



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)

23 JUNE 2019

**FoCuS** by Fr John Daly

Last week, I purchased Pope Francis' latest document - *Christus Vivit* (Christ Lives). It is the Pope's response to the recent Synod on Young People. Once again Pope Francis writes in a way that is not difficult to follow. His writings show a man of faith, compassion, wisdom - a good teacher.

*Christus Vivit* is written "to young people and to the entire people of God."

It begins with, "Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and wants you to be alive.

"He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope."

"Christ is alive and wants you to be alive!" is very appropriate to today's feast day - The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Christ gives himself to us - "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood shed for you." The "Real Presence" Of Christ is given to us at each Eucharist so that we are nourished and fully alive. As we partake in this most holy of food and drink - the Body and Blood of Christ - we become his body and are challenged to bear fruit in our daily lives.

Pope Francis calls all young people to rediscover the presence of Christ and to be alive in him. He also encourages us all in the Church - the Body of Christ - to walk with the young, by allowing Christ to renew each one of us. We, the Church must be always open to renewal by being faithful to Christ and his message.

"The Church is young when she is herself, when she receives ever anew the strength born of God's word, the Eucharist and the daily presence of Christ and the power of his Spirit in our lives." (No. 35)



## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**

Parish Priest

**Rev Jomon Poothara**

Associate Pastor

**Rev Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD**

Associate Pastor

**Mrs Anne Sheehan**

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ordinator

**Mrs Denise Tuzes**

Visitation & Bereavement Co-ordinator

**Ms Anne Carlsen**

Parish Safeguarding Representative

**Mr Norm Whyte**

Business Manager

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**

Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

**Mrs Raquel Arriola**

Reception

**Bundaberg NET**

Youth Ministry

## SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston

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Ph: 4151 4771

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt

[stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au](http://stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au)

Ph: 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

[saintpatricks.qld.edu.au](http://saintpatricks.qld.edu.au)

Ph: 4152 1380

**Shalom College**

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

[shalomcollege.com](http://shalomcollege.com)

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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 Barga

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Diocesan Safeguarding**

**Judy Pidcock:** 4887 3080

**The Diocese of Rockhampton**

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.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child, I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the Holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard in those days was along the lines of "We need to be as good as we are able." Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently, and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days, and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the Holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see true love knows no bounds.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. To cite one example, most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled. It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary: plants synthesize nutrients which feed herbivores; these in turn become food for carnivores, which produce significant quantities of organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products. We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. A serious consideration of this issue would be one way of counteracting the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet, but it must be said that only limited progress has been made in this regard.

## LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

This Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June is the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. 'Torture remains unacceptable and unjustified at all times, including during states of emergency, political instability, or even a war.' (UN Secretary-General) Despite the absolute prohibition of torture under international law, torture persists in all regions of the world, in war, in prisons. Pope Francis speaks against torture, repeatedly condemns this crime and asks us to pray.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** David Gay Graff, Daryain Slate Meiers, Gary William Smith, Joan Bridget Vincent, Terry Boyle, Eileen Chalmers

## NOTICES

**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE CONCERT:** Monday, **24th June** 7.00pm at Holy Rosary Church. Tickets are available the door one hour prior to the concert from 6.00pm. (cash basis only)

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP:** Eucharistic prayer meeting is on Thursday, **27th June** 10.00am at Holy Rosary Church.

**RELAY FOR LIFE HIGH TEA:** Saturday, **13th July** 2019 10:30am in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets are \$30/person & will be available from the Parish Office from Monday, 3rd June 2018. (**Tables of 8 available**). Donations towards the High Tea's Continuous Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** Saturday, **10th** - Sunday, **11th August** 2019 at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Registration \$30. If you would like to register as a member of the Bundaberg Catholic Parish Relay for Life Team please visit the Cancer Council Office at 41 Woongarra Street or register online.

### DATE CLAIMER:

⇒ Friday, **16 August** 5.30pm Filipino mass to be celebrated by Fr Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD at St Patrick's Catholic Church.

