



# 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." - Mt 22:37-38



## 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**

Administration & Finance Co-ord.

**Mrs Kaye Andersen**

Receptionist

**Bundaberg NET**

Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic  
Primary School**

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**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 Bargara

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Diocesan Safeguarding**

**Daniel Donnini:** 4931 3632

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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 Cheryl Petersen

The theme for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal is inspired by the Gospel of John, 'Whoever drinks of the water I shall give, will never thirst again'. (John 4:14)

Water is a precious commodity that everyone has a right to access, but we can sometimes take it for granted. We can turn on the tap for a drink, brush our teeth, have a shower, water for our animals is not a problem, we can flush the toilet, jump in a swimming pool on a hot day, water the garden, all without thinking about it. We even put the sprinkler on our grass just for the children to run around under. Many people throughout the world would be horrified if they saw how much water is wasted in our country.

In the September holidays I was lucky enough to be able to travel to Cambodia with five staff members and 26 Year 11 students from Shalom College. The main aim of this trip was to assist where we could in some of their communities. We took along donations of clothes, toiletry items, stationery for schools and other various necessities and once in Cambodia we bought many bags of rice which we delivered to orphanages.

In some villages, members of the community have to walk for miles to find a pump or a creek to get water and then carry it all the way back home. We had raised enough money to allow four wells to be dug in one of these villages. Now this village has four new pumps to provide clean water for drinking and bathing.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, please consider how you will join in the mission of Jesus and those who reach out and provide clean drinking water, and education and medical resources throughout the world.

## STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

We can all do something about this: become more aware ourselves and act, speak to others making them more aware, join the voices of those who hope to make a difference.

*Men and women have constantly intervened in nature,  
but for a long time this meant being in tune with and respecting  
the possibilities offered by the things themselves.  
Human beings and material objects no longer extend a friendly hand to one  
another, the relationship has become confrontational.*

(Laudato Si #106)

## LITURGIES

### 30<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

#### Monday 30 October

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

#### Tuesday 31 October

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

#### Wednesday 1 November

##### All Saints Day

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

#### Thursday 2 November

##### All Souls Day

6.00am Catholic Cemetery  
- Mass

12.15am Holy Rosary - Mass

#### Friday 3 November

9.00am St Mary's School - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

#### Saturday 4 November

##### St Charles Borromeo

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

5 November 2017

### 31<sup>st</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

12noon Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 121:7-9, 13

### Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

## NOTICES & EVENTS

**Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal:** this weekend our Parish will be holding the Annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today.

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

**NET Farewell: Sunday, 5 November 2017** after 5.30pm Mass in the Youth Centre. Please bring a plate of food to share. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office by COB Wednesday, 1 November 2017. Everyone welcome.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar: Tuesday, 31 October 2017 at 7pm** in the Novakoski Centre. For more information or to register, please contact Sr Mary Della at the Parish Office.

**Children's Sacramental Dates: Parent/Child Session 1:** Sunday, 29 October 2017 at 10.30am OR Wednesday, 1 November 2017 at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

**Creating A Dementia Friendly Church Seminar: 5.30pm - 7pm, Thursday, 2 November 2017** in the Parish Office. Guest Speakers: Vince & Lorrae O'Rourke.

**All Souls Day Mass:** will be celebrated at 6.00am on Wednesday, 1 November 2017 in the Catholic Cemetery (Fitzgerald Street). BYO Chairs. In the event of wet weather, Mass will be held at 6.30am St Mary's Catholic Church.

**Family Mass:** Sunday Mass with readings, music & prayers suitable for children will be celebrated **6pm, Saturday, 4 November 2017** at St Patrick's Catholic Church. Children from St Patrick's Catholic School will be involved in some Ministries.

**Pageant of Lights ~ Thursday, 7 December 2017:** The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg will be again entering a float in the Christmas Parade. If you have a child who would like to participate in the parade, or if you, yourself would like to walk as part of the Parish Community, please contact the Parish Office.

