

News from our link missionaries with CMS Dr Bruce Hayes, who recently visited his old school Brisbane Grammar to speak to the boys about life as a Christian Missionary Doctor in Kathmandu, Nepal.



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The 'family church'... where you're a stranger only once.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25TH MAY, 2008

The Good Shepherd Family — our purpose is to grow together in Christ, to worship and learn, to be the Good News.

 **It is a joy to welcome John & Janelle Irwin (their parents) to our services today.**
John & Janelle travelled with the "Operation Christmas Child" boxes to Vietnam last year.

BUSH MINISTRY FUND

If you are one of the people who "took the pledge" of \$1 per week to support our brothers and sisters in the bush — your half yearly donation of \$26 is due in May.

BMF Mission boxes can either be returned for collection in May or November. Please leave all donations with the parish secretary as our BMF co-ordinator Ros Kean is away.



PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

- 26th Jaron Phillips
- 27th Hannah Robinson
Cheryl Wright
- 29th Thomas Groszmann
- 30th Val Skyring



Best wishes from all the Parish Family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

- 25th **John & Rosamunde Finlay**
(21 years)



Congratulations & much love from us all!

ANNIVERSARY SONG

**Tell me I may always dance the ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you,
 Tell me this is real romance,
 An anniversary dream come true,
 Let this be the anthem to our future years,
 To millions of smiles and a few little tears,
 May I always listen to
 The ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you.**

The "cookie jar" is really hungry! It feeds on notes & coins. It's for mowing and general maintenance.

Our Parish Prayer

Father God, equip our Good Shepherd family with the resources we need.
Empower us all by your Holy Spirit.
Strengthen, protect and guide us – especially in our times of need.
Remove the obstacles that would block our endeavours to do your will.
Make us one, within the fold of your church.
We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Pastoral Focus Prayer.

God our Father,
Grant us the skills to serve your church;
The ears to hear the calls for help;
The lips to speak your words of truth;
The eyes to see the needs to fill;
The feet to go to those in want;
The mind to meet the doubts we find;
The heart of love to share your peace;
The hands to work without reward;
We ask this only to do your will,
Through Jesus, our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.



Prayer of Evangelism.

Heavenly Father, Set our hearts on fire to go into the world in your name.
Grant us wisdom, and the confidence to speak your word.
Give us the strength and the will to continue through all circumstances.
Help us take the Good News to all who will listen,
so they may know Jesus as their Lord and master.
May we glorify your name in all we say and do. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



In your prayers, please remember:-

Our Parish Family prayer list this week (from our parish directory – to show we care)

Betty Black; Gillian Brown; Irene Dexter; Jeff, Alexandra, Thomas, Maggie & Rachel Irwin;
Ian & Jan Lohse; Hannah & Tyler Petersen; Mabs Sutton; Jack Wood.

Absent Friends: Parish Family not with us today.

For those in need:

Prayers for Healing: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"

Gillian; Audrey; Stan; Harry; Nesta; Bonny; Dave; Ben; Joan; Leone, Sarah; Bev; Richard; Sherry; Chris; Bon; . . .(and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Ivy & Jack; Iris, Jim & Family; Irene; Cheryl; Kym; Emma; Vivienne & Don; Emity; Brendan; Joyce; Julia; Richard; Luise, Mark & Rosie; Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; Linda & Neil; (& those known only to the Lord)

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Paula, Kelli, Steven, Adrian, Noel, Teresa & Brenda

Our Link Missionaries with CMS – Shirley Gent in Pakistan and the Hayes Family – Bruce, Libby and their children Daniel, Julia, Stephanie & Ruth in Nepal and BCA Missionaries - the Keith Family—Rev'd Mike, Chantalle and baby Rachell in Lightning Ridge.

Years Mind – we remember- (I.e. the anniversary of the death of a loved one):-

Rita (Nan) Itzstein; Una McCreath; Olga Scott; Les Rimmington

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Today's Worship—Pentecost 2

Sentence: 'Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you,' says the Lord.

Isaiah 49:15

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:8-16a
Psalm: 131 page 364
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5
Gospel: Matthew 6:22-34

Readings next Sunday:

Old Testament: Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24
Psalm: 46 page 269
New Testament: Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-28
Gospel: Matthew 7:15-29

**I am the living bread
which came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever,
alleluia.
O sacred feast in which we partake of Christ;
His sufferings are remembered,
Our minds are filled with his grace
and we receive a pledge of the glory
that is to be ours.**

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

Since childhood we've been instructed to give to the Church "according to our means." Our judgement on this basis is viewed in the light of our Christian values.

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church? Whatever the church means for me personally, for my fellow man, for the glory of God.



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

Jesus does not promise an escape from the storms of life. The rains will fall, the floods will come and the winds will beat against the just and the unjust. An active faith is requisite for those who will endure the tempest; a faith that produces good fruits by acting on the words that Jesus has spoken. When we have planted our foundations on the rock we will find reprieve even in the midst of the greatest storms, being able to heed the word of the psalmist.... "Be still and know that I am God."

- Give thanks for the firm foundation we have with our lives fixed in the love of God.
- Pray for all those who have served-and do serve-God's mission through ABM.