



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church



5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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GOSPEL REFLECTION - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 10, 2019

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP

Parish Priest

Rev Jomon Poothara

Associate Pastor

Rev Ronaldo Rodriguez SVD

Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ordinator

Mrs Denise Tuzes

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Co-ordinator

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Co-ordinator

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SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
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Principal: Mr Mark Fox

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Shalom College

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Sts

St Patrick's Church

16 Powers St

St Mary's Church

Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church

38 See St Bargara

OTHER CONTACTS

Diocesan Safeguarding

Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080

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Towards Healing: 1800 337
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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Have you ever felt a compelling urge to respond to a situation and then found yourself questioning whether you should do so? Fear often takes hold of us, and we find ourselves making excuses for why it is better to just mind our own business. There is a voice within each of us that is saying, "Follow me". What does this prompting mean? The purpose of discipleship is not to secure our own station in life and enhance our comfort zone. Discipleship is about taking risks and venturing forth into the unknown, tending to the needs of others and being prophetic voices of change. We will not drink deeply of life until we listen to the voice of God within. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?", will you reply, "Here I am? Send me!"?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord. Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Monday is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, a day to offer prayers for those suffering and those working to alleviate their suffering. Pope Francis in his address for this day promotes a culture of generosity and highlights the life of St Teresa of Calcutta who gave the gift of herself to alleviate the suffering of many people. *We are all called to be generous to give the gift of ourselves, to help alleviate the suffering of others, to bring joy to those who are ill and their carers.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Baptised: Mia Kate Fichera, Grace Ann Tindel Nathan James de Papi, Pablo Andres Ubilla

Recently Deceased: Warrick Stuart, Patti Berry (Rockhampton), Gerald Thomas "Tom" Launchbury, Michael John Cook, Shirley Parkes, Josie Reid (Woy Woy, NSW), Jim Bazzina (Malta), Shirley Schuh

NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

WHEN: Monday, 11th February, 10.00am and 5.30pm

WHERE: Parish Office

WHAT: It is compulsory for the following attendees:

- *clergy and religious engaged in Parish Ministry*
- *church personnel in an employed role*
- *child related voluntary role or ministry leading voluntary role*
- *Parish leadership including Stewardship and Finance Committee members.*

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend (but not compulsory if not identified in the list mentioned).

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **11th February 2019** at 10.00am and will reopen at 1.00pm. The Parish Team will be attending the Safeguarding Training. We apologise for any inconvenience.

CWLA YOUNGER SET: On Tuesday, **12th February 2019**, the CWLA Younger Set are meeting for dinner at Sabrosa Steak House at 6.30pm. If any younger ladies would like to join us, you would be very welcome. For further information or to book, please contact Maureen (4152 1263) before noon on Tuesday.

WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Presented by GABBY NELSON, Co-ordinator of the Christian Meditation Community in Qld on Saturday, **16th February 2019**. Morning tea served from 9.30am. Session from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Library at Fraser Coast Anglican College, HERVEY BAY. If interested, please contact Joe McCorley (0418 727 845).

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - PARENT SESSION: Parents only on Sunday, 17th February 2019 at 10.30am or Wednesday, 20th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Office. **Topic: Penance (Reconciliation)**

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS: All returning instructors and anyone interested in volunteering in this ministry are strongly encouraged to attend the training day on **21st February 2019**, 9.00am to 2.30pm at the Apostolic Church of Qld, Ashfield Road Bundaberg. Topics: Student Protection and Code of Conduct—State School Principal; Future of CRI - Karen Grenning, QCRI Co-ordinator; Show and Tell - Fr Andrew Smith, Priest-in-Charge of Anglican Parish of Bundaberg. Morning tea and lunch provided.

VISITATION MEETING: Thursday, **21st February 2019** 10.00am at the Parish Office, 66 Woongarra St. All welcome. - *Denise Tuzes*

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT (18-35 years): For any young adults across the Diocese, we'd love to meet you! An opportunity to take some time out and connect at the beginning of the year. **Friday evening 22nd to Sunday 24th February** at the Haven Emu Park. Please email rockyoungadults@gmail.com for more information.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to our parish, having arrived anytime in 2018/2019, we would like to welcome you. You are invited to join us for nibbles and drinks on Friday, **1st March 2019** 5.30pm at the Parish Office, 66 Woongarra St. Please RSVP to our Parish Office on 4151 6666 by 26th February 2019. We look forward to meeting you. - *Denise Tuzes*

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP LEADERS: Do you think you have the gifts to be able to lead a small group of people in discussing the Lenten Sunday gospel? Would you be interested in leading a Lenten discussion group, either at the Parish Office or other suitable venue, at a time that suits you, with all resources supplied? If so, please contact the Parish Office next week. The Brisbane Lenten program, "Compassion", will be used this year. Groups need to begin forming soon.

