



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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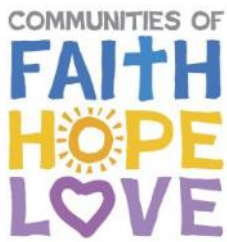
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Welcome to the Parish

23rd/24th July 2022

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

By: Joe McCorley



Catholic Education Week • 24-30 July 2022

It all began on a bright sunny day in Emerald. I was visiting St Patrick's Catholic Primary School before school commenced, in the hope of seeing our grand-children enrolled in the school.

Have you ever been called "HOPELESS"? It is very degrading, especially coming from a five-year-old preschooler.

This week, Catholic Schools, right across Queensland are celebrating Catholic Education Week. Their theme is "Catholic Schools are Communities of HOPE, FAITH, and LOVE".

I believe these values are the cornerstone of our Catholic schools.

No student is deemed to be "hopeless"! (unless that five-year-old "Sergeant-Major" is still around).

From my experience in visiting Catholic Schools across Qld for most of my working life, I have found they were welcoming communities of Leadership Teams, both teaching and non-teaching staff, with committed parents as their clients, who believe in the dignity and value of each child enrolled.

The teacher-model they aspire to is Jesus, the Christ, who demonstrated the FAITH, HOPE and especially LOVE, he had for each person.

In a recent visit to one of our Catholic schools in Bundaberg, I questioned the assembly of students, "Would you close your eyes, and point to where you believe God is right now?"

While a few children pointed to the sky, a very large majority had their finger on their hearts, where Jesus lives and loves each one of them. I was extremely grateful to this school community.

To conclude, could I complement and congratulate the staff of all Catholic schools in our Bundaberg Parish, and the work they are doing, especially in our present culture where many are struggling to believe in our loving God.

On entering the schoolground, I was amazed to see a small group of preschool girls marching in single file around the school fence. They seemed to be led by a five year old "Sergeant-Major" who was barking orders to them as they marched.

"Squad, Halt!" she barked as I arrived on the scene.

"What are you girls doing?" I asked.

"Marching Drills!", she replied scornfully, as if I didn't know.

"Oh, can I join in?" The young Sergeant-Major looked me up and down, "Can you march?"

"Yes!" I replied.

"Okay, fall in behind me!"

"SQUAD, ATTENTION! Quick, March! Left, Left, left right left!" she roared.

We were on parade!

After a few minutes, to amuse the girls lined up behind me, (one being our granddaughter), I started wobbling from left to right. The girls started giggling!

"SQUAD, HALT!" the "Sergeant-Major" roared! The young girls stood stiffly!

And so did I! The "Sergeant-Major" marched to stand beside me.

"YOU ARE HOPELESS"! "YOU ARE DISMISSED"!

And away the squad marched, leaving me standing alone, feeling hopeless!



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg respectfully acknowledges the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the country in which we live. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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St Patrick's Church
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St James' Church
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this*, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

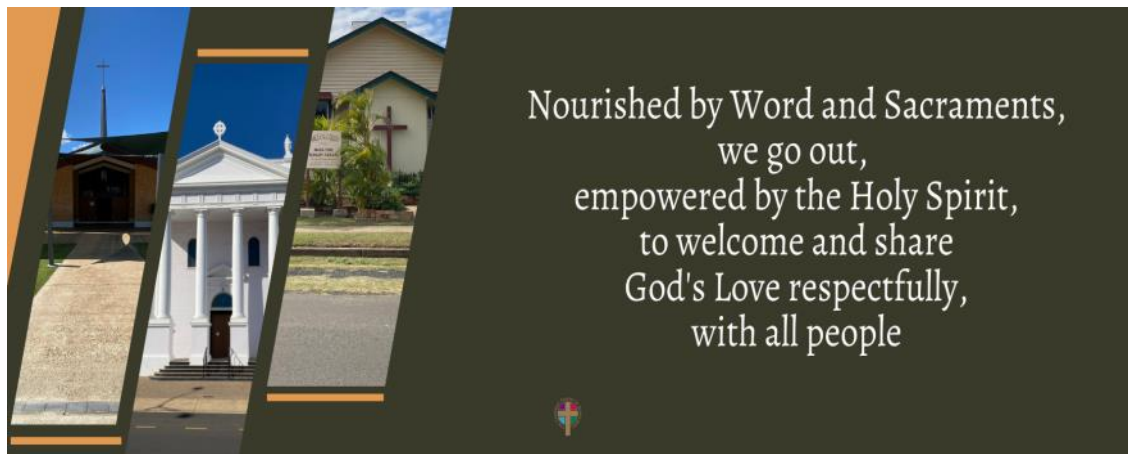
WOMEN OF THE WAY RETREAT: Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite.

26th-28th August 2022, Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

Guest Speakers: **Rebecca Crouch** is passionate about Jesus, the church and becoming all she can be, and calling others to do the same.

Fr Neville Yun ordained 8 years, is Parish Priest of Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. His Holy Spirit led ministry at last retreat will be remembered and participants will be under his guidance once again. **Registrations close 31st July 2022.** Contact Rosa Montegrando, Ph: 07 3886 1661, or email: rmontegrando@hotmail.com

MASK WEARING: The current surge in cases is a reminder that COVID is still among us. You might consider wearing a mask in the workplace, at Mass and in places when you can't socially distance, to protect yourself against the virus and to prevent further spread. This is a recommendation and is optional. This is also a reminder to keep practising good hygiene and monitoring your own health for any symptoms. If you are experiencing any COVID/flu like symptoms, please stay home and test yourself using a Rapid Antigen Test. Being in public when you are unwell puts others at risk of contracting the



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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: This Weekend is the World Day For Grandparents and the Elderly, which was instituted last year by Pope Francis to occur on the 4th Sunday of July, near the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. A handout produced by CathFamily is included within this Bulletin. Pope Francis has already given his message for the World Day For Grandparents and the Elderly. It directly addresses some of the societal views around aging and is a great exhortation for those who are elderly. This message has been posted on our Parish Face Book page and makes for compelling reading.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Will be held in Christ Church, Anglican Church. Tuesday July 26th at 10.00am. Entry via the Vestry Door, facing on to Buss Park. Followed by fellowship. All are welcome.

