

# PALM SUNDAY

Those preceding  
him as well as  
those  
following kept  
crying out:  
"Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who  
comes in the name  
of the Lord!"  
- Mk 11:9

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## **FOCUS** by Denise Tuzes

Our parish is currently in a process of stewardship renewal. What does this mean for us? It is 3 years since we all discerned the gifts and talents God has given us and it is now time to revisit this process.

Over the next few months we will participate in, and pray for God's blessings on, our stewardship renewal. We will then be invited to follow a process which will help us to discern our gifts and talents and where and how we can use these gifts in our church ministry. We will be guided through this process and will have the use of some very good resources to make the process easy for all.

Once we have made our commitment to the ministries to which we are most suited, training will be undertaken. By the 25<sup>th</sup> November we hope to have numerous ministers, trained or retrained, commissioned and actively utilizing their God given gifts and talents for the betterment of our church community.



## **The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg** **Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church**

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## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**

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**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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## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick  
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666  
& follow the prompts.



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive.

In 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them – with plans to study a Master's degree. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia through Project Compassion, the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) program helps people like Psyche Mae to learn job and income generating skills, encourages education, addresses health and runs programs that enable members to save money and take out small, low interest loans. It's estimated around 5000 people are assisted directly or indirectly by this program.

Psyche Mae's mother has also become a part-time sewing teacher, her father works with the House Repair program, both run by FCJ and her three brothers and sisters are studying hard. With their jobs and the help of a community savings plan – Psyche Mae's entire family managed to lift themselves out of poverty and build a just future

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Today some of the most poignant themes of human life come into clear central focus: the feeling of being praised and honored, fear, anxiety, betrayal, despair, doubt, uncertainty, trust, hope, sadness, separation, suffering, death, determination, and courage. These are the emotions and realities that every human being wrestles with often. Jesus, the Son of God, encounters them all. As we journey through life, we have to confront the existential meaning of each of these things. How do they fit into the bigger picture? Jesus shows us most clearly that even those things we fear the most lose their power when we discover that we are being led to new life. Suffering is redemptive. Sin and death give way to grace and life and God's unconditional love conquers all. May we see in Jesus' Way of the Cross the path of truth we all must follow.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender. When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.- T Welliver, MTS

## JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

*We pray in solidarity with all those in Australia rallying in support of refugees today and those refugees living in fear of being deported to the danger of their own country. Pope Francis calls us to be compassionate and embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution and poverty to leave their homelands.*

## Please Pray For:

**Newly Baptised:** Lennon George Fry.

**Recently Deceased:** Leo Sbrizzi; Mary Dorothea Taylor; Richard "Rick" Crawford ; Renato Martin.



## NOTICES

**Easter Liturgy Rehearsals:** **Holy Thursday:** 5pm-6pm, Monday 26 March in Holy Rosary Church; **Good Friday:** both Holy Rosary & St Patrick's Churches Tuesday, 27 March 5.30pm **Easter Vigil:** Monday, 26 March 6pm in Holy Rosary Church.

**Easter Triduum Working Bee:** Volunteers are needed to help prepare vessels & objects (used during the Easter Triduum liturgies) on Wednesday, 28 March from 9am in the Novakoski Centre. Please contact the Parish Office if you're available to help.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation:** In preparation to celebrate the Easter Triduum an opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday 28 March commencing at 5.30pm at Holy Rosary Church. This will not be a Eucharistic Celebration. Mass for the day will be at Shalom College at 8.00am.

### Good Friday - Day of Fasting & Abstinence

**Abstinence:** Those who are over 14 years of age are bound by the law of abstinence. No meat may be eaten on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** Those who have completed their eighteenth year are bound by the law of fasting until their sixtieth year. Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs.

### Holy Father's Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:

A collection will be taken up on Good Friday with proceeds going to support hospitals, clinics, schools, and community centres in the Holy Land.

**RCIA Happenings:** Next Saturday morning our Elect will celebrate the **Preparatory Rites of Holy Saturday** surrounded by their godparents and catechists. This is a time for reflection and prayer, and some of the minor rites may be celebrated as an immediate preparation for the Easter sacraments: the presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer, the recitation of the Creed, the ephphetha rite and the anointing with the oil of catechumens. (RCIA 172.2).

**Easter Vigil Mass:** Celebrations begin **outside the church around the Easter fire.** All except those who are physically unable to do so, are asked to gather on the school oval to begin the Service of Light. The church will be in darkness.

**Holy Water for the Home:** During the Easter Vigil, water is blessed for the Easter baptisms, and baptisms during the Easter season, for the water fonts at church doors and for those who wish to have some holy water at home. Small plastic bottles will be available after the Vigil

**The Bundaberg Catholic Women's League** wish to thank all those who supported them in any form with making their annual St Patrick's Day function such a success. It was the best so far. With the proceeds from the 2017 function, the group was able to make donations to :- Scripture Union to support School Chaplains; St Vincent de Paul Society; Bundaberg Religious Instruction Co-operative; Norville Special School Bus fund; Cure Brain Cancer Foundation and Edon Place.

## LITURGY

### Monday 26 March

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 27 March

9.00am St James - LWC

9.30am Gracehaven Mass  
with anointing.

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Wednesday 28 March

8.00am Shalom - Mass

10.30am Tri-Care Mass with  
anointing

5.30pm Holy Rosary

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

### Thursday 29 March

#### Holy Thursday

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.00pm Holy Rosary

### Friday 30 March

#### Good Friday

#### Day of Fast & Abstinence

#### Stations of the Cross

10.00am Holy Rosary

#### The Celebration of the

#### Passion of the Lord

3.00pm Holy Rosary

3.00pm St Patrick's

3.00pm St James'

### Saturday 31 April

#### Holy Saturday

Preparatory Rites for the Elect

## NEXT SUNDAY

1 April 2018

### Easter Sunday

#### Year B (II) Psalter Week 1

#### Saturday

7.00pm Holy Rosary

Easter Vigil

#### Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

### Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a matter of days - even hours - Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

### EASTER LITURGY TIMES

#### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Holy Thursday - 29 March 2018**

7.00pm ~ Holy Rosary Church

#### **Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday - 30 March 2018**

10.00am ~ Holy Rosary Church

#### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**Good Friday - 30 March 2018**

3.00pm ~ Holy Rosary, St James' & St Patrick's Churches

#### **Easter Vigil**

**Holy Saturday - 31 March 2018**

7.00pm ~ Holy Rosary Church

#### **Resurrection Sunday**

**Easter Sunday - 1 April 2018**

7.00am St James' Church; 8.00am Holy Rosary Church  
& 9.00am St Mary's Church.



### SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

#### **First Reading**

These were the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah during Israel's exile in Babylon, 597-538 BC. What do these words reveal about Isaiah's character?

#### **Second Reading**

What do you think Paul meant by the idea that Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped?"

#### **Gospel Reading**

As you hear once again the Passion of the Lord on Palm Sunday, how do you keep the story fresh in your mind and relevant to your life as a Christian?

*God*  
did not come  
to explain suffering.  
He came to fill it with  
His presence.

— Paul Claudel



#### Parish Mission Statement

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