⇒ Saturday, **24th August** for the 17th Bundaberg Ecumenical Luncheon

⇒ Saturday, **31st August** for the St Mary's School Anniversary Fete.

⇒ Saturday, **31st August** for the Cherish Life garage sale.

**2019/2020 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** All planned giving envelopes are now available for collection from all churches this weekend.

**WELCOME RETURN:** We welcome **Father Jomon Poothara** back to our parish after his holiday with his family in Cochin. We look forward to hearing some of his stories from his travels and we greatly appreciate the gift he is for our parish.

### **ADULT FAITH** by *Fr Peter Tonti*

Journey the greatest unfolding love story ever told by participating in **Breaking Open the Scriptures**. **Topic: Great Themes in Scripture.**

Monday, **1st July** at 1:00 pm and repeated at 5:30 pm at the Parish Centre

**All welcome! Please bring your Bible and notebook.**

### **Diocesan Ministry Appeal**

*On the weekend of 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> July the Diocese will be launching the Diocesan Ministry Appeal. This will be an opportunity for the people of our Diocese to contribute to various ministries that support those in need or on the margins.*

One area that will benefit from the Appeal is the Western Pastoral Ministry, which provides a much-needed connection to those living in the rural and remote parts of our Diocese. Sr Mary Farrelly conducts this ministry by assisting in the preparation of Sacraments, travelling vast distances to visit families and keeping in regular communication with people in outback areas.



### **POSITION VACANT**

#### **Human Resource Manager (re-advertised)**

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications for the position of HR Manager. The HR Manager is responsible for promoting a positive organisational culture that is focussed on Catholic values, performance and accountability. This is a permanent, full-time position.

We offer a supportive and positive team environment and an attractive remuneration package commensurate with skills and experience.

For further details of the position, or to download a copy of the Position Description, go to [www.rok.catholic.net.au/hrmanager](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/hrmanager).

For further information, please email [hr@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:hr@rok.catholic.net.au).

Applications will close on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.**

## LITURGIES

### **Monday 24 June 2019**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### **Tuesday 25 June 2019**

*The Nativity of St John the Baptist*

9.00am St James' - LWC

9.30am Gracehaven - Anointing Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### **Wednesday 26 June 2019**

8.00am Shalom - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### **Thursday 27 June 2019**

*St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor*

6.30am St Mary's - LWC

### **Friday 28 June 2019**

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### **Saturday 29 June 2019**

*Sts Peter and Paul, apostles*

7:30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**30 June 2019**

**13th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Year C (I)**

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

### **SCRIPTURES for next Sunday**

**First Reading**

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

**Second Reading**

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

**Gospel**

Luke 9:51-62



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Genesis 14:18-20

Abraham and Melchizedek celebrate a meal of thanksgiving to God for victory over their enemies. This is the Bible's first recorded meal of bread and wine. How do you think this prefigures the Last Supper meal?

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In today's reading, Paul preserves for us the New Testament's earliest attestation of Jesus's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. What does this say about the importance of the Eucharist for the first generation of believers?

