

24th

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes
to come after
me must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me.”
- Mk 8:34b

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In Fr Greg Boyle’s book, *Barking to the Choir*, he tells many stories -

When I taught at Loyola High School in Los Angeles in the late ‘70’s, after Sunday morning Mass I’d grab a cup of coffee and sit in the living room on the second floor and read the *LA Times*. Peace, quiet and *felize*; it didn’t get better than that. One Sunday, I was sitting with my friend and Jesuit brother, Al Naucke. Both of us had our coffee and were silently turning the pages of the paper when the doorbell started to ring repeatedly. Initially, Al and I hid behind our papers, waiting it out. The doorbell rarely rang, but when it did, it was almost always some homeless person. Finally, Al, the way better man, quietly put down the paper. There was no annoyed sighing (though who would blame him?).

Some ten minutes later he returned, sat down, took a sip of coffee, and resumed his reading. After a few beats I asked, without lowering the paper, “Well?”

“Well what?” Al required, not lowering his paper either.

“Who was it?”

From behind the sports section he replied, “Jesus, in his least recognizable form.”

Undoubtedly, in the week ahead, we will come across Jesus in his least recognizable form. How will we treat him?



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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?

EVERYDAY STEWDARSHIP:

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I must confess. I have not always prayed for someone if I told him or her I would. I have fallen victim to making the phrase, "You are in my prayers," a sentence void of real emotion or intent. It is like asking the question, "How are you?" Do I always want to know how you are at the time? Then follows the most common responses of "fine" or "good." I could have had the worst day, but I still utter a response that does not reflect my true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it. At least, I hope I am not the only one

The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.

Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. This means we need to be more mindful of what we are saying, more committed to following through, and more accountable for our actions if we fail. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus .

. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

The theme for this Friday's International Day of Peace is "The Right to Peace" which every human being desires. We all have a right to live in a peaceful society where there is justice and equality for everyone. For our society to be peaceful we need to be peaceful people showing dignity and respect to all. Pope Francis in his message for peace asks us to "pray for peace for all people, and especially for those who 'most keenly suffer its absence'so they may be able to live in dignity."

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: James "Jim" Matthews Dunphy; Mary Jeffers (Brisbane); Margaret Fitzsimon (Brisbane); Tracey Read (Mackay); Peter Heuser; Andy Patroni (Mackay); Bill Taylor; Nieves Bulow; Mario Signor (Italy); Bevan McGarvey; John Manly; Eta Kovacs (Sydney); Don Hancock; Sr Ita Cavanagh.

NOTICES

Drought Relief

Diocesan Appeal: a Second Collection on Sunday, 30 September will be held; all money going to Rockhampton to be distributed to Centres in need.

Hello everyone!!! I'm Jeffrey Caluag and I will be serving you as an Administration and Finance Coordinator. I am delighted and it will be a great pleasure to be part of The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Team. I consider myself now a local, being part of this amazing community for more than 12 years. My degree in Accounting from CQU Bundaberg and my diverse experience in different industries will be very beneficial in this role. I believe I can make a significant contribution to the Parish and to the community.

National Police Remembrance Day: The 2018 Police Remembrance Day will be held on Friday 28 September, and in our area, the commemoration service will be held at the Bundaberg Uniting Church, 34 Barolin Street, Bundaberg, 10.00am. This service, held annually, recognises the contribution of police officers to the well-being of our community and commemorates any police officers who have been killed in the line of duty during the year.

'Wear a Tie' Sunday: Date claimer – Sunday 6/7 October begins Mental Health Week. We're asked to wear a tie to Mass that weekend and offer a gold coin donation. More details to come.

Headspace Day 2018 – Thursday 11 October at Central Park, Walla Street Skate Bowl 3.30pm-5.30pm to share a picnic, play games and create chalk art. Phone 4152 3931 or email headspacebundaberg@unitedsynergies.com.au

Prayer Against the Termination Bill: continues Monday to Friday in Holy Rosary Catholic Church, beginning with the Angelus at 12noon, followed by Mass (Tuesday & Friday), and/or Rosary during Exposition and Adoration for half an hour.

Parish Christmas Magazine: the Annual "Good News" Magazine is underway, with the focus this year "Be Prepared". The Magazine Committee would again appreciate your monetary sponsorship, either in big or small amounts. Sponsorship Forms are on the back of this weekend's Hymn Sheet.

Shalom House Mass: Parishioners, Parents & Friends are invited to McAuley House Mass, Friday 21 September, 11.25am in Loyola Chapel, Shalom College.

R.C.I.A Happenings: We have three young men journeying through the Christian Initiation process and we ask that you keep them in prayer. Each are at different stages of their faith journey. Will Mizzi, a regular at 5.30pm Mass, has asked to be baptised during the Easter Vigil next year. Hasan Um, also at 5.30pm, is completing his initiation into the Church; and Adam Lucas, an 8.00am regular, is asking to be received into full communion with the Church.

How Do I Become a Catholic? It's easy. The process begins with a phone call or a visit to the office. Contact Anne at the Parish Office for more information.

Diocesan e-Newsletter: the latest edition of the Diocesan e-Newsletter is available to read on all Church Noticeboards. Alternatively, to receive a copy direct to your in-box, send an email with your name to: catholiccq@catholic.net.au or contact the Parish Office to organize a copy.

Mercy is a magazine inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It emphasises an appreciation of the sacrament of Reconciliation & includes a joyful call to visit the Blessed Sacrament. It has reflections from Pope Francis, some of the saints & contemporary writers. Cost is \$3, and it is available at the Church doors and the Parish Office.

LITURGIES 24th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 17 September 2018

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 18 September 2018

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary
- Mass with Adoration

Wednesday 19 September 2018

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 20 September 2018

**Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul
Chong Ha-sang & companions**

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 21 September 2018

St Matthew

11.20 Shalom House Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary

- Mass with Adoration

Saturday 22 September 2018

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

23 September 2018

**25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B (II)**

Hours of the Sunday

Psalter Week 1

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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.'" Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake ? will save it."

SOCIAL JUST STATEMENT 2018-2019

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September 2018. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled:

'A Place to Call Home : Making a Home for Everyone in our Land'.

The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australia Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Isaiah 50: 5-9

We hear today how the prophet Isaiah suffered, even though he was innocent of any wrongdoing. Yet Isaiah put his trust in the Lord. What does this tell us about Isaiah's character?

James 2: 14-18

James emphasizes the importance of faith producing good works. What good works do you do that stem from your faith?

Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter rightly identifies him as the Messiah but fails to see the role of Jesus' suffering. Why do you think Peter (and many modern believers) struggles with the idea of a suffering Messiah?

