

29th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:45

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PARISH NEWS by Norm Whyte

NET Ministry: As you know, the young adults who have been providing the NET Ministry to our Parish will leave Bundaberg on Saturday, 10 November 2018. I'm sure you will agree that their energetic and very effective contribution to our Parish Youth has been much appreciated and will be sadly missed. In their absence, the Parish, in conjunction with the Schools, will formulate a follow-on strategy for the Youth Ministry to ensure that we continue to build upon the excellent foundation these inspiring young people have developed here for the Parish.

Regarding donations that were given to NET, we have had previous experience whereby some items were actually on loan to the NET, and were expected to be returned to the lender/donor. If you are in that category, please let me know what it is that you lent to NET, and the items will be returned to you.

Inaugural Use of TV Screens: Finally! There have been various reasons for postponing the implementation of the use of the TV screens and PowerPoint Liturgy Information at St. Patrick's, St. Mary's and St. James'. There always exists the possibility of teething problems, however we have been trying to pre-empt and to eliminate these prior to launch. So now this weekend is D-Day! We will keep printing the Hymns in the weekly Bulletins for now. Holy Rosary parishioners will need the printed Hymns until their screen and projector are installed which should be completed within the next few months.

We would like more volunteers to operate the new systems which are not complicated. If you would like to be shown the operating procedure for the screens, please contact me at the Parish Office.

Hospitality & the Parish Office: I have always enjoyed the welcoming and relaxed atmosphere in the Parish Office and I hope you experience similar feelings when you visit the Office. I encourage you to call in, and you will be made most welcome. Please feel free to stay for a cuppa and a chat. The more Parishioners who are involved with this hospitality the better. So please come and visit the Parish Office whenever you can. We also welcome more Hospitality Volunteers who assist the Staff at the Parish Office. These people may, at times, be able to assist the staff with straightforward office tasks. And remember that we have a lift so you don't have to use the stairs if you don't feel like it. Looking forward to seeing you.



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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Persistence is really a virtue and the face of a strong character. We all have heard stories of people who have done incredible things in the presence of obstacles that appear insurmountable. These are real stories of real people who have lost limbs or faced other physical challenges. They have become amazing athletes and sometimes saints who overcame incredible difficulties in order to proclaim God's love and presence. Where there is a strong will, there is a way. What do we want Jesus to do for us? Let your faith inspire you to find the courage to love in the face of bitterness, the faith to persevere when tempted to give up, and the hope to move forward when falling into despair. Jesus saves us from ourselves and gives us the clear vision to see as God sees.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

We ask quite a lot from our Heavenly Father as well. I don't think He begrudges us anything due to all our requests. However, like any human parent would, I think God would love it when He asks something of us that we can respond with a "yes." We like to do all the asking, but too often we are not very responsive when we are being asked. It is an important aspect to reflect on in any relationship. If you seek to receive more than you are willing to give, what kind of lopsided relationship is that? God doesn't want that type of relationship. Any father wants to give his son or daughter anything they ask for within reason, but offering the same back is what a real relationship is all about.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Today is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis calls each of us to reflect on the fact that 'I am a mission on this Earth', which is why we are here in this world. The theme is 'Together with young people let us bring the Gospel to all.'

*We can each do that in our own way and support those
people who leave their homes and families to spread the Gospel
in other lands.*

2018 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far reaching. To prepare for this Appeal, envelopes have been placed on the end of the pews for you to take home & bring back next weekend. Please give generously to this important work.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018-2019

Parent Information Session - Initiation; Mission; It's All About Sunday: on Sunday, 28 October 2018 at 10.30am in the Parish Office or Wednesday, 31 October 2018 at 5.30pm in the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Anne Sheehan on 4151 6666.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Newly Baptised: Louis Luther Pearce.

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Castle; Martin Thomas; Zeny Borrás (Philippines); Felicidad Angel Rivera (Philippines); Jim Quaité OAM; Lawrence Doyle.

