



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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1st Sunday of Lent

20/21st February 2021

FOCUS by: *Monica White* **St Joseph's Primary School Principal**

On Monday, the 15th of February, staff of the Catholic schools in Bundaberg joined with other Catholic schools in the Southern Region for our annual Bishop's In-service Day. This year, as we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia, our annual in-service day was a valuable reminder that Catholic Education is an important ministry of the Church. With the theme of the Bicentenary being "Faith in the Future" we were reminded by Bishop Michael and Leesa Jeffcoat (Director of Catholic Education, Rockhampton) that belonging to our faith community is at the heart of Catholic schools.

"It is Christ I follow!" These words were shared with us by Michael Otto (Youth, Family and Vocations – Executive officer) as a reminder that staff in our Catholic schools need to be disciples of Jesus and communicated three important messages to young people:

1. God is Love 2. Christ saves 3. Christ is Alive!

We also heard from guest presenter Steve Lawrence, who is a passionate speaker and storyteller. Steve played 12 seasons of professional AFL with Hawthorn, was the Player of the Finals series in the 1991 Premiership team, and was Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis for the 2008 Sydney World Youth Day. He is the author of 2 books: *Five Smooth Stones* (2010) and *Make your Mark* (2019). Steve had much to share about leadership, faith and mission, and encouraged us to be true to our Catholic schools' identity, mission and values. Steve outlined that we are all agents of God's presence if we bring Truth, Goodness and Beauty. Truth which engages the mind; Goodness with experiences of the heart; and Beauty being discovered through the senses. Steve spoke about Catholic Schools needing to be themselves, based on Jesus. He reiterated Bishop Michael's and Leesa's message that we need community and a faith encouraging environment. He also shared with us an acronym for our Rockhampton Diocese as we continue the important 200 year old mission of educating young people in Australia:

R eceive the Spirit
O pen wide the doors to Christ
C ommunity – live in it
K now yourself
Y es!



First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.auprojectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP

Parish Priest

Rev Gasper Peruvellil

Associate Pastor

Mrs Anne Sheehan

Liturgy, Sacramental, RCIA Co-ord.

Mrs Denise Tuzes

Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mrs Marcia Sharp

Visitation Co-ordinator

Ms Elizabeth Kelly

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Ms Maddison Devine

Assistant Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Mr Norm Whyte

Business Manager

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Administration & Finance

Co-ordinator

Mrs Sandra Fox

Reception

SCHOOLS

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sjbgrok.catholic.edu.au

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St Mary's Catholic Primary

Principal: Mr Bill Goodwin

stmarysbundaberg.qld.edu.au

Ph: 4152 2167

St Patrick's Catholic Primary

Principal: Mr Mark Fox

saintpatricks.qld.edu.au

Ph: 4152 1380

Shalom College

Principal: Mr Dan McMahon

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Ph: 4155 8111

CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

22 Barolin Street (Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets)

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara

OTHER CONTACTS

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOUR OF POWER: Including - Adoration
- Benediction
- Prayerful live music

25th February 7:00pm St Patrick's church.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2021 . The booklet "LOOK TO JESUS", produced by the Brisbane Evangelisation group, **NOW AVAILABLE** at the doors of the church, or from the parish office. \$5 each.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

- ◆ CHAOS (primary students in grades 4-6) - Wednesday 3:15pm to 5:00pm
 - ◆ SALT (over 18) - Wednesday 7:00pm to 9:00pm
 - ◆ BLAZE Youth (high school, grades 7-12) - Friday 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- If you wish to attend, please register ONLINE via the parish website under the Parish Youth Ministry or phone the parish office*

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION OF SUNDAY MASS

Please be reassured that Bishop Michael's Decree states that, during this time, the faithful are not obliged to attend **Sunday Mass** and **Holy Days of Obligation**. Let us pray that restrictions will soon be lifted and we can once again celebrate the fullness of Eucharist together.

HOLY ROSARY CAR PARK CLOSURE: The air conditioning contractor has requested that, for safety reasons, we now completely close the Holy Rosary car park until further notice.

HOLY ROSARY AIR CONDITIONING – PROGRESS REPORT: Our air conditioning contractor recently took delivery of the final components for the project. This then allowed the installation work to commence on Monday 8th February. At this early stage, a finishing date is not available, and depends on so many factors. We will keep you fully informed.

