



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C)

14 April 2019

FOCUS by Dan McMahon

Fake News!

It's easy to blame the current US President for introducing us to Fake News but it goes back much further than that. Today is Palm Sunday and we remember the rapturous welcome Jesus received as he rode, in Kingly fashion, into Jerusalem. Only a week later, the same welcoming crowd are calling for his execution and death. Some version of 'fake news' was spread very effectively between those two events. Crowds can be fickle – we can be fickle. What does it take to get us to change our minds? Who are the 'influencers' that have impact in our lives? Even without the vast reach of social, print and electronic media in the time of Jesus, people have always been able to be convinced of inaccurate information. This Easter, perhaps more than ever, we have to be people of Easter Sunday. Given all that has taken place this year, it will be easy for Christians to be caught at Good Friday. We have all been affected by the conviction of Cardinal Pell and the outrage released in society by that event. A couple of weeks ago, we learned of a young man who viciously attacked innocent Muslim men, women and children at prayer. It has been a very difficult few months to be Christian. There have been plenty of purveyors of fake news and just bad news in the last few months. Easter is our time to celebrate and take strength from a God who loves. A God who calls each of us to play our part in creating the Kingdom of God now. Easter reminds us of new life and hope and love. There is plenty in that to celebrate.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Sixth Sunday of Lent

14th April 2019

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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

Visitation & Bereavement
Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte

Business Manager

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Administration & Finance
Co-ordinator

Mrs Raquel Arriola

Reception

Bundaberg NET

Youth Ministry

SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School**

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sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 4151 4771

**St Mary's Catholic
Primary School**

Principal: Ms Madonna Davitt

stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au

Ph: 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Catholic
Primary School**

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

saintpatricks.qld.edu.au

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Shalom College

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

shalomcollege.com

Ph: 4155 8111

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

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Response Line: 1800 830 113

Centacare: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FROM POPE FRANCIS "LAUDATO SI"

Francis helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human. Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise. He communed with all creation, even preaching to the flowers, inviting them "to praise the Lord, just as if they were endowed with reason". His response to the world around him was so much more than intellectual appreciation or economic calculus, for to him each and every creature was a sister united to him by bonds

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

We pray in solidarity with all those in Australia walking for Justice for Refugees and those who support them and those refugees living in fear of being deported to the danger of their own country. Pope Francis calls us to be compassionate and embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands. (Message for World Day of Peace 01-01-2018)

BUNDABERG NET TEAM

As they say, time flies when you're having fun. It's hard to believe it's only our 7th week here in Bundaberg. We began the week by presenting a dramatized version of 'The Stations of the Cross' for all the primary school students and staff at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. On Wednesday we were back at Shalom College where we facilitated both junior and senior RE classes on 'Easter', and also acted in Shalom's school liturgy of 'The Last Supper', along with students and several gap-year employees from the college. We concluded our week with our young adults group on Friday where we explored 'What Even is Life?' We look forward to taking a bit of a rest over the school holidays to prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter season ahead! Please note the following dates. Our youth groups and young adult events won't be occurring due to the school holidays/ Easter break.

Echo Youth will not be occurring on the 14th, 21st and 28th of April. It will resume on Sunday, **5th May**.

REACH (Bundaberg Catholic Young Adults Group for Young Adults aged 17-35 who are out of high school - 7:00pm to 9:00pm) will resume on Friday **19th April** (Good Friday) with a screening of "THE PASSION OF CHRIST" movie in the parish conference room (parish office).

NOTICES

EUTHANASIA SUBMISSIONS: The *Queensland Parliamentary Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee* (the Health Committee) **has called for submissions** on aged care, end-of-life and palliative care and voluntary assisted dying. **Voluntary assisted dying, also known as euthanasia is assisted-killing.** Cherish Life QLD encourages you to send in a personal submission on this critical matter. **Submissions are due by 15 April.** Please visit <https://www.cherishlife.org.au/issues/euthanasia-in-queensland> for information on how to send yours. **Every submission counts.**

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDS OF KEPNOCK GROVE AUXILIARY: Past members are invited to afternoon tea on Monday, **13 May** from 1.00pm at the Pavilion of Carinity Kepnock Grove. **Please RSVP to Debbie McCormack by 29 April at 4131 2222**

