



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

18 August 2019

FoCuS by Dan McMahon

I am pinning my hopes as an Australian Catholic on the Plenary Council that will be held in 2020. The Church I love is bruised and battered and in need of reform. The Australian Bishops, who have called this Council, have promised that every voice needs to be heard and no issue is off limits. This is a courageous and bold stance to take from the Bishops of our 33 Dioceses in Australia. I hope all of us in the Bundaberg Parish is taking interest in this momentous event and will have a say. One of the issues that I am sure will get a lot of interest from Australian Catholics is the desperate need for the Church to affirm the place and voice of women in our Church. As a Principal of a Catholic Secondary School, it has been hard for me to say to the girls in my school that the Church fully welcomes their gifts and talents.

The contribution of women to the Church in Australia is enormous. In the context of secularising society and in the aftermath of the Royal Commission it is undoubtedly a challenging time to be Catholic. Women hold a huge responsibility to help in reforming our structures and practices that enabled and allowed abusive behaviour to occur so that they will not occur again. We have treasures in our faith that offer hope and direction, but there is also much that needs to be called into question and reformed, particularly in the institutional structures of the Church. Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun, has for 40 years passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues and church renewal suggests:

"It is clear now, in ways it was never clear before, how much damage is done to the church itself, ironically, by the kind of silence that makes it impossible for the church to admit its weaknesses, to deal with its questions, to heal its wounds. The determination to avoid scandal by denying it has become the biggest scandal of them all... It is even clearer now that the whole church is not best served by having its theology, its administration and its judgments determined by only the smallest part of it. By excluding from its decision-making inner circles the very people who are best equipped, most prepared to deal with the issues assailing it in this new world, is to cut itself off again from the scientists who could have saved it from the Galileo debacle and the scripture scholars who could have saved it from literalism and the social scientists who could have saved it from racism and the women who could have saved it from sexism....Now we have nothing left to do but be church together - laity and clergy, women and men, old and young, weak, sinful, forgiving, caring and honest about the challenges that face us every day."

(<http://www.joanchittister.org/word-from-joan/8-21-2018/be-church-together>)

The voices of women like Sr Joan Chittister are needed in our Church. Personally I was angered when I found out recently that Sr Joan, an 83 year old nun, whose voice we need to hear, was 'uninvited' to speak at a Conference in Melbourne. We all need to participate in the Plenary process and we need to tell our Bishops that this is simply no longer acceptable to us as Catholics to silence the voices that some of them might find challenging or disturbing. This is our Church and it must not be seen any longer as a clerical Church. It belongs to us all as the people of God and we need to reclaim our place in it.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Jomon Poothara
Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor

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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 Bargarra

OTHER CONTACTS

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favourite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favourite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fuelled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

World Humanitarian Day is Monday and as members of our global community we are called to be aware of the many people around the world who suffer because they are caught up in conflicts not of their own making, whether these be as a result of politics or of some disaster. We also honour the women and men who support and help those suffering.

We all can contribute to a better world. How as individuals and as community do we do this?

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Baptised: Ryder John Reed, Nash Christopher Reed, Spencer Linkin Cruz

Recently Deceased: Joseph Formosa, Brian Francis Nicolson, Diane Lorraine Barrett, Adrian Herman Verdel, Ruth Eyles, Jim Noble (Mackay)

NOTICES

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.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE "YOU RAISE ME UP": Friday, **23rd August** 7.00pm Holy Rosary Catholic Church, featuring Suellen Cusack-Greensill and Gregory Moore. Tickets \$25 available from Bout Time Music (cash only). All profits to be donated to *Love Your Sister*.

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.

MOORE PARK MASS: Thursday, **29th August** commencing 4.00pm. Venue is at Ian and Elizabeth's home, 106 Sylvan Drive. This invitation extends to residents in the area and beyond. We'll gather for Mass and spend some time afterwards in fellowship. Please bring a plate. See you there.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT Facilitated by the National NET Team: 31st August to 1st September, PCYC Capricorn Coast, \$75 includes meals and accommodation. For more information email northrockyyouth@gmail.com. To register online, go to <https://forms.gle/4pj6hkkoz:nvh7kd9>.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ONGOING FORMATION IN FAITH: The Diocese of Rockhampton has secured a partnership with the University of Dayton, Ohio to provide online adult faith formation through its Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This partnership arrangement gives all adults within the Diocese access to a very comprehensive range of 3 and 5-week courses offered online in cycles throughout the year, allowing for great flexibility to suit the demands of our family, parish and working lives. Parishioners who would like to update their knowledge, or deepen their understanding of our faith are encouraged to sign up online for the course: Study of *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis) for the September cycle. ***If you enrol and complete this course in the September cycle, the Diocese will refund your course fee of \$US 50 and you will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Michael McCarthy.***

You can access the VLCFF website at: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/>. Go to the site and explore the courses that are available in each cycle. If you decide you want to undertake a course, it's easy to create an online profile, sign up and pay the course fee (\$US 50). If you enrol for a course, let Judith Gardiner (Diocesan Coordinator) at judith.gardiner@rok.catholic.net.au know so that we can offer some ongoing support throughout the course. If you would like more information about the Diocese's partnership and its availability to parishioners please contact Judith Gardiner on 4887 3070 or the email above.

