glory' that he exercised his kingship. Among us, he makes himself the 'Servant' of all.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

#### Matthew 25:31-46

Just prior to his passion, Jesus speaks of the judgment of the nations at the end-time.

How do you think the Lord will judge our nation at the end of time - as a sheep or a goat?

#### Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Why do you think God shows more concern for the "lost" sheep of his flock rather than "the sleek & the strong" sheep?

#### 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Paul informs the Corinthians of the sequence of events that will lead to the end of time.

How does the idea of the fulfillment of time inform your spiritual life?



**OUR KING'S REQUEST:**  
*to care for those in need*

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