



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

11 August 2019

*FoCuS by Anne Sheehan*

## SEARCHING FOR GOD AMONG MANY VOICES

Many people inquiring about becoming Catholic, and I would guess many Catholics as well, struggle at first with personal prayer, that is, establishing a personal relationship with God; communicating with God, listening to God's voice, responding to God's voice. How, when and where do I "hear" God in my life?

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI gives a "voice recognition" formula that may help.

"We are surrounded by many voices. There's rarely a moment within our waking lives that someone or something isn't calling out to us. Each voice has its own particular cadence and message. Within all of these: which is the voice of God? How do we recognize God's voice among and within all others?"

Jesus leaves us a wonderful metaphor to work with: he tells us that he is the "Good Shepherd" and that his sheep will recognize his voice among all other voices.

So too with us: among all the voices that surround and beckon us, how do we discern the unique cadence of God's voice?

There's no easy answer and sometimes the best we can do is to trust our gut-feeling about right and wrong. But we have several principles that come to us from Jesus, from scripture, and from the deep wells of our Christian tradition that can help us.

The voice of God:

- is recognized both in whispers and in soft tones, even as it is recognized in thunder and in storm.
- is recognized wherever one sees life, joy, health, colour, and humour, even as it is recognized wherever one sees dying, suffering, poverty, and a beaten-down spirit.
- is recognized in what calls us to what's higher, sets us apart, and invites us to holiness, even as it is recognized in what calls us to humility, submergence into humanity, and in that which refuses to denigrate our humanity.
- is recognized in what appears in our lives as "foreign", as other, as "stranger", even as it is recognized in the voice that beckons us home.
- is the one that most challenges and stretches us, even as it is the only voice that ultimately soothes and comforts us.
- enters our lives as the greatest of all powers, even as it forever lies in vulnerability, like a helpless baby in the straw.
- is always heard in a privileged way in the poor, even as it beckons us through the voice of the artist and the intellectual.
- always invites us to live beyond all fear, even as it inspires holy fear.
- is heard inside the gifts of the Holy Spirit, even as it invites us never to deny the complexities of our world and our own lives.
- is always heard wherever there is genuine enjoyment and gratitude, even as it asks us to deny ourselves, die to ourselves, and freely relativize all the things of this world.

The voice of God, it would seem, is forever found in paradox."

Extract: [ronrolheiser.com/searching-for-god-among-many-voices/#.XUoecqN7mUI](http://ronrolheiser.com/searching-for-god-among-many-voices/#.XUoecqN7mUI)

## 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

[sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au](http://sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au)

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)

Ph: 4155 8111

## 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 Bargarra

## 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

Plan Wisely

What would happen if you found out right now that relatives of yours were coming into town tomorrow, and they hoped to stay with you? You can either tell them they can't stay with you, or you immediately begin a process of furiously cleaning, straightening up, and grocery shopping in anticipation of your guests. If you don't have to do anything to prepare because your home is perfect, clean, and fully stocked, perhaps you don't live in your home or you are obsessive compulsive. I suspect most people reading this would go into panic mode!

We spend much time putting off things until later. Then when something unexpected happens, we swing into action to deal with it or prepare for its effects. We would have acted differently if we knew what was coming down the road.

What does your stewardship way of life look like? Are you living as if you have forever, or are you living as if Jesus could return any moment and your life here on earth could end tomorrow? The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

Even as the quality of available water is constantly diminishing, in some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatize this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. Yet *access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights*. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because *they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity*. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services among the poor. But water continues to be wasted, not only in the developed world but also in developing countries which possess it in abundance. This shows that the problem of water is partly an educational and cultural issue, since there is little awareness of the seriousness of such behaviour within a context of great inequality.

## LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Each and every person is created in the image of God, This is the basis of our worth and dignity. Even in our weakness, our fragility and decline, the image of God still shines in our eyes and we remain his beloved daughters and sons. And for us Christians, that we are one with Christ draws us to valuing the worth and dignity of others. We can all ask ourselves:- Do we care for those in our community who are frail and increasingly dependent in a way that respects their dignity and maintains them in community life? Do we recognise them as a 'treasure'? (Social Justice Statement 2016-2017)

## NET TEAM

**NEW YOUTH GROUP TIMES - Echo Junior:** Primary School Youth Group (Years 4-6) Thursdays | 4pm - 5:30pm | Holy Rosary Youth Centre. **Echo Senior:** High School Youth Groups (Years 7-12) Fridays | 3:30pm - 5:30pm | Loyola Centre in Shalom College.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** (17-39 years old): Sundays | 7:00pm-9:30pm | Parish Conference Room in the Parish Office

## NOTICES

### CALLING FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**COUNCIL:** Final call for Nominations for new members of the Parish Stewardship Council this weekend. Recommendations close Monday, **12th August**.

**CWL YOUNGER SET:** Tuesday, **13th August** meeting for dinner at Sabrosa Steak House at 6.30 pm. If any younger ladies would like to join us, you would be very welcome. For further information or to book, please phone Maureen before Tuesday lunchtime 0407 964 753

**FILIPINO MASS:** Friday, **16th August** 5.30 pm St Patrick's Catholic Church to be celebrated by Fr Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD. The working committee led by Fr Ronaldo is seeking volunteers to join the choir, liturgy and hospitality team. Please contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH LADIES' DINNER:** Thursday **22nd August**, 6.00 pm. Come for a fun evening of fellowship and friendship. Tickets on sale at the parish office, \$27 per person. Hope to see you there.

