



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**16 February 2020**

## **FOCUS**

*by Kaye Beston*

**Principal, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bundaberg**

“Catholic schools and universities play a key role in evangelization and in creating a more humane world built on dialogue and hope”, Pope Francis said on February 9 2017 to members of the Congregation for Catholic Education, who were meeting at the Vatican for their plenary assembly.

Future generations who are “educated in a Christian way for dialogue, will come out of the classroom motivated to build bridges and, therefore, to find new answers to the many challenges of our times,” he said.

On Tuesday evening, Catholic Educators from our Catholic Kindergarten, Primary schools and College joined together to listen to and be challenged by Father Richard Leonard - a Jesuit priest who is a writer and film critic and has written and spoken about cinema, culture, and faith on four continents.

His topic was Catholic identity and the context within which we work right here and now.

“How can we unashamedly promote religious belief, Christian faith and an active membership of the Catholic Church in a world that increasingly says we are nuts to believe anything other than that which we can see and hear and test.”

The workshop set the ‘bigger picture’ context where participants were invited to check how well they knew the religious landscape in Australia (census data 2016). From the 2019 ACU survey of 2000 young Catholics (15-25), the vast majority said they were inspired by Jesus and His message but could not see His message reflected in the structures of the Church. What young people were saying they were looking for from the Catholic Church was a church that is compassionate, listening, welcoming, joyful and one that practises what it preaches.

Father Richard’s concluding personal story illustrated the significance and power of presence and conversations. He reminded us that as Catholic educators, we are in a privileged position in terms of being our authentic selves and engaging students in meaningful conversations - conversations that can ultimately change lives. Being proud to be part of Catholic Education, means being joyful and knowing about our faith so we can confidently touch the lives of our students and journey with them to inspire them to do/be the very best they can be.

Catholic education’s imperative is to not only develop students holistically with a focus on academic excellence but on true spiritual formation. Catholic educators are challenged to develop the whole person and spread the message of hope and joy of the Gospel.

Today’s Gospel is from a sermon Jesus gave on a mountain in Israel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. One of the strongest portraits of Jesus in the Gospels is that of a teacher. He used storytelling and teachable moments in teaching - strategies that resonate in practice with today’s educators.

Catholic Education in Bundaberg is alive, active, dynamic, hopeful and visible within and across our Catholic Kindergarten, Outside School Hours Services, our Catholic Primary schools and College. We are blessed in this Parish of Bundaberg to have priests and lay leaders who are visible and involved in Catholic Education and who offer opportunities for staff formation and growth in personal and corporate faith journeys.

## 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

**Ms Elizabeth Kelly**

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

**Maddison Devine**

Assistant Youth Ministry 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)

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**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

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## LIVING STONES

**“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Petr 2:4-6 NIV)**

Heartfelt thoughts, prayers and blessings are pouring in for all those who are so deeply hurting following the total destruction of St Mary's church by fire early Tuesday morning. The grief is raw.

The fine timber Church-School building was blessed and opened by Bishop Andrew Tynan 9<sup>th</sup> December 1951 and dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The “new” Church was opened in August 1955. From the time of the first Parish Priest, Father Tim Murphy, the Church has flowed with memories and stories, personal sacrifices and hard work and so many Liturgies and prayerful Celebrations that Mother Mary would be proud to say that Jesus has been truly present throughout the entire journey.

A truly deep and sincere thank you to all who have been part of the journey. These are difficult times. But as Father Terry Stallard reminded us last Thursday “We are the Church and we will become stronger through this experience.” We are the living stones.

A further thank you to the Parish Team, the many Parishioners and the Emergency Services who have so greatly assisted and supported us in this challenging time.

In an attempt to keep the memories and stories alive we are hoping to collect the memories and stories and collate them for presentation. If you can assist with photographs, video clips, written accounts etc please present them to the parish office. We are also looking for people who can assist with the collation and presentation of the material.

As a Christian community we pray for and forgive the perpetrator of the crime. We know the mercy of our God is unconditional and we trust in the Holy Spirit who will raise our community up ever stronger as we continue our journey together in God's Love bringing in God's Kingdom through Jesus Christ. Mary, Help of Christians, Pray for us.