CWL QLD DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDRAISING: Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office. *First prize: Christmas Quilt (made by Shirley Pitts).*

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

LITURGIES

Monday 19 August 2019

St John Eudes, priest

9.00am St Patrick's - Children's Mass

6.30pm St Patrick's - Memorial Mass (Indian)

Tuesday 20 August 2019

St Bernard, abbot, doctor

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 21 August 2019

St Pius X, pope

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 22 August 2019

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

10.00am St Mary's - Anointing Mass

Friday 23 August 2019

St Rose Lima, virgin

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 24 August 2019

St Bartholomew, apostle

7:30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

25 August 2019

**21st 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

Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

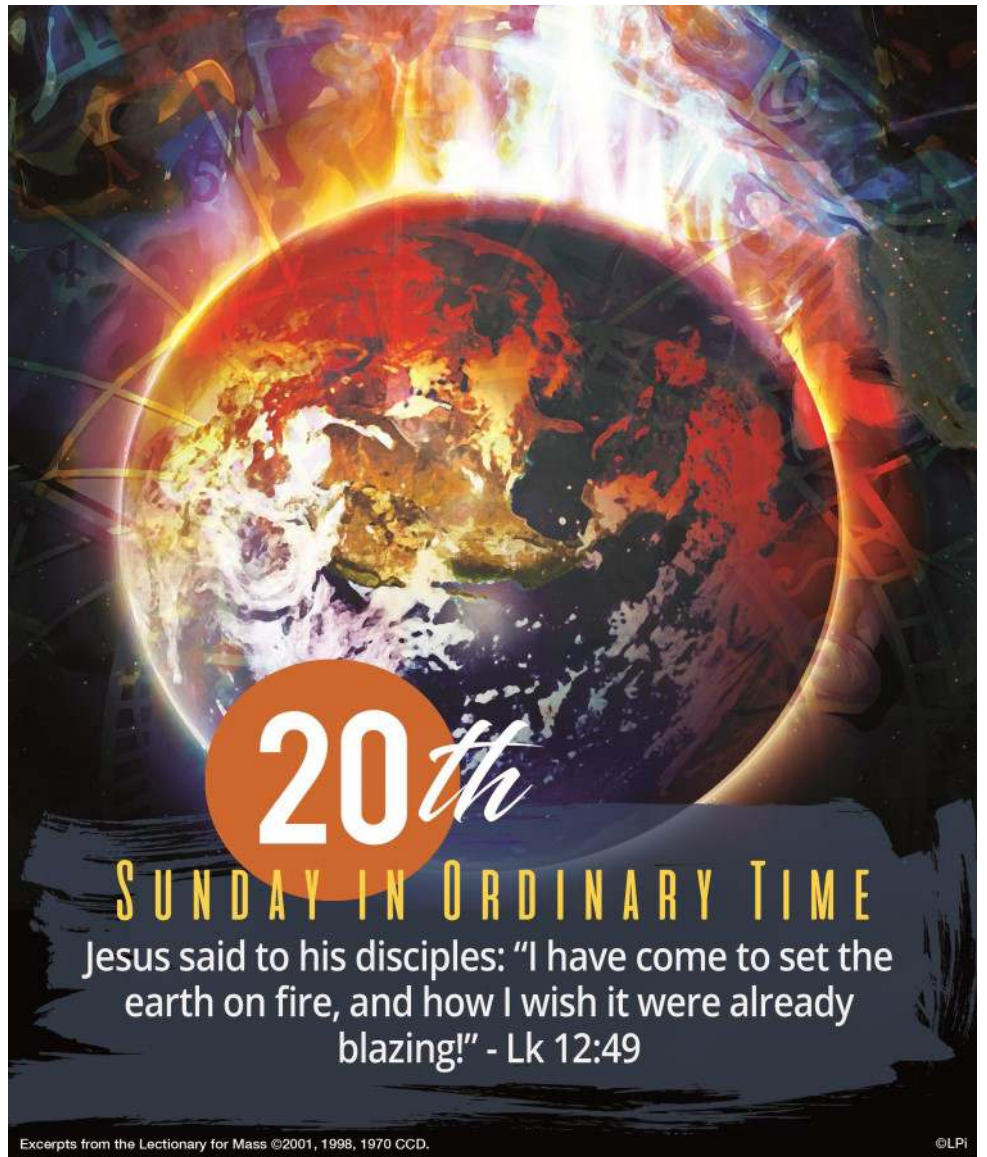
We hear how Jeremiah was persecuted for his prophetic message. Why do you think the prophets suffered so much?

Hebrews 12:1-4

How is Jesus' suffering on the cross a source of inspiration for you?

Luke 12:49-53

Why do you think Jesus' words cause so much division, even within families?



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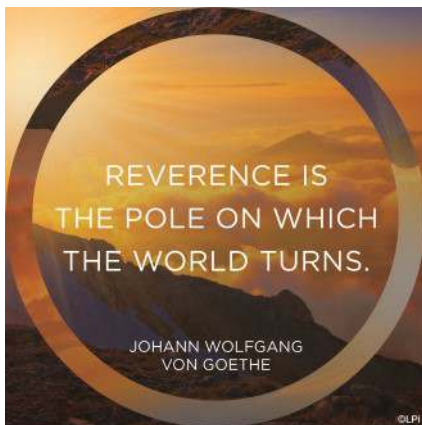
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumours in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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