



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

13 October 2019

FoCuS by Dan McMahon

As we continue to prepare for the Plenary Council in 2020, it may be worth reflecting on a document developed between 26 Catholic Parishes in Melbourne. The issues that these Parish communities raise correlate strongly with the themes that have emerged in our parish and Diocese.

The extent of the sexual abuse tragedy is overwhelming. We believe that the leadership in the Church has failed ordinary Catholics. We experience a profound feeling of shame and demand change. The Church must reform itself, and protect the rights of people, especially children, rather than of those who have caused this damage. The Church needs the full involvement of women at all levels, and recognition of the role of laity and priests as equal members, with the Bishops, in the People of God. Young people must be well represented at the Council and in the life of the Church.

We want to see the following changes made.

Address the Sexual Abuse Crisis. All Catholic institutions with possible historical sex abuse complaints should immediately join the national redress system. A trauma-informed, treatment approach that is both competent and adequate is needed to assist the survivors. The Church must provide an ongoing ministry of support to victims/survivors of clerical child sexual abuse and their families, and also to the many fine priests who have faithfully served the People of God.

Change the Nature of the Plenary Council. If the Council is not seen as genuinely representative of the Church it will fail. A majority of the delegates to the Council should be laypeople and priests working in parishes, with at least half of these women. Voting must be open and transparent, with the 'sense of the faithful' revealed by decision-making processes involving all those attending.

Encourage an Open and Inclusive Church. Many are currently excluded from full participation in the life of the Church. These groups include women, the LGBTQI communities and those divorced and re-married. The Council must commit to full inclusion of these groups. It must also reach out and support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who hold a unique position in Australian society.

Promote Servant Leadership for a Humble Church. A new leadership model is needed. This requires dismantling the dominant male celibate club, banishing the trappings of power and reshaping the training of priests. All new priests need regular mentoring and support to help them develop servant leadership.

Change the Composition of the Priesthood. Rather than relying on overseas priests and the clustering of parishes under one priest, immediate action is needed on widening access to the priesthood. We support optional celibacy for priests, re-admitting former priests now married, beginning the ordination of women as deacons and endorsing the principle of women priests.

Implement New Governance Changes. The Council must instigate a move to a new governance structure, suitable for the People of God. Lay men and women should be involved at all levels, with transparent and accountable structures throughout the Church. All leaders should be subject to regular review.

Make the Liturgy More Relevant. The Council should move to make the liturgy more relevant for a truly synodal church, for example by reforming the language used, reinstating the Third Rite of Reconciliation and removing the restrictions on attending the sacraments. As Pope Francis has said, the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but nourishment for the weak.

Renew our Focus on the Poor and Marginalised. The Council should set out to revitalise and extend the important work for the poor and marginalised that the Australian Church has done over the past 150 years. We need to build on past achievements to increase our outward-facing focus, reaching out to asylum seekers, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

Protect and Restore the Earth. The Australian Church has failed to respond adequately to climate change and the destruction of the earth more generally. We urge the Council to express a new approach to caring for the Earth, the environment and our common home. We call on the Council to lead strongly and proudly on issues raised in *Laudato si'*, and to call for specific actions within the Church and Australian society to answer this powerful plea from Pope Francis.

PASTORAL TEAM

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St Patrick's Church
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St Mary's Church
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St James' Church
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AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

To Give of Oneself

In the South of United States, the use of "Yes, Sir," "Yes, Ma'am," and "Thank you," have been drilled into many a little person's brain. Unfortunately, as time goes by, those social conventions seem to be in danger, even in the very places that have held them sacred for so long. In fact, I have found that I sometimes will even get a strange look when I utter similar words to a stranger or passer-by. It seems manners are being traded for acceptance of ill-conceived tolerance, even tolerance of the ill-mannered.

We know this is nothing new when we look at the story of Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. After healing ten, only one comes back to show gratitude to the healer. Why did 90% of those healed not offer thanks?

We all find our lives filled with blessings. We may sometimes think we deserve the good things we receive. We may also believe because everyone receives the same gifts — things like life, air, and the planet — that God didn't single us out, and our obligation to offer thanks is diminished. However, gratitude is never obligated. The other 9 did not get their leprosy back due to ungrateful hearts. Gratitude is simply the gift we give to the one who was generous to us in the first place. A gift for a gift. Generosity gives birth to more generosity. Without as much gratitude in the world, there is less chance for an increase of love and generosity. So, who do you need to thank today? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

In some countries, there are positive examples of environmental improvement: rivers, polluted for decades, have been cleaned up; native woodlands have been restored; landscapes have been beautified thanks to environmental renewal projects; beautiful buildings have been erected; advances have been made in the production of non-polluting energy and in the improvement of public transportation. These achievements do not solve global problems, but they do show that men and women are still capable of intervening positively. For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love.

