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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

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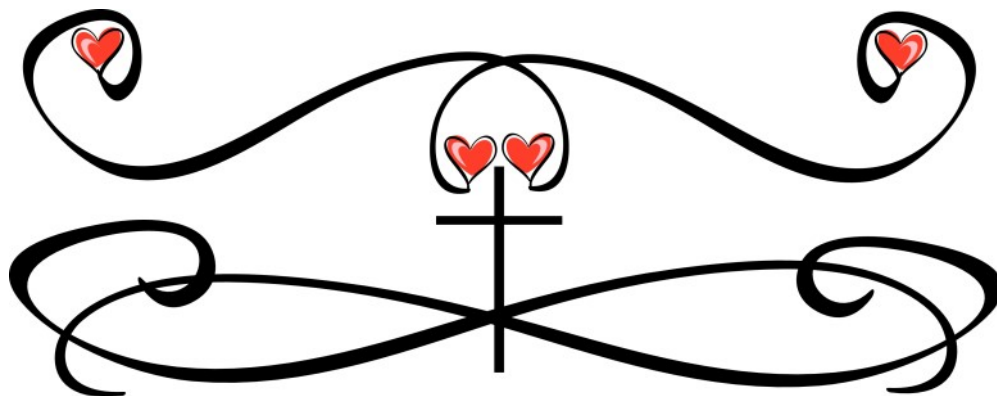
FoCuS by Fr Jomon Poothara

Graciousness of Life

Have you ever thought about your life? Have you ever asked yourself "Did I have a choice for my life? Did I work hard to receive the life I enjoy today?" We didn't choose or work hard to receive the beautiful life we have.

A gift is given to someone out of one's own free will and it cannot be demanded, otherwise it is not a gift. Something becomes a gift when there is a free choice. The life we live today is a free gift, not from human beings, but God alone. God gave us the life that he wanted us to have, not the one we wanted to have. A beautiful gift always reminds us of the person who gave us the gift and the well-cherished memories associated with it. May each and every moment of our life remind us of God who gave us the life we enjoy to the full. In this world of perils and hardship, if we do not recognise the Lord as our Creator, there would be no benefit of being born or in our continuing existence. We have come into the world by God's grace.

It is often said that "life was not meant to be easy." If that saying is to have any useful value it has to be understood. In fact, life WAS meant to be easy. Life becomes 'not easy' when we lack understanding of it. According to Galileo Galilee, "All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them". If we do not understand life, its origin and destiny, then our life is floating aimlessly. We are a buyer at life's auctions who doesn't understand values; a cook who doesn't understand flavours; a musician without rhythm. Understanding brings wisdom to knowledge and is of greater value than money or possessions because these can be easily gained with understanding and easily lost without it. Without some basic understanding of life we become controlled by negatives such as greed, selfishness, feelings, pride, prejudice and influences. When we do not understand these influences, they cause us to behave without human restraint. Thus we create pain and trauma for ourselves and others.



PASTORAL TEAM

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Youth Ministry

SCHOOLS

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Primary School

Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston

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St Mary's Catholic

Primary School

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St Patrick's Catholic

Primary School

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

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Shalom College

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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

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Response Line: 1800 830 113

Centacare: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

Ozcare: 1800 692 273

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what really matters in life.

All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.

What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is

FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms, simply making efforts to reduce some of the negative impacts of climate change. However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption. There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy. Worldwide there is minimal access to clean and renewable energy. There is still a need to develop adequate storage technologies. Some countries have made considerable progress, although it is far from constituting a significant proportion. Investments have also been made in means of production and transportation which consume less energy and require fewer raw materials, as well as in methods of construction and renovating buildings which improve their energy efficiency. But these good practices are still far from

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Pope Francis reminds us that '*care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together....we have a shared responsibility for others and the world.*' Laudato Si 228,229

As we reflect on how we can reduce our waste and live out our responsibility to others and the world we can;- use less plastic, buy, refill products, reuse and recycle, don't buy products with excess packaging etc. *Pastoral Care to them when they are in port.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Ruth Eyles (Brisbane), Jim Noble, Rina Calligaris (Italy), Roy Henry Maxted, Reginald Joseph Lythall, Luigi Zanon, David Gay Graff, Daryain Slate Meiers, Gary William Smith