THE WILD GOOSE DVD SERIES – LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Unleash the Holy Spirit in your life. Come along to the 2019 Life in the Spirit 6 week series commencing 7pm at the PARISH OFFICE **Tuesday 30 April through to Tuesday, 4 June.** In this professionally filmed and stunning series, Fr Dave Pivonka will lead you on an unforgettable journey into the very heart of God. Discover the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit. If attending please phone parish office 4151 6666.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS: It is expected that our churches will be full for the Easter Triduum celebrations, coming together as a family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Please take note of the liturgy times. The climax of the Church's year is of course the Easter Vigil, the celebration of Light over Darkness. During this Mass we will welcome into our family those who have been preparing for a long time for initiation: **Will Mizzi, Ayla Duffy, Tye & Jada Critchlow, Riley McKenzie.** On Sunday morning there will be baptisms during the 8.00am Mass for the Olsen and Anderson families. Please support them, and all who are to be baptised, by your presence and prayers.

EASTER REHEARSALS: For those involved in the Easter ceremonies please note rehearsal times - **Holy Thursday: 15 April** 5.00pm Holy Rosary Church; **Easter Vigil: 16 April** 5.00pm Holy Rosary Church; **Good Friday: 17 April** St Patrick's Church 6.00pm, Holy Rosary Church 5.00pm, St James' Church 4.00pm.

EASTER WORKING BEE: To gather and prepare all symbols and objects used in the Easter ceremonies, Wednesday, **17th April** 9.00am in the Novakoski Centre.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed for the Easter weekend holidays, Good Friday to Easter Monday.

ANZAC DAY: Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church on Anzac Day, Thursday, **25 April** 6.00am, followed by refreshments in the hall.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION with BENEDICTION: Sunday, **28 April** 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm at St. Mary's Church. A reminder to begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday. All Welcome.

FRIENDS OF KEPNOCK GROVE AUXILIARY ANNUAL MAYTIME MORNING TEA: Tuesday, **21 May** at the Kepnock Grove Pavilion (Community Centre) from 9.30am. Admission \$5.00 (includes home made morning tea, fashion parade by Target, mini cent sale, lucky door prizes and competitions) Please come along for a very enjoyable morning. To book a table, phone Lyn 4151 6724 or Casimir 4151 4888.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Daphne Kettle, Esme Patricia 'Pat' Rewald, Willemina Drent, Patricia McIntyre, Isobel Lydia Aplin, Albino Modolo, Bernice Joan Nevin, Peter Campbell (Gympie), Errol Campbell (Brisbane), Douglas Smith, Frank Hyde, Nola Payne (nee Woodward), Bernice Joan Nevin, Colleen Mary Bellett.

LITURGIES

Monday 15 April 2019

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 16 April 2019

9.00am St James' - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 17 April 2019

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 18 April 2019

Holy Thursday

7.00pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Friday 19 April 2019

Good Friday

10.00am St Mary's - Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Holy Rosary - Liturgy

3.00pm St James' - Liturgy

3.00pm St Patrick's - Liturgy

Saturday 20 April 2019

Easter Vigil

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

7.00pm Holy Rosary - Vigil Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

21 April 2019

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

for next Sunday

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel

John 20:1-9

HOLY WEEK

Embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated *before* Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Isaiah 50:4-7

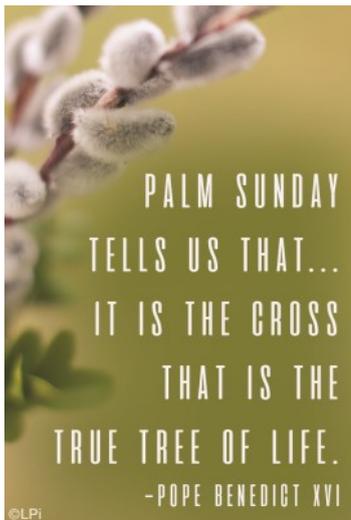
The prophet Isaiah spoke of gifts he received from the Lord as well as how he suffered for the faith. In what ways have you suffered for your faith convictions?

Philippians 2:6-11

In today's reading, we hear one of the earliest Christological hymns preserved by Paul in his letter to the Philippians. What do you find most striking in the hymn?

