



10<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided,  
he cannot stand; that is the end of him." - Mk 3:26

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### FOCUS by Norm Whyte

At the start of my service to the Parish on Monday 28 May 2018, I read the document "Integrity in the Service of the Church". The Introduction states *"The service of Church Workers has its origins in the Gospel and in particular in Jesus' statement that he had come that all might have life, 'Life in all its fullness'. (John 10:10). The principles and standards put forward in this document are extensions of five basic principles for Church Workers... Service, given according to these principles, is life-enriching for both providers and recipients."*

I'm very pleased to be working as your Parish Business Manager knowing these values are aspired to by all parties. I hit the ground running, with over 20 items immediately on my "To Do" list, and it's comforting to know that, even with the many pressures this job will bring, my business dealings can be "life-enriching" to all involved.

As you are aware, Parish life is changing, and will keep evolving, as our circumstances dictate. Therefore, clear and effective communication is vital in these ever-changing times. One important component of Parish communication occurs every time we gather to share the Word of God. A shortage of Priests also emphasises this point. We need to take full advantage of our Parish gatherings, and to enrich them to the fullest.

To this end, we are considering the installation of projectors and screens in St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. James churches, and then, at a later date, in Holy Rosary. It's a known fact that this form of communication encourages much higher levels of congregation involvement and participation, because we can incorporate our hymns, some responses, photos, videos and sermon transcripts.

Our Parish was very fortunate to recently receive a substantial bequest, and it is from this capital reserve that we can fund the installation costs of the projection equipment. Planned Giving funds need not be used.

Once again, with the aim of open and transparent communication, Fr. Peter and I will be available after next weekend's Masses at St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. James' churches to discuss the proposed installation of the projectors and screens. We encourage your feedback, and we look forward to discussing this important matter with you then.



## The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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**Mrs Denise Tuzes**  
Visitation & Bereavement Coordinator

**Mr Norm Whyte**  
Business Manager

**Mrs Diana Pippia**  
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**Bundaberg NET**  
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## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic  
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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.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Is the kingdom of your soul divided? We are often confronted with choices that appear to be good but in essence are not. We struggle with choosing good over evil and right from wrong. Conflicts often exist within, and we walk through life with a divided heart. We realize what is needed to live with God but find ourselves doing the exact opposite. As we gather with our brothers and sisters and seek God's gift of Christ in the Eucharist, may we not only be united with one another in faith but united with God within. All conflicts and divisions can cease, and we can act with a focused, strong, and determined heart.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I have coached all three of my children in soccer at some time in their lives. I loved teaching them and their teammates the importance of functioning as one unit. If we were not all moving together toward victory, we would all find ourselves together in defeat. We used to go through one drill I called the "human foosball." We would scrimmage with players in lines like on a foosball table. If you ever got too far behind or too far ahead of those in your line, play would stop and the ball would go to the other team. The goal was to help build an awareness of where your teammates were on the pitch and to teach the lesson that no one player is a team onto themselves.

As disciples and stewards, we sometimes find ourselves far behind or maybe even too far ahead. As a consequence, our actions either hinder the ability of the Body of Christ to evangelize and pass on the faith to a new generation or present the Church as an entity that sees itself as judgmental or too holy to be in the world. We are called to community, and in that community, we must be aware of our brothers and sisters in the faith. At times, we need to help them grow in their faith. Other times, we need to slow down and realize that we cannot change the world on our own. We all have unique gifts we are called to share, and we can only bear true witness to the power of the Body of Christ when we are all moving together and making each other strong.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

World Day Against Child Labour is this Tuesday. Throughout the world, around 218 million children work, many full-time. They do not go to school and have little or no time to play. Many do not receive proper nutrition or care. They are denied the chance to be children. More than half of them are exposed to the worst forms of child labour e.g. working in hazardous environments, slavery, in armed conflict.

*Purchasing ethically, particularly chocolate and tea,  
is one small thing we can do to help eliminate this scourge.*  
(Social Justice Diary 2018)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Baptism:** Alessandra Maree Jarvis.

**Recently Deceased:** Malcolm Breen; Anne Benfield; Barry Tryhorn; John Walters; Kevin Sutton; Christine Grogan; Molly Davis; June Gilmour; Helen Maher.



## NOTICES

**The Bundaberg CWLA Younger Group:** will meet for dinner, Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 6.30pm at Sabrosa Steakhouse. If any younger ladies would like to come along, you would be most welcome. For more information or to book, please contact Maureen on 4152 1263 before Tuesday lunchtime.

**Hot Pot Dinner Night:** hosted by the Bundaberg Passionist Mackillop Family Group is being held on **Saturday, 16 June 2018** at St Patrick's Hall **after the 6.00pm Mass**. For more information or to RSVP please contact Helen on 0490 361 406 or Geraldine on 0413 671 641. All welcome.

**Cherish Life: Monday, 18 June 2018** from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Novakoski Centre. *(Please note the change of date).*

**Visitation Minsters Coffee & Cake Meeting:** 10.30am Thursday, 21 June 2018 in the Parish Office.

**El Shaddai Charismatic Renewal Fellowship Prayer Group:** meet on the last Saturday of each month from 1.00pm - 4.00pm. For more information, contact Lee Pendleton ~ 0423 480 744 or Thelma Kemp ~ 4153 1608.