THE GRATITUDE EXAMEN

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. We need to consider our own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me?
How have I Received love from others?
How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?
Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I missed Your movements?
Have I used my Talents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?
How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?
Help me give Everything back to You!

Message from Sister Margaret

"Many thanks for your farewell gift, flowers, kind words and presence at the supper last Saturday night. I leave here enriched through sharing in your love, faith and lives. Blessings to all."

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Baptised: William Aidan Palmer

Recently Deceased: Antonio "Frank" Nella, Conception Castro Obando (Philippines), Honora Frances (Noreen) Plath, Carlos Chan (Philippines)

NOTICES

THE WORD AMONG US: A monthly publication that follows the readings of the day with commentary has many other interesting articles. The 2020 order is due to be placed. If you are interested in purchasing "The Word Among Us", please contact the Parish Office.

COMBINED CHURCHES OF BARGARA MORNING TEA: Thursday, **17th October**, 9.30am at Coral Coast Christian Church 596 Windermere Road Bargara.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on **18th October** titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary, together with children, for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at: www.millionkidspraying.org.

PARISHIONER PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP: Wednesday, **23rd October**, 5.30pm to 7.00pm at the Parish Centre, a 90-minute workshop titled *Serving the Mission through Governance and Administration* will be led by Mrs Judith Gardiner, Executive Office of the Bishop's Office, Rockhampton. The workshop will benefit those who seek to understand the governance structures of the Church, who currently serve on Parish Councils and committees and those who might wish to consider making themselves available for governance roles in the future.

AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC: On Saturday, **19th October**, Shalom College's Music Department will be presenting an afternoon of beautiful music in the Holy Rosary Church. The concert will commence at 3.00pm and entry is by donation.

PARISH MULTICULTURAL FUNCTION: On Sunday, **20th October**, a festival of food and song will be held at 10.30am in the Mary Mackillop Hall (St Joseph's school grounds). Bring a dish of your national food to share for lunch. Sing songs or perform dances from your culture. Sausage sizzle, tea & coffee provided. BYO drinks. Come and celebrate the diversity in our Parish community!

MASS BY THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Sunday, **20th October** Mass by the Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Adolfo Tito Yllana to mark the occasion of World Mission Sunday, 9.30am at St Joseph's Cathedral, William St Rockhampton.

CARINITY KEPNOCK GROVE BUMPER CENT SALE: Tuesday, **22nd October**, Carinity Kepnock Grove Bumper Cent Sale commencing 9.30am at Kepnock Grove Community Centre. Admission \$5 which includes a huge table of prizes, home made morning tea, lucky door prizes and competitions. To book please phone Lyn 4151 6724.

VISITATION MINISTRY MEETING: Thursday, 24th October 10:30am at the Parish office.

CWL QLD DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDRAISING: Raffle tickets \$1.00 available at the Parish Office. Draw is on Friday, **25th October**. Prizes: 1st - Christmas patchwork cloth, 2nd - bottle of wine.

DATE CLAIMERS:

- ⇒ Sunday, **10th November** Marriage Anniversary Mass, 9.30am at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
- ⇒ Wednesday, **20th November** 6.00pm Mass to celebrate with Father Stephen Hanly for his 30 years of Priesthood at St Joseph's Church, Grendon St, North Mackay, followed by shared meal in the Parish Centre. RSVP by **1st November**.

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and the Parish website!

LITURGIES

Monday 14 October 2019

St Callistus I, pope, martyr

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
2.00pm Fairways - Anointing Mass

Tuesday 15 October 2019

St Theresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

9.00am St James' - LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 16 October 2019

St Hedwig, religious

St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

8.00am Shalom - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 17 October 2019

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 18 October 2019

St Luke, evangelist

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 19 October 2019

St Paul of the Cross, priest
Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaak Jogues, priests, martyrs

7.30am St Mary's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

20 October 2019

**29th 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
Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel
Luke 18:1-8



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

2 Kings 5:14-17

The prophet Elisha refused any gifts from Naaman, the man who was healed from leprosy. Naaman reacts by offering a sacrifice to the Lord instead. How can you convince others to be grateful to God?

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Paul reminds Timothy to remain strong and persevere in the faith. From where do you draw strength to keep the faith?

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus reacts strongly to the nine healed lepers who offered no thanks to God for this miracle in their lives. What have you forgotten to thank God for?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



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Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ..." In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, "Show yourselves to the priests." The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

"As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!