NOTICES

Would You Like to Find Out What the Passionist Family Groups are About?: an invitation is extended to all Parishioners by the McKillop Family Group to join them for *Lunch & Activities* from **11.30am on Sunday, 21 October 2018** at St Patrick's Hall . Tea & Coffee provided. Please BYO something to Share. Craft activities after lunch to help towards the Parish Christmas Giving Tree. For more information or to RSVP please contact Helen on 0490 361 406 Geraldine on 0413 671 641. Old and New Members welcome.

Carinity Kepnock Grove Bumper Cent Sale: the Friends of Carinity Kepnock Grove Auxiliary are holding the **Annual Bumper Cent Sale** on **Tuesday, 23 October 2018** at the Kepnock Grove Community Centre (Jocumsen Street, Bundaberg) at **9.30am**. Admission is \$5.00 which includes Home Made Morning Tea; Lucky Door Prizes & Entertainment. For more information or to book please contact Casimir on 4151 4888 or Lyn on 4151 6724.

Christian Unity Prayer Group Meeting: will this month be held at the Christ Church Anglican Church (*corner of Woongarra & Maryborough Streets*) at **10.00am on Thursday, 25 October 2018**.

Memorial Service: will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church on **Friday, 26 October 2018** at **1.00pm** for Martin Brian Thomas who passed away on 10 October 2018.

menALIVE BBQ Breakfast & Retreat: from **7.30am to 12:30pm Saturday, 27 October 2018** at **Shalom College**. Presented by Fr John Daly, the Retreat titled "*Take the Plunge*" commences at 8:45am immediately after the BBQ Breakfast. Cost: \$10. For more information, contact Joe McCorley (0418 727 845) or Kerry Devine (0418 796 720). Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 25 October 2018. Bookings essential for catering! All ALIVE MEN welcome !!

Bundaberg Orpheus Singers: present *Medieval to Modern Concert* on **Sunday, 28 October 2018** in the Christ Church Anglican Church (*corner of Woongarra & Maryborough Streets*) at **2.00pm**. Tickets cost: \$20/Adults; \$15/Concession; Under 12 Free. Includes Devonshire Tea. Tickets available at the Door. All welcome!

All Souls Day Mass: will be celebrated at **6.00am on Friday, 2 November 2018** in the **Catholic Cemetery** (*Fitzgerald Street*). BYO Chairs. In the event of wet weather, Mass will be held at 6.30am at St Mary's Catholic Church.

Musicians & Singers: next gathering, **Saturday 3 November 2018** at 10.30am in Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Please begin thinking about where you will be this Christmas as preparations are under way.

NET Farewell: Sunday, 4 November 2018 after 5.30pm Mass in the Novakoski Centre. Pizzas provided. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 31 October 2018. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Mass Ministries: Would all Liturgical Ministers who are here this Christmas please write your name on the lists at the doors of the church. Rosters for the Christmas Masses need to be compiled now. Thank you.

Word Among Us: November edition is now available for collection from the Parish Office.

LITURGIES

29th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 22 October 2018

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

2.00pm Fairways

- Mass with Anointing

Tuesday 23 October 2018

9.00am St James' - LWC

9.30am Gracehaven

- Mass with Anointing

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 24 October 2018

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 25 October 2018

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

10.00am St Mary's

- Mass with Anointing

Friday 26 October 2018

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 27 October 2018

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

28 October 2018

**30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B (II)**

**Hours of the Sunday
Psalter Week 2**

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52



**SCRIPTURE
REFLECT & RESPOND**

Isaiah 53:10-11

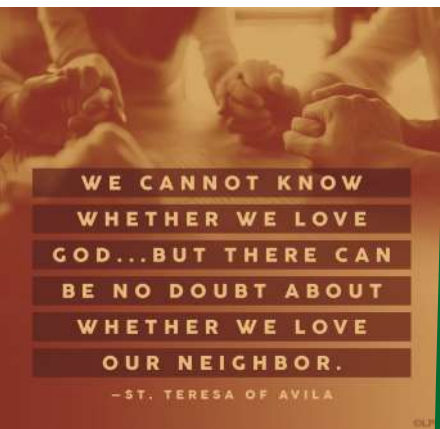
Today's reading is an excerpt from the final suffering servant oracle of the book of Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The prophet Isaiah speaks of redemptive suffering. When have you found God's grace at moments of suffering in your life?