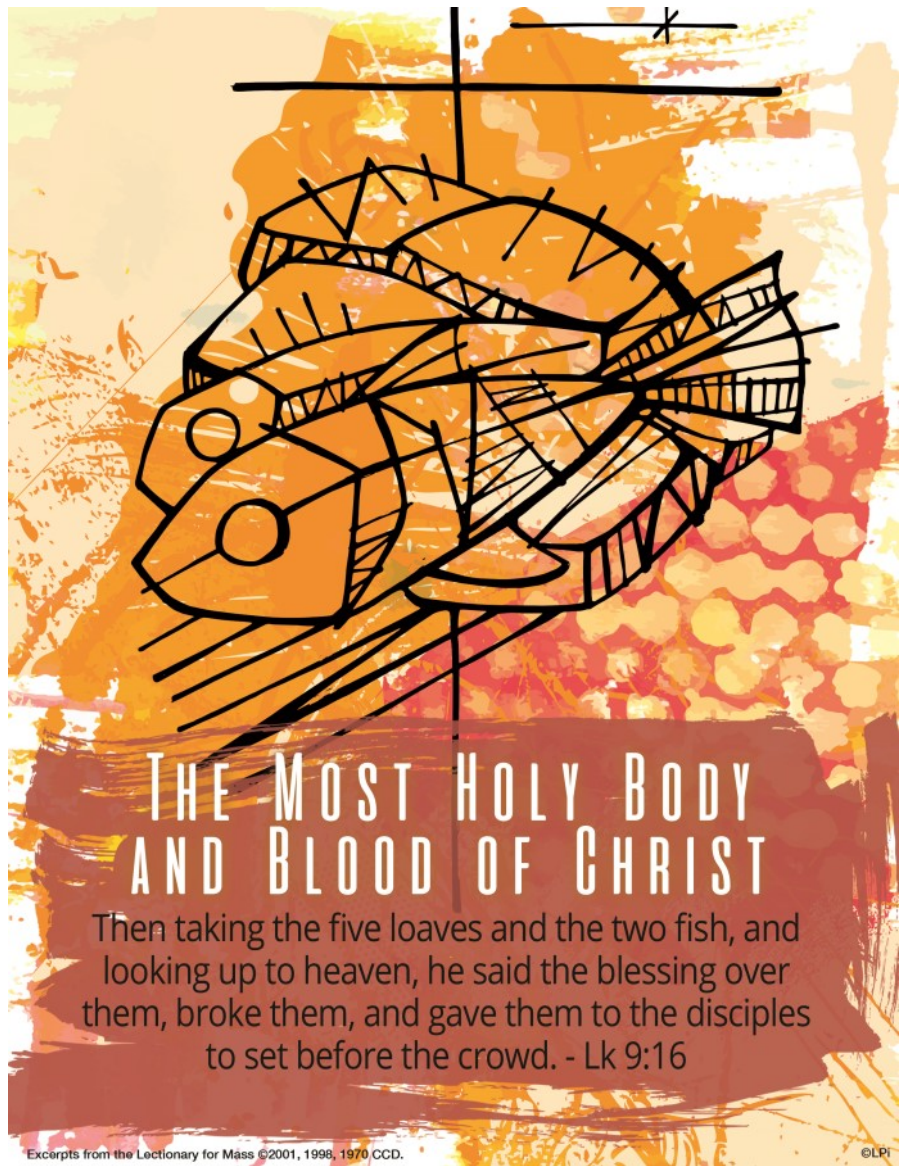
### Luke 9:11-17

Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes is the only miracle all four Gospel writers share in common. Why do you think this miracle was so widely known and preserved?



## 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

"They all ate and were satisfied." Why read the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves this Sunday? Here we see the mystery of our physical and spiritual realities intermingling. Too often, they can feel separate. When we go to Mass, how often we appear more ordinarily human rather than stretching toward the divine.

Perhaps our experience of the Eucharist is fairly mundane. We notice when a new sacramental wine has been selected. We feel the varying textures of the host and wonder if they'll ever bring back the one that tasted distinctly like wheat. As we shuffle up to the front and stride back to our pew, we notice the looks on people's faces and the clothes on their backs. We get distracted by the crying child, the man blowing his nose, and the mechanical sound of the air conditioner kicking in. How human we are, how earth-bound, how material!

And how good God is for entering into these selfsame realities. How good God is for proclaiming "the kingdom of God," for "heal[ing] those who needed to be cured," for having mercy on a tired and hungry crowd. How many of the crowd noticed what had been done for them? Did they realize their dinner was a miracle? How often do we miss the deeper reality of the Eucharist? Even if in the moment of receiving Communion we don't experience radical ecstasy and don't feel any different, there is a tangible reality to cling to. Our God loves us enough to become bread for us, not only to feed us but to be fed upon by us.