CANCELLATION OF JULY 28th ANOINTING MASS IN HOLY ROSARY

OPEN PARISH FINANCE MEETING 28 JULY 5.30 PM PARISH OFFICE: Put these details in your diary and come along and discuss your plans and dreams for the future. Reports will be given by both the Stewardship and Finance Councils. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARISH'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER COUNCIL'S RELAY FOR LIFE: It would be great to have many parishioners and friends show their support for this event. **Saturday July 30th** at the **Brothers Club** upstairs function room. Buy your **luncheon** and raffle tickets at the **Parish Office (Cash Only)**. Final ticket purchases must be made by Monday July 25th 3.00pm to provide catering numbers. The \$30.00pp ticket provides you with a **2 - course luncheon**, light entertainment and good company. Doors open at 11.00am for **11.30am start** with lunch served at 12.00pm and a **1.30pm finish** time. There will be a lucky door prize and continuous raffle with tickets available at the door. We are seeking raffle donations of grocery items for hampers, new items, services, vouchers &/or cash from businesses and parishioners.

THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL: will be conducted next weekend **30th/31st July**. This is an opportunity to contribute to various ministries that support those in need or on the margins within our Diocese. Brochures will be available next weekend..

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Ladies you are invited to join the CWL for their lunch at the **Spotted Dog** 11.30am for 12.00pm start on **Tuesday August 2nd**. If you would like to join us, please let Olga (4151 3397) know by Sunday night July 31st. Lunch will be purchased off the menu. A continuous raffle will be held after lunch, any prizes would be welcome. The funds raised will be donated to the Heart Research Foundation. All are welcome.

GOOD NEWS: The latest edition of this parish newsletter is now available at the church entrances.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: are now available for collection at the doors of the churches. If your details have changed please contact the Parish Office. If you see envelopes for a friend or neighbour, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop them off.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Prayer groups are held at the Parish Office Chapel on **Tuesday** each week, from **10:00am to 10:30am** and on **Fridays** from **11:30am to 12:00pm**. New members are welcome, no experience is required. Contact Joe McCorley 0418 727 845.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Peter Schofield (Sr Margaret's Brother), Jim Brittain (Brisbane), Susan Ofilan (Philippines) Noel and Betty Mooney, Dean Mauro, Richard (Dick) Hyne, Dragica Kreg, Pat McGarry, Maria Bianchin.

LITURGIES

Monday 25 July 2022
St James

9.00am St Patrick's

Tuesday 26 July 2022
Sts Joachim and Anne

9.00am St James' LWC
Followed by Rosary and
Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 27 July 2022

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 28 July 2022

6.30am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Mater - Mass
Foundation Day

Friday 29 July 2022

Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 30 July 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

31 July 2022
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Ecclesiaste 1:2; 2:21-23

Second Reading

Colossians: 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

DATE CLAIMER:

Concert at St Patrick's
Church, August 28th

More details to follow.

PRAYER GROUPS

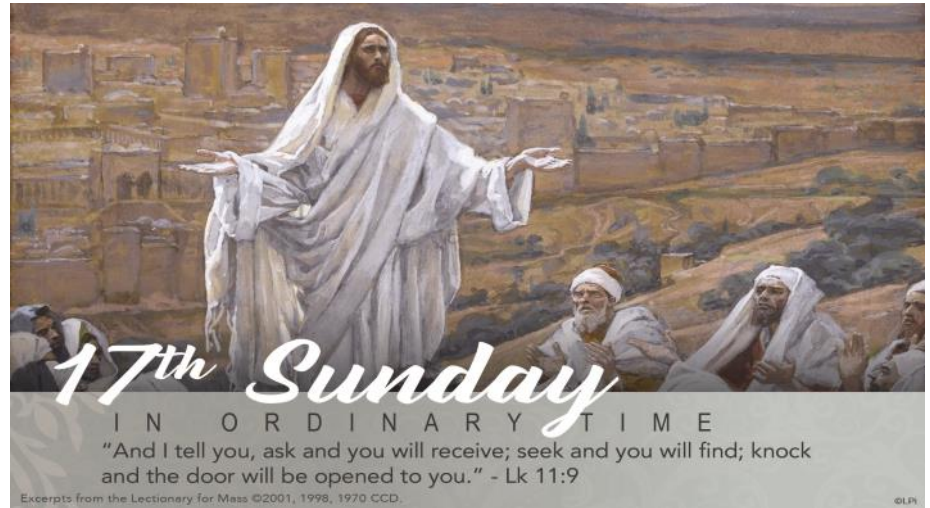
ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month **7.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre.

Monthly prayer groups will be advertised in the bulletin the week prior

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Meister Eckhart asks, “Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?” He answers, “God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: ‘You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!’ Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God.” We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God’s will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. “Thy will be done” is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call “Father.” We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That’s what makes the Lord’s Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one’s darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus’ conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God’s most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPi

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the **Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:**

Response Line: 1800 830 113
(free call)

Email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net

Diocesan website for more information:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts



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