Hebrews 4:14-16

We hear in Hebrews how Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses. What would you say are your spiritual weaknesses?

Mark 10:35-45

Jesus speaks to his disciples today about the importance of service to others. In what ways do you offer service to others in need? central to your life?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

"In Mark's telling of the story of his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus three times warns the twelve of the fate that will overtake him in the Holy City. During this time, Jesus must have reflected frequently upon the Servant Songs of the Isaian writings, and their paradoxical anticipation of the way in which God would fulfil the hopes of Israel. Our first reading is a brief excerpt from the greatest of these Songs. The Servant who will bring to realisation the true destiny of Israel will know great 'suffering ... offering his life as an atonement'; he will take the 'faults' of the people 'upon himself'. But by doing so he will turn the nation's failure into God's final triumph, as he achieves 'what the Lord wishes'. 'By his suffering my servant shall justify many'.

With these things in his mind, Jesus has to contend with the naïve ambitions of James and John – and with the indignation of the 'other ten', resentful that the sons of Zebedee have tried to steal a march on them. Given the context we have described, it comes as no surprise that the response of Jesus refers to the ordeal that lies ahead of them. 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink with me the cup of suffering, share in the ordeal in which I am soon to be plunged?'

Our Christian language often speaks of 'conversion'. The incident we are considering points to the fact that true conversion is much more than a reform of personal morals. It is a revolution in our understanding of what our life 'in Christ' means; it is the starting point of true discipleship. Jesus now urges the twelve to be converted, to broaden their vision, change their values – by identifying with the paradoxical ways of God that are the subject of his reflections as he journeys to Jerusalem. If they are to be leaders and guides in the community of disciples, their exercise in authority must be more than the realisation of their ambitions for a place of prestige and power. If they want to be truly great, they must make themselves 'servants' – even 'slaves' – of all.

Jesus will teach us, not merely by his words, but also by the living witness of his example: 'For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve' – words that sum up the whole tenor of his life. The reading from Hebrews reminds us how truly he lowered himself to share our life: 'feeling our weaknesses with us ... tempted in every way that we are, though without sin'. These are amazing words; truly, God's Servant is also our brother. This reading introduces the great theme of Hebrews, Jesus 'the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven'. This theme will interpret the saving mission of Jesus to Jewish converts – for whom the temple observances meant so much – by a comparison with the role of the priests in temple worship.

We live in the time of fulfilment. The Spirit of Christ has been given to the Church; and great heroes down through the ages have followed Christ's example, making themselves servants of all. Genuine renewal is linked with such a conversion to God's ways making the Church a sign of hope in a world without hope, a true foreshadowing of the final Kingdom in which God's ways will shape all things.

John Thornhill sm
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MINISTRY TRAINING & FORMATION 2018			
DAY/DATE	MINISTRY	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 23 October 2018	Family Servers (Gift Bearers)	11.00am	Parish Office
		4.00pm	
Wednesday 24 October 2018	Ministers of Communion	10.00am	Parish Office
		5.30pm	
Thursday 25 October 2018	Children's Liturgy	10.00am	Parish Office
		4.00pm	
Weekend 27 / 28 October 2018	All Other Ministries	After each Mass (½ hour Duration)	St Patrick's Church St James' Church Novakoski Centre

Please RSVP to the Parish Office.
Apologies would be appreciated if unable to attend ~ Thank you.