



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 February 2020

**FOCUS** by *Marcia Sharp*

## Visitation Ministry

*"... ..I was hungry and you gave me something to eat....I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me." Matthew 25:31-40*

**New Coordinator:** As this is my first contribution to the FOCUS in the Parish Bulletin, I'll reflect on my previous positions held in the Parishes of Burleigh Heads & Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast over the past thirty years. I initially volunteered as a Eucharist Minister, taking Communion to nursing homes and serving on the Altar in both Parishes. I also assisted in the Sacramental programs, held the positions of Columbarium Coordinator and Finance Council Member then becoming the Chair of Finance.

My new role as Visitation Coordinator includes the assisting and supporting of the many volunteers who provide this essential service within our visitation ministry which is an important part of parish outreach. This program is a very practical, systematic method of reaching out to those members of our parish who attend infrequently due to incapacity, to those who are confined within their home, those who are hospitalized or occupants of nursing homes.

**Ministry:** The Parish Home Visitation Program is a welcoming ministry, a way of "opening the doors to Christ." This is accomplished one home visit at a time by parish participants (our volunteers) who are solid in faith, who are good listeners, and who are passionate to share the love of Jesus Christ and His Church. Our volunteers continue with the Parish Home Visitation Program throughout the year to maintain this valued contact with the members of the parish family.

I'm especially encouraged by the generous support that our volunteers provide within the hospitals, nursing homes and home visitations. They are remarkable individuals who fulfill their role in a totally professional manner. Nothing is beyond their caring attention, dedication and faith in providing comfort to those in need. Their continuing support will undoubtedly ensure the success of our visitation ministry. It would also be amiss of me not to thank the entire team led by Fr. Peter for their encouragement and support in this the initial stages of my employment.

**Application:** The essence of this ministry is to listen and respond, to share prayer and sacrament, and to make present God's love and the Church's care to those in need. When people are down and going through difficult times, we are challenged to get along side of them and provide a caring, loving, and embracing atmosphere that will lift their spirits.

That . . . is what the 'Visitation Ministry' is all about.

It is our vision that our Visitation Ministry will enable our church to properly care for its whole family, a visible sign that everyone matters and is an important member of our parish community. As for any ministry, there has to be vision, some reason why this is something worth doing. Personally I look forward to every Ministry visit because of the love and joy I see on the faces and in the eyes of those we minister to, and because of the appreciation they radiate back to us because we are there with them. This is especially visible when we give the Blessed Sacrament. *"... ..I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...."*

## PASTORAL TEAM

### Rev Peter Tonti PP

Parish Priest

### Rev Gasper Peruvellil

Associate Pastor

### Mrs Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ordinator

### Mrs Denise Tuzes

Bereavement Co-ordinator

### Mrs Marcia Sharp

Visitation Co-ordinator

### Mrs Jan Aplin

Parish Safeguarding Representative

### Mr Norm Whyte

Business Manager

### Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Administration & Finance

Co-ordinator

### Mrs Raquel Arriola

Reception

## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary

Principal: Mrs Kaye Beston

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

Ph: 4151 4771

### St Mary's Catholic Primary

Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt

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

Ph: 4152 2167

### St Patrick's Catholic Primary

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

22 Barolin St (Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Sts)

### St Patrick's Church

14 Powers St

### St Mary's Church

139 Barolin St (Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts)

### St James' Church

38 See St Bargara

## 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

### What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from great distances? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Plenary Council will be held in two sessions.

The first will be held on 4th to 11th October 2020 in Adelaide and the second session will be held in mid-2021 (possibly in May).

The Council will be held in two sessions in order to enable to deeper discernment, further learning, dialogue and listening where it may be needed and to write or rewrite anything in response to the dialogue of the first session.

Most importantly, the time in between sessions will allow us to ensure we are "listening to what the spirit is saying" Revelation 2:7.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Esther Chepngetich (Kenya), Fanny Elizabeth Lourigan, Anita French, Fr John Rasmussen

## ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?

Please write your name and details  
in the new parishioners book at the church door  
or contact the parish office at 4151 6666.

We'd love to meet you!

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMISSIONING OF STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS:** This weekend, during all Masses, members of our Parish Stewardship Council will be commissioned to serve our community for another two-year term. Please keep these representatives in your prayers as they strive to assist in the leadership of our parish with consideration and respect.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** There will be another session for parents and children on Wednesday, **12th February** 5.30pm at the parish office conference room.