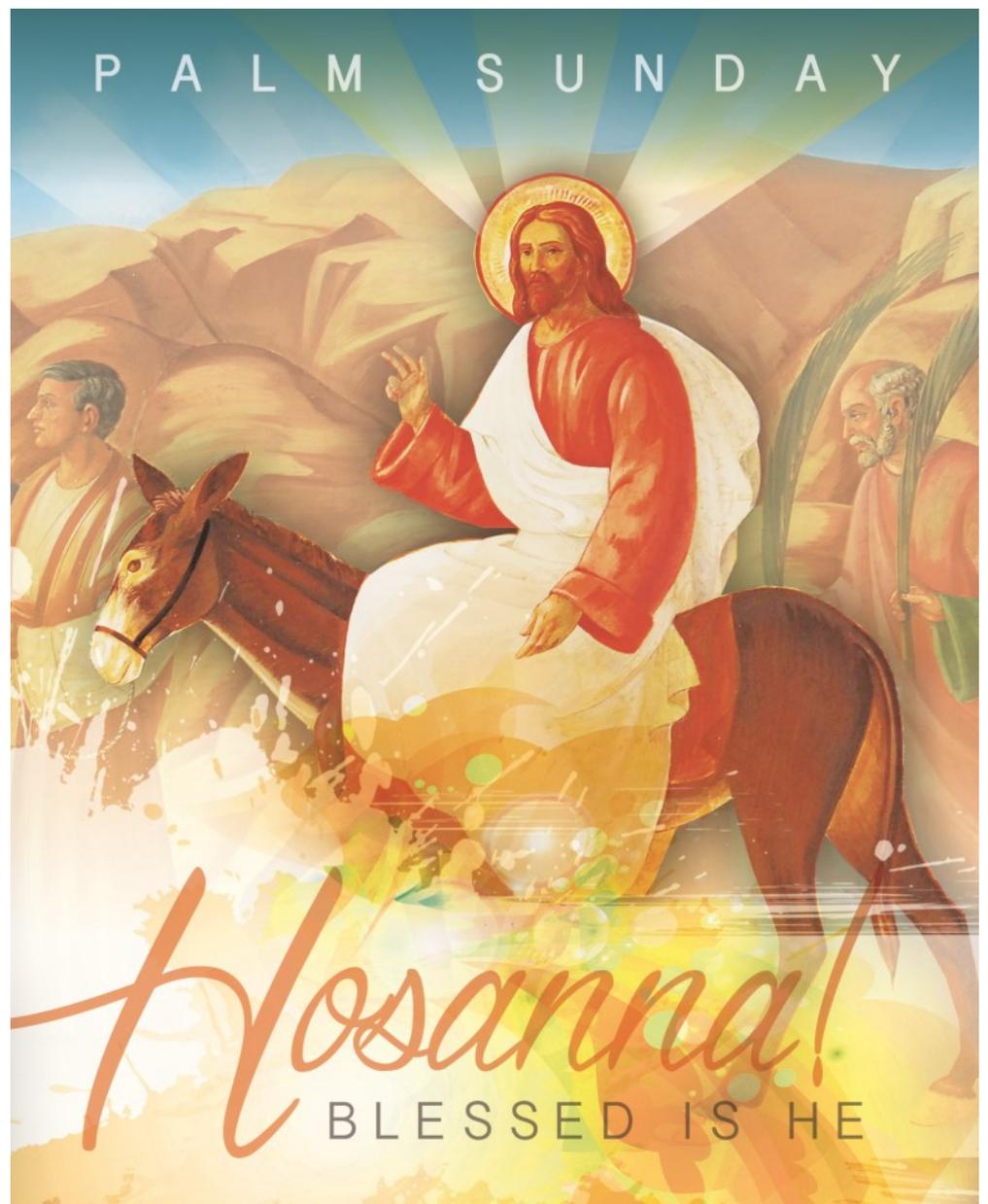
Luke 22:14-23:56

In the Lord's passion according to St. Luke, three times Pilate declares he finds Jesus "not guilty" of the crimes brought against him. Even Herod (Antipas) found Jesus innocent. Why do you think recording the innocence of Jesus was so important to Luke?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.