



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

**1st SUNDAY OF LENT**

**1 MARCH 2020**

## **FOCUS**

*by Madonna Davitt*

**Principal, St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

The Catholic school is a dynamic and complex environment. It does not just include students and staff, but also families from different cultural backgrounds and different familial arrangements. Where there is such diversity, there are also common goals.

Every person in this community basically wants 3 things for its children:

To be loved for who they are

To be provided with the skills and know-how to be successful life-long learners

To know that they are incredible creations of a God who loves them beyond their wildest imaginings.

The one essential ingredient that every successful school needs to maintain a harmonious environment is respectful relationships.

It is inevitable that where there are humans interacting closely, there will be conflict, where relationships are broken and hurt and harm have resulted. In the primary school setting, this can range from a child upset by the manner another child looked at them, to a child suffering harassment or bullying.

Traditional approaches to behaviour management have to be challenged to cope with increasing levels of family breakdown, the growing number of students suffering from anxiety and anger and the loss of automatic respect for authority.

Our approach when relationships have been broken by behaviours, is one modelled by Jesus. We call it restorative practice. This approach does not rely on punishment in an attempt to change harmful behaviours. Rather it recognizes that misconduct is a violation of people and relationships and that these violations create obligations and liabilities. Restorative practices seeks to heal and to put right, the wrongs.

When working with our students, 3 questions are asked:

What happened?

Who was affected?

How can it be made right?

These questions require them to take responsibility for their behaviours, to acknowledge the effect it has had on others, and then to be the answer in healing and rebuilding the relationship that has been harmed or hurt.

This approach can be summed up with one word – respect. It is respect for all – for those who are different and for those who appear to be our enemies.

Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*, also emphasises the need to have respect for each person as “it is at the heart of the joy of the Gospel”. To live out this Gospel is to be a restorative person.

Our Catholic schools are in a unique position, to teach their students to own their wrong behaviours, and to find ways to fix the wrongs these behaviours have caused. In doing so, we are helping to create a world that knows how to work through its differences peacefully and respectfully. Surely then we are closer to “thy Kingdom come.”

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**

Parish Priest

**Rev Gasper Peruvelil**

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

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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)

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**Shalom College**

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

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## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**

22 Barolin St (Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Sts)

**St Patrick's Church**

14 Powers St

**St Mary's Church (no longer in service)**

139 Barolin St (Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts)

**St James' Church**

38 See St Barga

## 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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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss Him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## LIVING LITURGY

**THE RITE OF ELECTION OR ENROLMENT OF NAMES** for the catechumens, those preparing for the Easter sacraments, is always celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, usually in the cathedral with the bishop. We celebrate this ritual because *"The Church makes its "election," that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation."* (RCIA 119) This choice is made by the Church (headed locally by the bishop) as an outward expression of the choice already made by God.

God, through the Church, is choosing those who are "fit" or "able" or "qualified" to be disciples of Jesus. They go to the Cathedral not to meet the bishop, or see how many parishes make up the diocese, or even to choose for themselves to take the final steps to become Catholic. Those chosen are expected to be initiated into a life in Christ, which necessarily means a life of mission. God chooses people who are fit enough to take on the rigors of missionary discipleship.

Our candidates for initiation are **Adibah Rajali** and **Noah Picaro**.

## RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251 - 52).

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

**THE ROCKHAMPTON DIOCESAN RESPONSE** to the Holy Spirit during the Listening and Discernment Phase saw the following themes emerge that were similar to the six national themes.

These are Evangelisation, Mission to Those on The Edge, Governance and Leadership Formation, Co-Responsibility for Mission / Ordained and Lay, Youth, Multicultural Groups, Technology and Communication, Governance Structures and Rules. Task Groups have been formed to address these areas.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Reina Adlawan (Philippines), Denis Donovan, John Jeffers (Brisbane), Anne Andrewartha (Hervey Bay), Timothy Tyrrell, John Thomas Lynch, Joan McCusker, Esther Chepngetich (Kenya)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent 5.00pm at St James' Church Bargara, 7.00pm at St Patrick's Church and 5.30pm at Holy Rosary Church led by the Indian Community.

**BUNDABERG CWL:** Tuesday, **3rd March**, 12.00pm in the St Mary's Community Centre. Remember to bring your own lunch and an item for the grocery basket raffle. Annual fees are due. For more information please contact Maureen 4152 1263.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Please pray for our children who are making their first reconciliation this Wednesday, **4th March**, 7.00pm in Holy Rosary Church.

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** Friday, **6th March** 5.30pm at the parish office conference room. Please RSVP to parish office by Monday, 2nd March.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - PRAYER FOR ZIMBABWE:** Friday, **6th March** at St Patrick's Church, 10.00am and Coral Coast Christian Church (596 Windermere Road) at 9.30am.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE – ST. MARY'S CHURCH:** The various groups involved with the insurance claim process – security fence supplier, assessors, quantity surveyors, forensic assessors, architects, commercial building companies and demolition companies – have all been working very closely and promptly since the fire to get to the point of being able to actually commence the demolition. Consequently, we were advised on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. that the current plan is to commence demolition during the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We will keep you informed.