**ROSTERS:** Rosters are now being prepared for **April, May and June**. It is extremely important, if you are making changes to your Ministry, your contact details or if you will be away for at least a month, to advise the parish office by Friday, **14th February**. Also, if you no longer use your e-mail, please ring the office on 4151 6666. - Judy Vollmerhause

**MACKILLOP PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP:** Sunday, **16th February**, 11.30am for 12.00pm at Woodgate Hotel. For more information please ring Paulette 0414 843 416

**DONATION OF HYGIENE KITS:** The students of the Interfaith and Cultural Diversity Society at CQ University in Bundaberg are assembling 500 kits for displaced persons due to fire and flood, for the homeless, and to give to patients who present at the Base Hospital with no hygiene provisions. The kits will be given to Red Cross to distribute. Our parish has donated 500 cakes of soap towards the list of specified items for the kits. Any parishioner who wants to assist with the assembly of the kits can meet between 3.00-5.00pm on **15th February** at the university followed by a hangi. There'll be a jumping castle for the kids and it's an excellent opportunity to synergise efforts and to meet other participants.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED - ST PATRICK'S:** Looking for some people who are able to assist before and after mass, and closing the church and parking area. For further information please contact the parish office 4151 6666.

**VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL:** In the past week, the total collection has increased to \$10,387.10. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. If you would still like to donate, the parish office is still accepting donations. All monies will be forwarded to St Vincent de Paul.

### Date Claimer:

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** Friday, **6th March**, 5.30pm at the parish office conference room.

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD:** Friday, **27th March** from 12:15pm in Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

**MenALIVE BREAKFAST:** Saturday, **28th March** 7.15am for 7.30am at the parish office.

### CALLING ALL RETURNING AND INTERESTED STATE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (RI) CATECHISTS

Please note of the following important dates:

**Bishop's In-service Day at Shalom College:** Tuesday, **18th February**, 8.30am to 3.00pm. You will need to register for the workshops. Please contact Pauline Merefield if you have not registered yet at 0407 589 023 or e-mail [pauline@cqsat.net](mailto:pauline@cqsat.net)

**Main Training Day for All State School Christian RI Presenters:** Thursday, **20th February** at the Apostolic Church Hall on Ashfield Rd, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

**RI Book Collection Morning:** Friday, **21st February**, 9.00am to 12.00pm at Novakoski Hall.

CRI should begin in the schools the week beginning Monday, **24th February**. Please contact Pauline Merefield or the parish office if you have any questions.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 10 February 2020

*St Scholastica*

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

### Tuesday 11 February 2020

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

### Wednesday 12 February 2020

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

### Thursday 13 February 2020

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

### Friday 14 February 2020

*Sts Cyril and Methodius*

12:15pm Holy Rosary - Mass  
2.30pm Pioneer - Anointing Mass  
7.00pm St Mary's - Mass  
(Malayalam)

### Saturday 15 February 2020

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

**16 February 2020**

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A (2)*

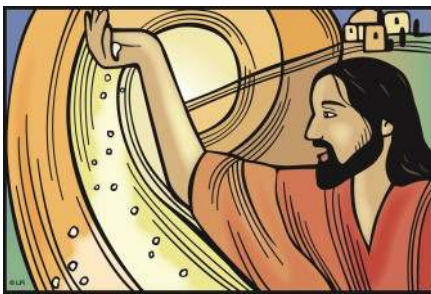
7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Mary's  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

### SCRIPTURES for next Sunday

**First Reading**  
Sirach 15:15-20

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel**  
Matthew 5:17-37



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT and RESPOND

### Isaiah 58:7-10

The prophet Isaiah spoke of God's desire for us to take care of each other, especially the most vulnerable — the hungry, homeless, and afflicted. How often do you take care of others in need?

### 1 Corinthian 2:1-5

Early in his first letter to the Christians in Corinth, Paul speaks of the tension between human wisdom and the power of God. Why do you think Paul saw a trap in relying on human wisdom?

### Matthew 5:13-16

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the disciples that in doing "good deeds" they will be seen as "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" and thereby "glorify your heavenly Father." How do you think this glorifies God?

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

## CHRISTIAN GIFT and BOOKSTORE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

**Open: Monday to Friday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

*In association with the  
Rockhampton Cathedral  
Gift and Bookstore*



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light He desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us. ©LPi