



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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*AFTER HOURS: Anointing of the sick for medical emergencies  
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**Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church**

24 May 2020

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Mary, Help of Christians**

**FOCUS** by Madonna Davitt

*Principal, St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

There are many outstanding women in our church history who have significantly contributed to our understanding of the great love of God for each and every one of us. Even though some of these women lived hundreds of years ago, their writings are still very relevant to this day and time.

One of these women is St Teresa of Avila. Teresa (1515 - 1582) lived in Spain and wrote detailed accounts of her life and experiences with God. These accounts have made her a very accessible guide. Teresa lived in tumultuous times. She was born into a Jewish family who converted to Catholicism, probably under duress. As a converso, the church viewed her with suspicion and disapproved of her visions and writings.

Unfortunately, she also suffered greatly with physical pain on a daily basis, nausea (she could not eat until lunchtime), neuritis, convulsions, high fevers, heart problems, to name just a few. She also had a maimed left arm and suffered paralysis for 3 years of her life.

Amid all this, she was a woman of action. She was tremendously involved with people, projects and constantly on the go. As a leader in the Carmelite Order she founded new convents at the rate of 1 -2 a year. Apparently she was an "ingenious administrator with a flair for organization, an astute diplomat and wise in the world of finance, litigation and contract negotiation".

First and foremost, however, Teresa was a woman of prayer. Prayer was always a priority in her very busy life. She wrote, "Under no circumstances, are we to give up our time of prayer and meditation, no matter how tedious it becomes; this would be like saying that since we are no longer receiving anything, we will not spend our time this way."

A bookmark, written by St Teresa was found in one of the prayer books. She wrote:

**Let nothing disturb you.**

**Let nothing upset you.**

**Everything changes.**

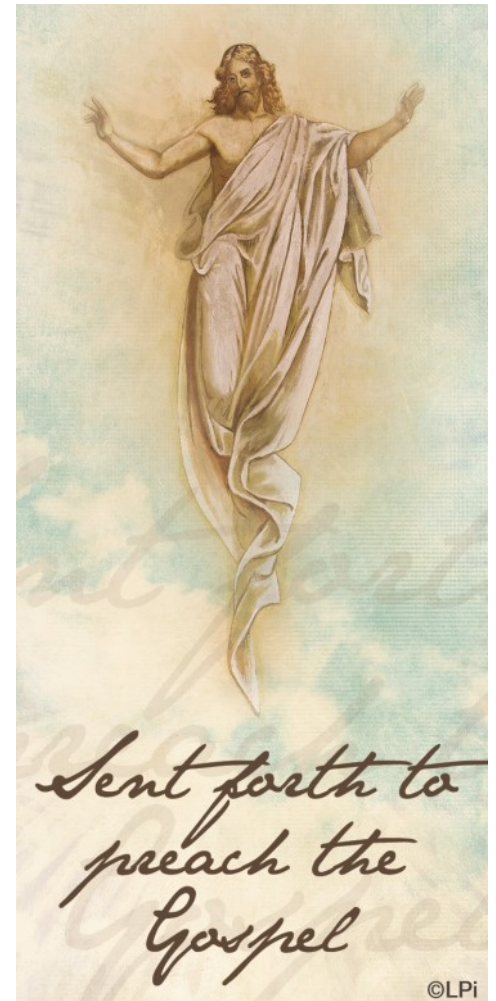
**God alone is unchanging.**

**With patience all things are possible.**

**Whoever has God lacks nothing.**

**God alone is enough.**

Teresa let go of her own will and trusted in God. She challenges us to do the same, to never abandon our prayer and meditation no matter what is happening in our lives for when we exclude these, we are abandoning the relationship with God who is the very core of our existence.



**SCRIPTURES** for next Sunday | **31 May 2020** | **Pentecost Sunday**

**First Reading**

Genesis 11:1-9

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:22-27

**Gospel**

John 7:37-39

# PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

## CHURCH VISITS

We are hoping to open our churches daily but we need your assistance to comply with the Health Department regulations. If you can assist by being on roster to ensure the number restriction, recording, distancing and cleaning regulations are met please contact our parish office for further information. The churches cannot be opened until we can comply with all the regulations.

As soon as we can comply with all the regulations we are hoping our churches will be open daily from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

## MASS

We are all hoping and praying that we can, once again, fully participate in the Eucharist. The present regulations and government requirements are too prohibitive for this to take place.

Hopefully, when the restrictions ease, we can offer Mass once again, albeit to severely restricted numbers. Live Stream Mass will continue at present.

Please note the Queensland Government directives as listed and our Schedule of Live Stream Mass.

### From 12 June

- Weddings - 20 people including the priest
- Funerals - 50 people indoors and 30 outdoors including the priest
- Masses and baptisms - 20 people including the priest

### From 10 July

- Weddings - 100 people including the priest
- Funerals - 100 people indoors and 30 outdoors including the priest
- Masses and baptisms - 100 people including the priest

## Queensland Health asks that the following directives be applied to all gatherings.

The public health rules to maintain throughout this period now to 10 July 2020:

- Physical distancing is maintained – 1.5 meters
- 4 square meters per person indoors
- Hand hygiene
- Frequent environment cleaning and disinfection of the internal hard surfaces.
- Occupancy of space will be monitored
- Those who are over 70 years of age or fall into the vulnerable category should stay home and minimise interaction.
- Name, phone number and the time of the visit for each visitor is to be recorded as a protection to assist with contact tracing if necessary.

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you for your generosity and support to Caritas Australia. We have raised a total of \$12,380.45 for the Project Compassion that will in help the most vulnerable women, children and men in Australia and around the world.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Joan O'Sullivan, Gregory Oldham, Dennis McCusker (Rockhampton), Val Woodward, Catherine Solano, Carlos Antolin (Philippines), Terry Short



“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20

## Schedule of LIVE STREAM MASS

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

Sunday: 9:00 am

*and*

**Church Chat with Fr Peter**

every Tuesday

via the Parish YouTube channel

[youtube.com/TheCatholicParishofBundaberg](https://www.youtube.com/TheCatholicParishofBundaberg)

## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

**'SALT'**

**Young Adults**

for young adults aged 18-30 years old

on Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
at the Youth Centre

For more information, please contact  
Elizabeth Kelly at 0456 635 542

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Good hygiene is in your hands.**

Together we can help stop the spread and stay healthy.

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