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

**What does “plenary” mean?** The dictionary meaning is “full in all respects, complete or absolute”. In Church circumstances it means a gathering of all bishops, priests and laity of Australia. A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Not everyone can attend but all can contribute which is what many Australians, and parishioners of our diocese in particular, have been doing for the past two years. Under canon law an Episcopal conference can celebrate a plenary council whenever it deems it necessary or useful, and the Apostolic See approves (C. 439). The last Plenary Council was held 80 years ago in Australia in 1937; the first in 1885 in Sydney.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Parish Baptisms:** Alex Jayden Rolloque, Thomas Lucas O'Grady, Katrina Maree Kemp, Bria Alice McLeod

**Recently Deceased:** Joan McCusker, Esther Chepngetich (Kenya),

## WELCOME TO OUR

**Youth Ministry Co-ordinator and Assistant Co-ordinator**

We are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth Kelly to the role of Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. Lizzy commences duties with the Parish on Monday. She will be assisted by Maddy Devine who will start working as Assistant Youth Ministry Co-ordinator on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please make them both welcome and offer your support to Lizzy and Maddy in this challenging ministry.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RITUAL OF CHOOSING:** A simple ritual to be held during all Masses this weekend for the children who are continuing their journey to the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. The children "choose" to prepare faithfully for these sacraments but ask for your prayer support along the way.

**VISITATION MINISTRY MEETING:** Wednesday, **19th February** 10.00 am at the parish office

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Childers Parish is hoping to organise a Pilgrimage to The Holy Lands early in 2021. At this stage we are seeking an expression of interest from at least 25 people. Detailed information session will be held mid-March. If you are interested in finding out more please email your full name and phone number to Barry Cochrane at [thecockos@bigpond.com](mailto:thecockos@bigpond.com) by the end of February.

**LENTEN PROGRAM 2020:** If you are interested in joining a Lenten Discussion Group, please write your name under your preferred group on the List located at the front door of the church or contact the parish office.

### **Date Claimer:**

**LENTEN REFLECTION "JOURNEY TO EASTER" BY FR JOHN DALY:** Thursday, **5th March**, 5.30pm at the parish office

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday, **6th March**, 10.00am at St Patrick's Church

**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.

### **MINISTRY TRAINING AND FORMATION**

All in liturgical ministry are required to attend formation and training sessions. Please note the following sessions and times, to be held in the parish office:

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Wednesday, **19 February**, 4.00pm or Tuesday, **25th February**, 5.30pm

**Ministers of the Word:** Thursday, **27th February**, 5.30pm or Thursday, **5th March**, 9.30a.m

**Sacristans:** Friday, **13th March**, 10.00am

**Ministers of Holy Communion:** TBA

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

Please take 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 17 February 2020**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### **Tuesday 18 February 2020**

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

### **Wednesday 19 February 2020**

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

### **Thursday 20 February 2020**

6.30am St Patrick's - Mass

### **Friday 21 February 2020**

*St Peter Damian*  
12:15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

### **Saturday 22 February 2020**

*The Chair of St Peter, apostle*  
7.30am St Patrick's- Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

### **23 February 2020**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A (2)*

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

### **SCRIPTURES for next Sunday**

**First Reading**  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23

**Gospel**  
Matthew 5:38-48

### **PARISH LIBRARY AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

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



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT and RESPOND

### Sirach 15:15-20

The Jewish sage Sirach speaks of the wisdom in choosing to be obedient and loyal to God's will and commandments. Why do you think this is such a difficult choice for humans?

### 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to rely on God's wisdom rather than on the wisdom of the rules of this age. What human "wisdom" of our age should we be avoiding?

### Matthew 5:17-37

As Jesus continues with his Sermon on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics with his disciples, the law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths, all of which were part of daily life. How can you challenge yourself and others to live to these divine standards?



# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" —Mt 5:33-34a, 37*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking. ©LPi

## 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**

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