**Relay for Life High Tea: 10.30am Saturday, 14 July 2018** in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets are \$30. (Tables of 8 available). Donations towards the High Tea's Continuous Raffle would be greatly appreciated & can be dropped-off at the Parish Office - Thank you.

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual eConference: Wednesday, 8 August 2018** from 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. This year's eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion about the future vision & direction of the Catholic Church in our country. Please contact the Parish Office to Register. Note: Registrations close Monday, 6 August 2018.

**Relay for Life 2018:** is being held from 2.00pm Saturday, 11 August to 8.00am Sunday, 12 August 2018 at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Registration costs \$30 and is payable at the time of registration. If you would like to register as member of the **Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Relay for Life Team** please visit the Cancer Council Office at 41 Woongarra Street, *(diagonally across from the Parish Office)* or for more information contact Denise Tuzes at the Parish Office on 4151 6666.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Luncheon:** will be held on **Saturday, 25 August 2018 from 10.00am to 2.00pm** at the Bundaberg RSL. Guest Speaker: Deacon Gary Stone (The Veterans Padre). Tickets: \$35 per person. More information will be available at a later date.

**Ignite Youth Conference:** will be held this year from Thursday, 27 September through to Sunday, 30 September 2018. Open to Ages from Grade 7 to Grade 12. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666.

**2018/2019 Planned Giving Envelopes:** are available for collection from all Churches this weekend.

**Word Among Us:** July edition is now available for collection from the Parish Office.

## LITURGIES

### 10th Week of Ordinary Time

#### Monday 11 June 2018

##### St Barnabas

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass  
2.00pm RSL Fairways  
- Mass with Anointing

#### Tuesday 12 June 2018

9.00am St James' - LWC  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

#### Wednesday 13 June 2018

##### St Anthony of Padua

8.00am Shalom - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

#### Thursday 14 June 2018

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

#### Friday 15 June 2018

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

#### Saturday 16 June 2018

7.30am St Mary's - LWC  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

### NEXT SUNDAY

17 June 2018

### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B (II) Psalter Week 3

#### 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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-101

### Gospel

Mark 4:26-34



Situating today's gospel reading in Mark's ongoing narrative can help us understand how Mark puts incidents together to convey the drama of the public life of Jesus. Its beginning in Galilee leaves us in no doubt that Jesus caused quite a stir: he taught with authority; crowds gathered where he was staying; he healed the sick and pronounced the forgiveness of sins; and he began to meet opposition. We are reminded of Mark's sub-text: Who is this man? In today's reading, that question confronts Jesus in two very different forms.

The reaction of the family of Jesus gives us a moving glimpse of his situation after leaving home and becoming a vagabond preacher. Following a very traditional way of life, his family were understandably concerned at what they heard, fearing that Jesus may have become unbalanced. But the mission Jesus is initiating aims to open up a world far beyond human loyalties and expectations. As the months that are follow will show, his teaching, his miracles, and the final witness of his death, are all undertaken to inaugurate nothing less than the new family of God, which he called 'the Kingdom'. This incident also helps us to know Mary, the courageous woman who is our model as she makes the journey of life in the darkness of faith. Several times the Gospels remember Mary 'pondering', 'wondering at what has been said', trusting in 'whatever he says to do'. Jesus' departure from the family home would not have been without pain and anxiety for her. Here we see her seeking to understand her son's mysterious mission along with the troubled family. Though it is not something that Mark adverts to as he recalls this moment, Mary is surely the greatest of all those who 'do the will of God'.

The scribes brought a very different challenge. Their vicious attack seems to be an expression of frustration, such as would be expected later in Jesus' ministry – perhaps it is introduced here to underline the sub-text, that we should take with us as we set out to follow Mark's gospel story, Who is this man? Jesus found it easy to point out the inconsistency of his frustrated adversaries' accusation that he is an agent of 'the Prince of demons'. However, what are we to make of the declaration that 'a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven'? Christian faith tells us that there is no possible sin that is beyond the forgiveness of God. The meaning of Jesus teaching is simple enough: Those who, like these scribes, choose to be blind to the working of the Holy Spirit can never find forgiveness so long as they choose not to be open to God's truth.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Genesis 3:9-15

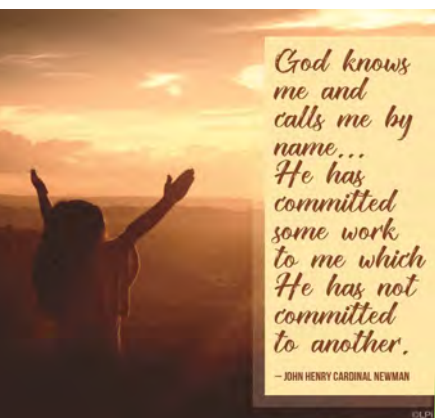
We hear today part of the divine consequences of Adam and Eve disobeying God -- eternal enmity (hostility, hatred) between the serpent and humanity. Where do you see this enmity in the world today?

### 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

In his second letter to the Christians in Corinth, Paul writes with confidence that as a believer in Christ, he will be raised with Christ. Are there people in your life with a similar conviction of faith?

### Mark 3:20-35

Why do you think the scribes from Jerusalem attributed evil intent ("He is possessed by Beelzebul.") behind Jesus' power to heal people and exorcise demons?



*God knows  
me and  
calls me by  
name...  
He has  
committed  
some work  
to me which  
He has not  
committed  
to another.*  
— JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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