

Operation Christmas Child is underway

If you would like to take part there are three options:-

Option 1 — BYO—Box your own—collect a box from the table or cover your own shoe box and start filling it with one of the five “somethings” —



- Something to love** — teddy bear, soft toy, koala or doll
- Something to wear** — T-Shirt, shorts, socks, underwear, sunglasses, cap, hat, beanie, thongs/sandals
- Something to write/draw with/on**—
- Something of personal hygiene** — hairbrush, comb, hair-clips or scrunchies, soap (wrapped), face washer, toothbrush (not toothpaste)
- Something to play with** — Tennis balls, toy-farm, zoo animals, super bouncy ball, music box, Trucks & cars, finger puppet, train, plastic tea set, boat, yo-yo, lego blocks, jigsaw puzzle, marbles (in bags), skipping rope, stickers, games, bangles.



Option 2 — Bring along one of the five “somethings” and leave in the box at the back of the church and Phoebe and Marilyn will pack boxes for you.

Option 3 — Adopt a box—It costs approximately \$8 to send each box overseas. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Operation Christmas Child” and place in the offertory.

Parents and Grandparents — this is a wonderful way to teach your children or grandchildren about Christian Giving.

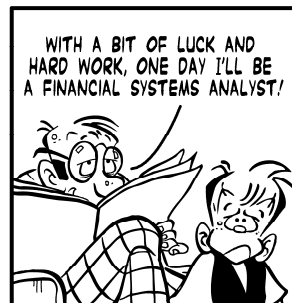
N.B. This year we are unable to send lollies.



THOSE USING OPTION 2

Next Sundays donation is **“Something to PLAY WITH”**.

WHAT TO BRING:- Tennis balls, toy-farm, zoo animals, super bouncy ball, music box, Trucks & cars, finger puppet, train, plastic tea set, boat, yo-yo, lego blocks, jigsaw puzzle, marbles (in bags), skipping rope, stickers, games, bangles.



Good Shepherd Church

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

17TH AUGUST, 2008

Pastoral Focus

Huge thanks to all who gave so generously to the family in need. Your generosity has enabled the family to get back on their feet. **Bless you all.**

Have you completed your Thanksgiving Stewardship Form?

If not, forms are available from the sidespersons today.



If you ordered a set of planned giving envelopes—they are available for you to collect today.

No set for you? Let Marilyn know via a care & courtesy slip and a set will be available for you next Sunday.

To those using Direct Debit—if you change the amount of your pledge you need to inform Anfin of the change—forms are available on the notices table.

The “Cookie Jar needs feeding!!!!
It loves both notes and coins!
Feed it, and mow the lawns by proxy!!

Parish Family News!

Celebrating Birthdays

19th **Graham Dennis**

Best wishes from all your parish family



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

21st **Rick & Joyce Bowie**
(31 years)

Bill & Jan Lawrence
(37 years)
Congratulations to you all.



Anniversary of Baptism

19th **Heather Heron**

“Marked as Christ's Own Forever”



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.



Fr. Rick is attending the Pialba Clergy Conference from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

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

**“The Gentle Art of Reframing”
A workshop with Fr. Rick**

The idea of reframing is to see things from a different perspective, or within a different ‘frame’ or context. Any behaviour, situation, or event can be reframed. Just by changing the contest, for instance, new meanings are likely to be generated. A behaviour can be reframed in any way you like. Why not come along and discover how much more enhanced your relationships might be as you explore this way ahead.

**When: Saturday 23rd August
Time: 10am — 3pm
If attending—please add your name to the list near the door.**

COAT—Thank you to all who are supporting the Chinese Orphans Assistance Team—those who have pledged and those who give when they can—your donations make such a difference to these little children’s lives. **August donations are now due.**



If you would like a receipt please put your money in an envelope with your name on the front, & a receipt will be available next week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Cheerful givers do not count the cost of what they give. Their hearts are set on pleasing & cheering the person to whom the gift is given. Julian of Norwich.