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

**Christmas Mass Ministries:** would all Liturgical Ministers who are here this Christmas please write your name on the lists at the doors of the Church. Rosters for the Christmas Masses need to be compiled now. Thank you.

**Rosters for January, February & March:** will be started soon because of School Holidays. Will you be away for 4 weeks or longer, or perhaps have changes to your Mass Ministry or contact details? If so, please contact the Parish Office before 17 November 2017. Changes to the Rosters will not be able to be made after this date.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Doreen Sperling; Michael Wyvill (Nanango); Monica Rayner (Terrigal); Dennis New; Moira Alfier (Italy).

**Anniversaries:** Herbert Harte; John Orvad; Emmanuel Borg; Julie Cross; Merv Steindl; Brendan Emerick; Hiram James; Anne Thorne; Rita Johnston; John McIntyre; Alice Blyde; Georgio Asnicar; Percival Jansen; Gloria Black; Julia McConville; Gloria Jennings; Ronald Attwood; John Gunn; Cesarina Della-Vedova; Alwyn Moohen.





## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus sees love of God and love of neighbour as the two greatest commandments. How well do you follow these commandments?

### Exodus 22:20-26

Notice God's utmost concern for the vulnerable and marginalized in these social laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. How do you care for those most in need around you?

### 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

In what ways is Paul proud of the believers in the community in the city of Thessalonica?



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

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION

Today's gospel takes us to the ideal at the heart the teaching of Jesus. In his Sermon on the Mount, as he contrasted the accepted standards of old Israel with his New Law, Jesus warned his followers that their 'uprightness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees'. It is not surprising, therefore, that the interpretation of the 'commandments of the Law' was one of the issues at stake in the conflict between Jesus and his enemies.

'Love your enemies', these words were addressed to a people whose traditions urged them to care for their own; but saw no place for good will and generosity to foreigners in general - whom they looked upon as rivals and enemies. Old Israel had been taken into covenant with the living God, shown in the Exodus to be the champion of the poor and oppressed. Through the covenant they were called to identify with the ways of God. In fact, their traditions - as today's reading from the book of Exodus makes clear - were remarkable compared with the outlook of other peoples of their time. As they began to learn what identification with God's ways involved; they recognised that they must care for the powerless - the poor, widows and orphans, the strangers who had settled among them. But they still had much to learn - their good will was not extended to all of God's children without exception. In advocating this as the ideal as his New Law of love, Jesus was not abolishing the old Law, but bringing it to 'fulfilment'. The ideal held up by Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law was clear: 'I say this to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you will be children of your Father in heaven' (Mt 5:44).

Promoting a movement of popular renewal, the Pharisees sought to formulate summary expressions of the requirements of the Law. Their discussion along these lines is echoed in the antagonistic question with which they tried to confound Jesus. In his reply, Jesus refers to two commandments - implying that, in a certain sense, they constitute a single commandment. He refers to two well known texts: 'You must love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength' (Deut 6:5) - a text familiar to devout Jews, as expressing the obligations of the covenant; and 'Love your neighbour as yourself' (Lev 19:18) - a text that declares, quite explicitly, that the neighbour referred to is a 'member of your race'. His uniting of these texts, in such a way that neither can have its full meaning without the other, takes us to the heart of the 'fulfilment of the Law' announced by Jesus. He has made it clear that his followers must identify with the boundlessly generous and inclusive ways of his Father; now he makes it clear that the outlook of the 'golden rule' - expressed in the second text he has quoted, and found in other ancient writings - must be the expression of a good will that has no limits. The identification with God's ways, called for in the covenant, has now found its full and final expression, as it did in the Good Samaritan parable - probably his best known - in response to the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' Against the background we have described, we recognise the revolutionary nature of Jesus' New Law of love. In fact, the universal good will taught by Jesus became the ideal of New Testament communities: 'When you did it to the least, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40); 'There can be neither Jew nor Greek, you are all one in Christ' (Gal 3:28). Paul recognised that this identification with God's ways is a gift of the Spirit - 'The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit' (Rom 5:5).