### Date Claimer:

**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.

### ADULT FAITH

#### DISCOVERING THE BIBLE by Fr Peter Tonti

All are welcome to come and depth the great unfolding love story of the Sacred Scriptures.

**WEEK TWO: Discovering the Bible: The Creation and the Fall  
Revision and Scripture Sharing for the ongoing 2019  
Scriptures Lovers**

**Date:** Monday, **2<sup>nd</sup> March** 1:00pm repeated at 5:00pm at the Parish Conference Room

*Make a Date for the first Monday of each Month! Please Bring Your Bible.*

#### “JOURNEY TO EASTER”, a Lenten Reflection Presented by Fr John Daly

Thursday, **5th March**, 5.30pm at the parish office  
Please ring the parish office to RSVP



First Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> March 2020



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 2 March 2020

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 3 March 2020

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

### Wednesday 4 March 2020

8.00am Shalom - Mass  
10.00am Mater Hospital - Mass  
5:30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Thursday 5 March 2020

6.30am St Patrick's - Mass

### Friday 6 March 2020

12:15pm Holy Rosary - Mass  
1.00pm Holy Rosary - Adoration

### Saturday 7 March 2020

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

8 March 2020

*2nd Sunday of Lent  
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**

Genesis 12:1-4

**Second Reading**

2 Timothy 1:8-10

**Gospel**

Matthew 17:1-9

**PARISH LIBRARY  
AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

**Open: Monday - Friday**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT and RESPOND

### Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The story of the Garden of Eden reveals that humanity's first sin against God was that of disobedience. In what areas of your life do you struggle to obey God?

### Romans 5:12-19

Paul saw Jesus' obedience not only as reversing the disobedience of Adam, but also bestowing upon believers righteous and eternal life. What do you find most interesting about this revelation from Paul?

### Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus resisted the devil's temptations by remaining focused on his fidelity to the Father. What temptations are you willing to confront during the season of Lent?

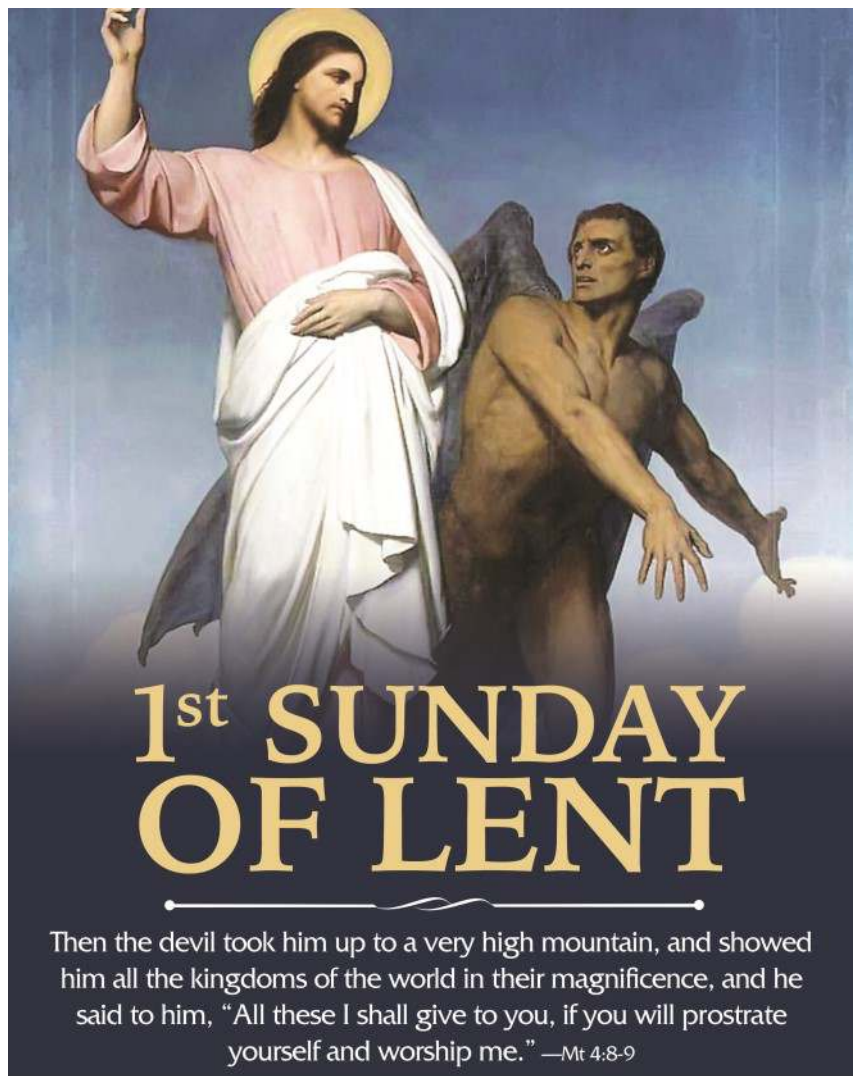
## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**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*



# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." —Mt 4:8-9

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbour. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go? ©LPi