NOTICES

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Prayer for Christian Unity this month will be prayed in **Christ Church Anglican Church** at 10.00am on Thursday, **25th July** to be followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

PRIESTS' JUBILEE MASS: Bishop Michael McCarthy invites you to the Jubilee celebration of Presbyteral Ordination, especially of Fr Stephen Hanly (30 years), on Friday, **26th July** at St Joseph's Cathedral commencing with Mass at 10.00 am. You are all welcome to attend and to stay for refreshments after Mass to catch up with our priests.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE 2019: Tuesday, **6th August**, 5.00pm in the Parish Office for anyone who would like to assist in the production of the annual magazine "Good News". This will be a brainstorming session to plan the content and layout of the magazine, which this year will be based around Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (On Care for our Common Home). Contact Anne Sheehan.

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.

PARISH LADIES' DINNER: This year the dinner has been booked for the Brother's Club, Thursday **22nd August**, 6.00pm. Even though the venue has changed we will still all come together for a fun evening of fellowship and friendship. Tickets on sale at the parish office, Wednesday, **24th July** for \$27 per person. Hope to see you there. – Helen Mackie (Passionist Family Group Coordinator)

BIG THANK YOU: On behalf of the Bundaberg Catholic Parish Relay for Life Team, we would like to thank everyone involved in our very successful High Tea. Our office staff, organising team, prize donors, prize wrappers, cooks and all who worked including our kitchen helpers and our team who kept us entertained, and especially all who came and supported our High Tea. It is due to this great team effort that we were able to donate \$3,826.95 to Cancer Council.

POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS: We will soon have the projector installed at Holy Rosary church thereby allowing us to project an enlarged image of the hymns and some prayers onto the wall above the exit door to the carpark. People sitting in the Woongarra Street transept may not have a clear vision of the projected text, and therefore hymn sheets will continue to be available for that part of the church. **OPERATORS:** We need operators for each weekend Mass at Holy Rosary. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in assisting.

CHERISH LIFE GARAGE SALE: Cherish Life garage sale postponed until next year.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS: If you need a copy for taxation purposes please contact Jeffrey at the parish office.

DATE CLAIMERS:

- ⇒ Thursday, **8th August** 5.30pm at the Parish Centre, "Why Do We Do What We Do?" by Fr John Daly.
- ⇒ Friday, **9th August** 5.00pm Disco Dance Party St Patrick's hall, \$5 entry fee. Contact Maddie Devine 0434 991 623 or Parish Office for more details.
- ⇒ Friday, **16th August** 5.30pm Filipino mass to be celebrated by Fr Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD at St Patrick's Catholic Church.
- ⇒ Saturday, **24th August** 10.00am at RSL, The 17th Ecumenical Luncheon
- ⇒ Thursday, **29th August** 9.00am - 3.00pm Parish Retreat entitled "Take my Hand" by Fr John Daly at St James' Catholic Church, See St. Barga.
- ⇒ Saturday, **31st August** for the St Mary's School Anniversary Fete.

ADULT FAITH

Breaking Open the Scriptures by Fr Peter Tonti

Deepen our understandings of the biblical texts.

Monday, 5th August 1:00pm repeated at 5:30pm, Parish Centre

Topic: 15 Essential Biblical Texts N. T. Wright 1. Introduction.

Please bring your Bible and notebook.

LITURGIES

Monday 22 July 2019

St Mary Magdalene

9.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Tuesday 23 July 2019

St Bridget, religious

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

Wednesday 24 July 2019

St Sharbel Makhluf, priest

8.00am Shalom - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Thursday 25 July 2019

St James', apostle

6.30am St Mary's - LWC

Friday 26 July 2019

Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

Saturday 27 July 2019

7:30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

28 July 2019

**17th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES for next Sunday

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham and Sarah graciously received three visitors, modelling true hospitality. How do you imagine the elderly couple reacted to the news from these strangers that Sarah would bear a son within a year?

Colossians 1:24-28

Paul speaks of the Church as the body of Christ. How would you explain the meaning of this image to a non-believer?

Luke 10:38-42

In Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary, with whom do you more closely identify: Martha or Mary?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



16th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labour we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.