



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

8 MARCH 2020

FOCUS

by Elizabeth Kelly

Parish Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

For the past three years I have been living in Adelaide. I have worked in a pizza shop and in the financial sector of the NDIS along with studying for a Certificate III in Community Services and a Certificate IV in Youth Work. With my spare time I would do volunteer youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. I can see now that God had me on a journey to learn as much as I could about youth ministry to come back to Bundaberg and share what I have learnt.

I would like to thank the parish for welcoming me home to Bundaberg. I consider it a great blessing to come back to the Bundaberg Catholic Parish in the role of youth ministry co-ordinator. It was only four years ago that at mass I experienced what I call my conversion back to the Catholic faith whilst singing at mass at Holy Rosary. It is an incredible opportunity to be coming back to witness the awesome work of God in the lives of the young people of the Bundaberg Catholic Parish.

At the recent Bishop's Inservice day one of the speakers, Dr. Dan White told the teachers "your job is to get the young people to heaven". I felt this was the perfect way to summarise my role here in the Bundaberg Catholic Parish. For many young people, we will be the only impression of the Church they will experience. We must ensure it is a positive one. Unfortunately, there has been a decline in young people participating in the sacraments for varying reasons.

How do we get young people to come back to Church? The answer is relatively simple. Make a place for them make them feel welcome in the Church because the Church is their home, and we must make young people feel cared for. Young people are not the future of our Church. They are a part of our Church right now, meaning we must genuinely listen to what they have to say even if we don't always like it or agree. We must listen and make sure our young people feel heard.

It is so imperative in this generation to ensure young people not only come to Church but stay in Church. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, we are a family, we have to make people feel a part of this family. How do we do that? We listen, we care, we support, and we love, because that's what family does. How can you put this into practice in your life?



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

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St Mary's Catholic Primary

Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt

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Ph: 4152 2167

St Patrick's Catholic Primary

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

saintpatricks.qld.edu.au

Ph: 4152 1380

Shalom College

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

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 (no longer in service)

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

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Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

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 www.bundabergcatholic.net.au

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favourite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favourite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVING LITURGY

LENT FOR THE R.C.I.A & THE PARISH: Of all the moments in the RCIA process in which we rely on the involvement of the parishioners, Lent is one of the most important. The RCIA doesn't really assign much for the team to do, but it does assign a crucial role to the faithful:

During Lent, the period of purification and enlightenment, the faithful should take care to participate in the rites of the scrutinies and presentations and give the elect the example of their own renewal in the spirit of penance, faith, and charity. At the Easter Vigil, they should attach great importance to renewing their own baptismal promises. (RCIA 9.4)

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent during a Sunday Mass for **Adibah Rajali**, our adult candidate for Easter baptism. **Noah Picaro**, our young candidate, has celebrated a Penitential rite with the children of the parish, as the Rite allows.

YOUTH MINISTRY

St Patrick's Day Youth Night

Calling all young adults to celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick!! We will be having a pub night with a talk about St. Patrick. Please text Elizabeth Kelly on 0456 635 542 if you are interested.

When: 17th **March**, 7:00pm

Where: The Spotted Dog Tavern, 217 Bourbong St, Bundaberg Qld 4670



SAFEGUARDING

From 1st January 2020 as per recommendations from the Catholic Professional Standards Ltd, Level One training is now **MANDATORY** for all church workers (clergy, religious staff and those who volunteer/work in any position with the parish). Date for training is Thursday, **2nd April** 2020. Two sessions 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and 6.45 pm to 8.30 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Helena McIlwaine (Brisbane), Reina Adlawan (Philippines), Denis Donovan, John Jeffers (Brisbane), Anne Andrewartha (Hervey Bay), Timothy Tyrrell, John Thomas Lynch, Joan McCusker.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Approximately 55 children celebrated their first Reconciliation last Wednesday evening. Lent, with its penitential nature, is the ideal time for this to happen. They now continue to prepare for their Confirmation and First Communion in May.

Next Sacramental Session: Sunday, **8th March**, 10.30am or Wednesday, **11th March**, 5.30pm for Parents and children. Topic: Confirmation.

BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER SET: Meeting for dinner at Sabrosa Steak House on Tuesday, **10th March**, 6.30pm. If any younger ladies would like to join us, you would be very welcome. For further information or to book please phone Maureen 0407 964 753 before noon on that Tuesday.

CWL ANNUAL ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION: Tuesday, **17th March** in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers' Sports Club. Devonshire tea from 9.00am, followed by a variety concert with an Irish theme, lucky shamrock, lucky spots, raffles and continuous cent sale. Proceeds go towards supporting local and Australian charities. Bookings: Olga 4151 3397 or Helen 4152 5365.

HOLY THURSDAY GIFTS FOR THE POOR: "At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and the wine." (The Roman Missal, Order of Mass #21) This easily overlooked suggestion is a clear ritual action shared by the assembly that brings to life the intention of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

In conjunction with the **Passionists Family Groups** we invite you to donate appropriate items or money to the Jeremiah House Men's Shelter. Your donations will be brought up as our offering for the poor during the procession of gifts on Holy Thursday night. Bring your donations and place them in the baskets at the doors of the church during Lent. They will be kept safely until Holy Thursday after which the Family Groups will deliver them to the Men's Shelter.

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 26th Feb. that the current plan is to commence demolition during the week commencing Monday 9th March. We will keep you informed.

CHRISM MASS: An invitation is extended to all in the diocese to participate in this Mass on Thursday, **26th March**, 11.00am in St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. During this Mass all the sacred oils are blessed or consecrated before distribution to parishes throughout the diocese.

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.

LITURGIES

Monday 9 March 2020

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

Tuesday 10 March 2020

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

Wednesday 11 March 2020

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

Thursday 12 March 2020

6.30am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 13 March 2020

12:15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
2.30pm Pioneer - Anointing Mass

Stations of the Cross:

5.00pm St James
5.30pm Holy Rosary
7.00pm St Patrick's

Saturday 14 March 2020

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

NEXT SUNDAY

15 March 2020

*3rd 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

Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel

John 4:5-42

PARISH LIBRARY

AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Open: Monday - Friday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020



Twenty seven year old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or



SCRIPTURE REFLECT and RESPOND

Genesis 12:1-4

Abram took a tremendous risk in trusting the Lord and following the divine call to leave behind his own land and home. What has been the biggest risk in your Lenten spiritual journey thus far?

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul encouraged his beloved co-worker, Timothy, to be open to suffering for the sake of the Gospel. What gives you strength when you bear hardship for the Gospel message?

Matthew 17:1-9

Peter, James, and John were frightened at the revelation of Jesus' divinity. How do you cope with fear in your faith life?

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*



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While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do YOU think God has for you? ©LPi