HYMN FEST

Saturday 13th September
2pm to 4pm

Shalom Performing Arts Precinct
Gold coin entry -- Afternoon Tea

**The Combined Churches of Bundaberg
PRAYER NIGHT**

tomorrow—Monday 18th
7pm at Citicoast Church
(formerly called Christian Outreach Centre)
at 140 Elliott Heads Road.
Come & pray for our community.
ALL WELCOME



ANGLICAN MEN’S SOCIETY

Wives/partners of members, together with Mother’s Union members are invited to our next meeting in Christ Church Supper Room on Tuesday 9th September.

Arrive from 11.30am onwards for (salad) lunch at 12.15, followed by talk on Creation by Tony Osborn.



We MUST have numbers for catering purposes by 2nd September. Please phone Howard Kingston (41523530) by that date.

Thank you!

Thank you for your cards, prayers and flowers on the occasion of my 80th Birthday. It was a wonderful celebration and your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.



With love,

Audrey Stephenson

Come and Hear
**BUNDABERG FESTIVAL MALE
VOICE CHOIR**
present a



FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Sunday, 31st August at 6pm
Ann Street, Gospel Chapel
Cnr Ann & Princess Streets,
East Bundaberg.

This week in the Parish:



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| Monday | | Rector’s Day Off |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Sewing Circle in the hall |
| Wednesday | 9.00am 9.45am 10.00am | Midweek Service Bible Study Ephesians in the hall Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital |
| Thursday | 7.00am | Pastoral Focus Home Visits & Bedside Communion Mater Hospital |
| Friday | 7.00am 8.00am 9.00am | Prayer Group meet in the church Bedside Communion Riverlea & Gracehaven Holy Communion Service Argyle Village |
| Sunday | 7.00am 9.30am | Holy Communion Family Communion Service& Sunday School |

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE

We sang this song on Thanksgiving Sunday and have had many requests for the beautiful words.

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a Cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom

LOOKING AHEAD

In November we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary of Good Shepherd.

Watch this space for news of our special celebration.

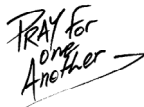
Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.
You wait and watch and work: you don’t give up.



"Somehow I get the feeling his sermons are aimed at me."

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)

Pat Carter; Warren & Nancy McLucas; Janet & Val Nixon; Brett, Nicola, Jaron, Natasha, Briannon & Jaslyn Phillips; Beverley Steemson; Ross & Elizabeth Wilkins.

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"

Clara; Phyllis; Norah; Reg; Mark; Lorraine; Ros; Anna; Gillian; Audrey; Stan; Harry; Nesta; Dave; Ben; Sarah; Bev; Richard; Sherryl; Chris; Bon; . . .(and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Matthew; Vivienne & Don; Kym; Emma; Linda, Neil & Brendan; Julia; Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; (& those known only to the Lord)

Pray for the political situation and the people of Zimbabwe

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Paula, Kelli, Steven, Adrian, Noel, Craig, 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):-

Carol Whitbread; Dot Kittle;

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Today's Worship—Pentecost 4

Sentence: Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56:1

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm: Psalm 133 page 365
New Testament: Romans 11:13-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Readings next Sunday:

Old Testament: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm Psalm 124 page 361
New Testament: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The woman came forward with the plea, "my daughter is terribly troubled by a demon."
The Lord answered, "it is not right to take the food of sons and daughters and throw it to the dogs".
"Please Lord," she insisted, "even the dogs eat the leavings that fall from their masters' tables"
Jesus then said in reply. "Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass".
That very moment her daughter got better.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

I need to give to God through His Church for two very good reasons:

1. For my own spiritual salvation. I need what the Church provides—the Word of God, the Sacraments, prayer;
2. Because it is God's plan for me to help bring the Word of God and the Sacraments and salvation to His people. I help to do this through my offerings.



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

Running through this central section of Matthew's Gospel is the theme that, while the leaders of Israel declared Jesus to be in league with Satan, Gentiles like the Canaanite woman boldly proclaim him as *Lord* and *Son of David*. It is probable that this story is a window to the very struggles that Matthew's community had experienced in resolving the issues of outreach to the Gentiles. This account shows wonderful pastoral sensitivity towards those in that community who struggled to accept the new situation. Matthew has Jesus himself, rather than a negative character within the drama, to be the one who initially resists this extension. Most think the woman caused Jesus to change his mind. Do you?

- Pray for the ability to recognize Jesus' presence in the chaos and to invite Him to transform it.
- Pray for the work of Newton Theological College PNG