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## SUNDAY OF LENT

**"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15**

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### **FOCUS by Denise Tuzes**

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> February we were blessed by the visit to our parish by Sr Melissa Dwyer, a Canossian daughter of charity. Sr Mel shared with us some of her personal journey with God and in particular her time as Head Mistress of a girl's school in Malawi where 650 girls boarded. Malawi is the poorest country in the world and education and health care nearly non-existent hence her involvement in teaching.

The second half of her presentation was to help us prepare for and participate in the journey of Lent. She gave us a recipe for Lent:

- 1: Prayer-----and again prayer
- 2: Giving up ----- and taking up
- 3: Be a person of gratitude----- what is one thing I have been grateful for today.
- 4: Strive to be extraordinary
- 5: Try something new this Lent
- 6: Allow ourselves to be disturbed by God
- 7: Be credible and consistent
- 8: There is Resurrection.

She also shared three points for us to consider.

- 1: The challenge as followers of Jesus is to let our relationship with Him take flesh in our lives. To live the words we say.
- 2: Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.
- 3: Don't stay in the boat when God is calling you to step out on the water.

Her presentation was very warmly received by 70 people and an inspiration for us on our Lenten journeys.



## **The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg**

### **Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church**

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**

Parish Priest

**Rev Andrew Hogan**

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**Mrs Anne Sheehan**

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Visitation & Bereavement Coordinator

**Mrs Diana Pippia**

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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:** 4887 3080

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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.



Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhet, as part of the Children and Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) which provides youth with job skills and income-generating projects. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine.

Two years on, Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business, teaching others and is considered a community role model. "My confidence level has raised," Janaki says. "I appreciate all those respected peoples of Australia who are supporting this wise cause. Through their help, women who experience domestic violence and who are financially vulnerable are getting new hope in their life. I thank them from bottom of my heart."

## LIVETHE LITURGY

The RCIA Rite of Election is celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent for those preparing for the Easter sacraments. The usual place of celebration is the cathedral with the Bishop. This rite marks the beginning of a more intense period of preparation by the candidates. At this stage in their journey the catechumens, along with their sponsors and catechists, are asked to discern their readiness for initiation. Kristy-Lee Anderson and her daughter, Atlanta, travelled to Rockhampton, while Julie Price celebrated the Rite during the 5.30pm Mass.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

World Social Justice Day is 20 February. We remember the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals which are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. As members of the world community we can each become more aware of these goals and play our part in addressing them.

## Please Pray For

**Recently Deceased:** Noel Cameron; Alida Targato; Harry Arirao (Philippines); Valentina Capovilla (Melbourne).

## NOTICES

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

are invited for the full-time position of

### Stewardship Co-ordinator

commencing March 2018

for **The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg.**

Applicants can access a Role Description by contacting the Parish Office on 4151 6666 or [bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au). This role will coordinate Stewardship Ministry, Adult Faith Formation & Youth Ministry. Applications close Wednesday, 21 February 2018.

**Stations of the Cross:** every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm at St James' Catholic Church, Bargara & 7.00pm at St Patrick's Catholic Church. Begins Friday, 16 February.

**Sacramental Program:** a Family Session on '**Reconciliation**' will be held on **Sunday, 18 February** at **10.30am** in the Parish Office **OR** on **Wednesday, 21 February** at **7.00pm** in the Parish Office. For further information, contact Anne Sheehan.

**Christian Unity Prayer Group:** Thursday, 22 February at 10.00am in the North Transept of Holy Rosary Catholic Church followed by fellowship afterwards in the Novakoski Centre. All welcome.

**Visitation Ministry Coffee & Cake Meeting:** 10:30am, Thursday 22 February in the Parish Office. Please RSVP to the Parish Office.

**Rosters:** are being prepared for April, May & June. It is extremely important that you ring the Parish Office *before Friday, 23 February* if you need to make changes to your Ministry &/or your contact, or if you will be away for an *extended* period of time during these three (3) months. *No changes can be made to the Rosters after 23 February.*

**El Shaddai Charismatic Renewal Fellowship Prayer Group:** meet on the last Saturday each month from 1pm - 4pm. Venue: To be advised. For more information, contact Lee Pendleton on 0423480744 or Melba Allen on 4153 3476.

**Date Claimer: 24 Hours for the Lord** ~ Friday, 16 March from 12:15pm in Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Every Parishioner & Prayer Group is asked to spend an hour with the Lord in prayer & adoration.

**The Little Black Easter Books:** are available from all Churches & the Parish Office at a cost of \$3.00. Limited Children's Purple Books available.

**Diocesan e-Newsletter:** in this month's edition: Funeral Homily & Eulogies for Dr Grove Johnson; Concert with a Difference on the Capricorn Coast; News from Bundaberg; and much more from across the Diocese. To subscribe send your name & email to: [catholicccq@catholic.net.au](mailto:catholicccq@catholic.net.au).

### OPEN FINANCE MEETING

As per previous years, your Parish Finance Committee invites you to attend the **Open Finance Meeting** at 5.30pm on Thursday, **1 March 2018** in the Parish Office. Items to be discussed include:

- Budget Review
- Planned Giving Review
- Parish Income Options
- Cool Church Committee Formation
- Capital Works Projects
- Asset Review

The Parish Finance Committee looks forward to seeing you there.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 19 February

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 20 February

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

### Wednesday 21 February

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Thursday 22 February

#### St Peter's Chair

6.30am St Mary's - LWC

10.00am St Mary's -

Mass with Anointing

### Friday 23 February

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 24 February

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

25 February 2018

### 2nd Sunday

#### Lent

### Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

#### 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

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

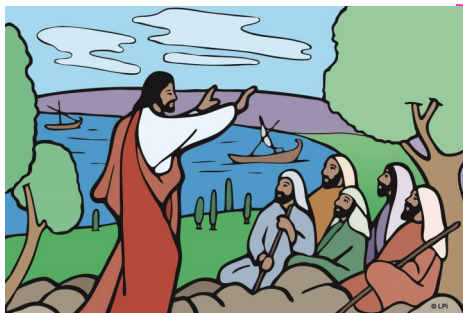
### Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

### Gospel

Mark 9:2-10





## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### First Reading

The story of Noah and the Ark informs us of the covenant God established with Noah never again to allow such a world-wide devastating flood. What does this divine promise tell us about God?

### Second Reading

Peter tells us that Jesus' suffering is intended to lead us to God. In what way is this true in your life?

### Gospel Reading

We hear today Jesus' temptation in the desert and his first spoken words at the start of his public ministry. How do you see these two events connected?



### Parish Mission Statement

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" - the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose - writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness - these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

## ENROL FOR YEAR 7, 2019

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## ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 28 February 7pm  
SHALOM COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT

## COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Friday 9 March 9:30am-11:30am

## APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 27 April 2018