PARISH SUMMIT #2: *Who are we and where are we going?* Those were the questions discussed last Saturday as part of our Summit #2. THANK YOU to those parishioners who attended the morning of information and formation with Craig Farmer, facilitator of this process, who could finally be with us from Sydney. The next step will be to focus on the questions: *If this is who we are and this is where we want our parish to be in five years' time, how do we get there? What needs to happen in order to be the parish we envisage?* **SUMMIT #3** in the near future will attempt to answer those questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Presently we don't have enough leaders and assistants to present CLW each weekend. This may be your opportunity to use your time and talents to help the children understand the Word of God more easily. Talk to a leader if you'd like to know more or contact the office. The roster for Children's Liturgy is on the noticeboard and our website. **This weekend Sunday 21st CLW will be held at 7:30am, 9:00am, and 5:30pm Masses.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held during the season of Lent. **Fridays Weekly 5:30pm** at St James and St Patrick's. All Welcome.

ADORATION in ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every **1st Sunday**, 1:00pm - 4:00 pm and **3rd Sunday**, 21st February 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm .

ANOINTING MASS: Gracehaven Lutheran Nursing Home, 71 Dr Mays Road, Bundaberg .**Tuesday 23rd February 9:30am**

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The children who had their confirmation and first communion celebrations cancelled last year due to COVID will now celebrate them in April this year. We need to resume preparations for the sacraments. Parent's and children's review session: "Where did we get up to?", **Sunday, February 21st 10:30am or Wednesday February 24th 5:30pm. Venue: MacKillop Hall, St Joseph's school.**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING: Friday 26th February 11.30am in the Parish Office.

CWL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION will be held on **Monday March 15th** in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers' Sports Club. Covid morning tea from 9:00am, followed by a variety concert with an Irish theme; Lucky shamrock; lucky spots; raffles and continuous Cent Sale. Proceeds go towards supporting local and Australian charities.

Bookings Contact **Olga – 4151 3397 or Helen 4152 5365**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Barbara Talingting (Philipines), Winifred Savage, Mario Tabingo sr (Philipines).

LITURGIES

Monday 22 February 2021

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

9:00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 23 February 2021

St Polycarp

9:00am St James Mass

12:15pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 24 February 2021

6:30am St Patrick's Mass

8:00am Shalom Mass

5:30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 25 February 2021

6:30am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 26 February 2021

12:15pm St Patrick's - Mass

5:30 pm St Patrick's (Malayalam)

Beginning with

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 27 February 2021

7:30am St Patrick's - Mass

9:00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6:00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

28 February 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B (1)

7:00am St James'

7:30am St Patrick's

9:00am St Patrick's

5:30pm St Patrick's

SCRIPTURES

for next Sunday

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18 ;

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

Gospel

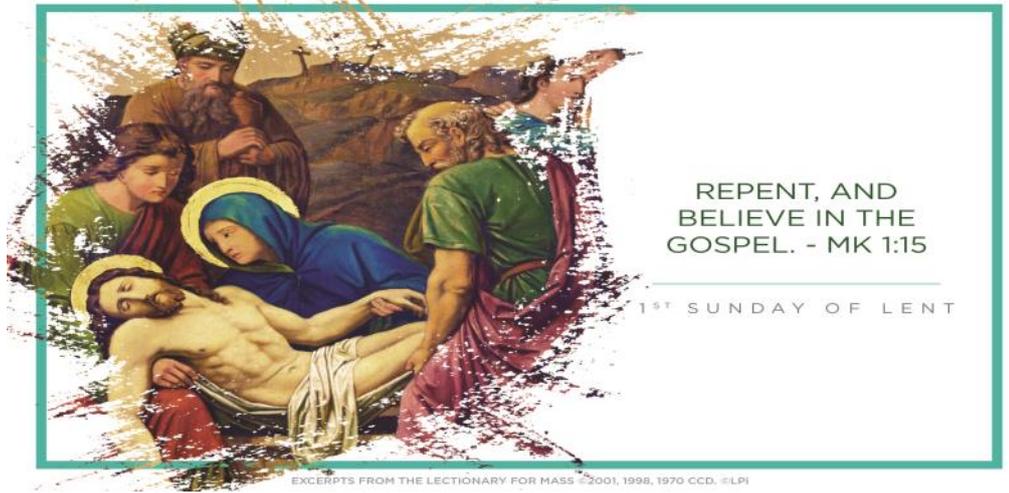
Mark 9:2-10

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage,
And defend us from every evil.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPI

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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.au

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:

<http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

Queensland Professional Standards Office:
www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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