**17th ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON:** Saturday, **24th August** at RSL, Quay Street. Doors open at 10.00am. Presentation begins 11.00am. Tickets \$35 per person available at the Parish Office and all Christian Churches. Ticket sales close 16th August.

**HOLY ROSARY OPEN HOUSE:** The Bundaberg Regional Council is repeating its popular Open House event this year, showcasing Bundaberg's buildings of historical significance on Saturday, **24th August**. Our Parish Archivist, Cathryn King and other volunteers will be hosting this event at Holy Rosary between 11.00 AM and 1.30 PM. Come along!

**ROSTERS FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER:** Rosters for next term will be compiled soon so they can be distributed mid September. It is important that you advise the office by WEDNESDAY, **28th AUGUST** if your details have changed or you will be away for an extended period of time. No changes can be made after the 28th August.

**ST MARY'S 25th ANNIVERSARY FETE:** Food, fun rides, stalls, music, raffles, face painting, fruit and veg, crafts and more! Come and have fun! Saturday, **31st August**, St Mary's Catholic Primary School. We are still looking for volunteers and donations. For any information please contact the school office 4152 2167.

**PARISH RETREAT "TAKE MY HAND":** Thursday, **29th August** 9.00 am - 3.00 pm Parish Retreat entitled "Take my Hand" by Fr John Daly at St James' Catholic Church, See St. Bargarra. For catering purposes, please let the Parish Office know if attending.

**VOLUNTEER PAINTERS:** A very big "THANK YOU" to Mick Gerrard, Peter Byrne, Aldo and Jamie Solano, Jeff Caluag and David Webber for devoting so much of your time and energy to completing the internal painting of the house ready for a young family to move into. It has involved 2 weeks of your hard work and dedication resulting in an amazing transformation. Thank you!

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**Have you looked at the noticeboard of late? Check it out!**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Confirmed and Received First Communion:** Kirsty Weir

**Recently Baptised:** Lincon Cooper Dieckman, Charlotte Lilly Estelle Haak, Alexander Arthur James Nielson

**Recently Deceased:** Diane Barrett, Adrian Herman Verdel, Ruth Eyles, Jim Noble (Mackay)

## LITURGIES

### Monday 12 August 2019

*St Jane Frances de Chantal*

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

2.00pm Fairways Retirement -  
Anointing Mass

### Tuesday 13 August 2019

*Sts Pontian pope, martyr and  
Hippolytus, priest, martyr*

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Wednesday 14 August 2019

*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest,  
martyr*

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass (Vigil -  
Assumption)

### Thursday 15 August 2019

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

7.00am St James - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Friday 16 August 2019

*St Stephen of Hungary*

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### Saturday 17 August 2019

7:30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY

**18 August 2019**

**20th 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**

Jeremiah 38: 4-6

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 12: 1-4

**Gospel**

Luke 12: 49-53



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Wisdom 18:6-9

How is your faith in the Lord a source of courage for you in troubled times?

### Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

The author of Hebrews defines faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" and holds up Abraham as a model of faith. Who would you see as a model of faith in your faith community?

### Luke 12:32-48

Jesus warned Peter of the responsibilities entrusted to followers of Christ. How well do you think you are stewarding the gifts God has given you?



## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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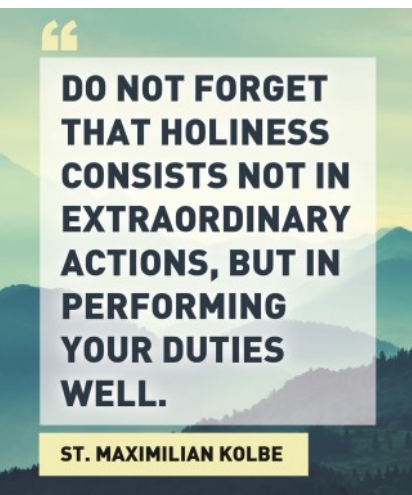
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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Tickets booked, packing list double-checked, itinerary set - how do you know you're prepared for a trip? Being ready requires plenty of practical preparation. Do we give the same care to our spiritual preparedness? "Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom," Jesus tells us. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to have the right attitude for the gifts and callings he wants to give us!

Clear out your clutter! "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Jesus reminds the disciples that earthly standards of security and success will wear out in time. If our lives are structured around values that don't align with the kingdom of God, we'll miss opportunities to receive God. If we're so concerned with our child's success in sports that we miss Sunday Mass for their tournaments, we're missing out receiving the sacraments and building a consistent community of faith. If our quest for the promotion takes us away from family commitments, we won't be able to fully receive the love intended in our closest relationships.

Set faith-based priorities. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." Our conflicting commitments can cause any routine to slip from time to time. All the more reason to make sure faith is a priority. Pray as a family before meals. Bring your children regularly to the sacrament of confession. Make room in the schedule for faith enrichment activities offered by your parish. Volunteer once a month. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When will the call come to care for an ailing parent? To take on a new leadership position? God speaks to us through the circumstances of our lives. He calls each of us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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