LITURGIES

Monday 11 February 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 12 February 2019

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 13 February 2019

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 14 February 2019

Sts Cyril, monk and

Methodius, bishop

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

Friday 15 February 2019

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 16 February 2019

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary -
Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

17 February 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C (I)

*Hours of the Sunday,
Te Deum*

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

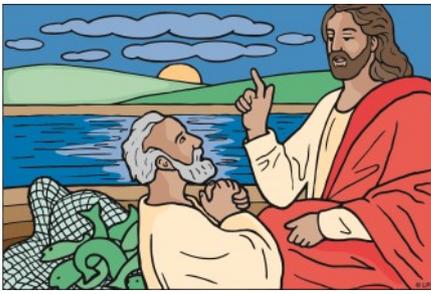
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES for next Sunday

First Reading
Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel
Luke 6:17, 20-26



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Isaiah 6:1-8

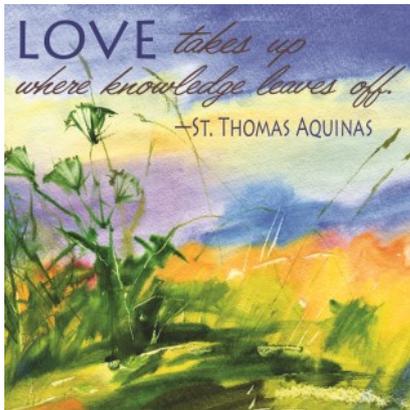
In witnessing the revelation of God's holy presence, Isaiah was deeply troubled by his own sin. Then the Lord freed him from his sin, and he was open to do God's will. How would you describe your spiritual disposition after reconciliation with the Lord?

1 Corinthian 15:1-11

Paul reports to the Corinthians of the many people to whom Jesus revealed himself after he rose from the dead. Paul includes himself on that list, speaking frequently of God's grace. Where do you see God's grace in your life?

Luke 5:1-11

Luke offers us a lot of insights into the personality of Peter with his account of Jesus' call of the first disciples. What do we know about Peter based on this call narrative?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

FOCUS by Anne Sheehan

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

My chiropractor of all people taught me a method of changing my habit of always making excuses for why I couldn't do this, that or the other. She called it the "5 second Rule". An explanation of this can be found on YouTube if you're really interested. In those moments when I say to myself "I should get out of bed and go for a walk; or I should plant those seedlings, or eat properly, etc." if I don't *decide* to get up and begin that activity within 5 seconds I've missed an opportunity to be active, to get to know someone, to complete a task, to be fulfilled, to meet someone new, to change my relationship with my husband, children, workmates and on and on it goes. My life could become a life of missed opportunities if I keep talking myself out of, or making excuses for, why I can't possibly do something when I think of it, a bit like Isaiah, Paul and Peter.

I've realised of late that our lives come down to our decisions, good or bad. If you change your decisions, you change your life or the life of another. We have a small window of opportunity in which to change our thoughts, knowing what we *should* do, into actions, if it's important to us. What prevents us from taking the first step is quite often fear. It's not that we lack the knowledge of what and why we should do something, it's quite often a fear of humiliation, inadequacy, failure, the unknown, of a way forward.

Like with Isaiah, Paul and Peter we too are called by Jesus to continue his work of proclaiming the Gospel. To respond demands changes to our lives. It need not be as dramatic as the fishermen, or done within 5 seconds, but we are called to open ourselves to God's love which will in turn bring change in us. We are called in Christ to leave behind the relative security of the familiar or the norm and align ourselves with Jesus in drawing all of humankind to God. We can sometimes miss the moments of change or opportunity especially when we become weary, complacent and lose trust. At times, we become so overwhelmed by the negative aspects of our culture that we give up, lose hope, in finding the lost, or hearing the inquirer, or comforting those who are hurting.

Marty Haugen's song "Who Will Speak If You Don't?" is one we should learn because it takes this decision-making process to the next level. He asks the questions that Jesus' message of love often poses. Who will speak for the poor, the oppressed, the children, the weak and aged, the abused, the people with AIDS, the homeless, those without hope, our lands and oceans? Who will speak for them if you/we don't? What excuse will we give for not following the call of Jesus?

To this you were called,
because Christ suffered
for you, leaving you an
example, that you should
follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

