

A series of workshops on Language Patterns

Have you ever noticed how often you direct other people's awareness while you are talking to them?

I propose to conduct a series of one hour workshops on Saturday mornings to help you become more mindful of this process.

You probably already know many of these patterns. Its just that you don't know that you know them, AND I could tell you what they all are now, but I would rather let you discover that for yourself.

You can decide to come along to these Saturday mornings and learn even more, can you not?

HOWEVER, don't decide this too quickly. I haven't started preparing the material yet. And I am sure you will have loads of fun.

I promise to take it much easier with you than I did in the Reframing workshop. I will teach small steps, and we will have lots of time to practice with each other.

For those of you who came to the reframing day, you might (or might not) have noticed how you are already noticing the way people speak. That shows that you have already started to integrate these patterns.

If you think that you might be interested in having a go, then please fill in the Sign-Up Sheet at the back of the church, and we will make a start.

Of course, one doesn't have to fill it in at all. If you simply turn up at the first session to try it out, then that will be enough.

You may not know if you can succeed in this yet!

Some people have hidden strengths that they discover only when they actually begin to do something.

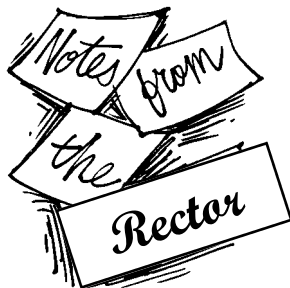
Someone told me last week "Last Saturday was fun, and it made the word work easier!"

I don't know if you will be able to complete a whole course, but you might begin.

Let me know

Blessings

Fr. Rick



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

We welcome The Festival of Male Voice Praise to our worship service today. Its a real joy to have them with us



Baptism



We welcome for Baptism today Samuel Stone Schmidt together with his parents Andrew & Louise, big sister Abigail, his Godparents Eamon, James & Malina, his family and friends.

We thank God for the gift of Samuel, and welcome him with much love into our Parish Family.

Parishioners are invited to attend the **NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE—Monday 29th September - 10am at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.**

This service is to honour Police Officers who have died in the execution of their duties.

Friendship is like sound health—it's value is seldom known until it is lost.

Parish Family News!

Celebrating Birthdays

7th	Janet Lind
8th	Tracey Barns
9th	Ros Kean
	Caitlin Williamson
10th	Fr Rick Bowie
11th	Phoebe Adams
	Corey Otto
12th	Paul Bramley
13th	Len Otto



Best wishes from all your parish family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

6th	Bill & Elvie Hailey	(61 years)
9th	Ron & Margaret Downs	(62 years)
10th	Arthur & Clara Mason	(42 years)
11th	Boss & Mabel Matthews	(60 years)
	Daryl & Ann Hoffmann	(37 years)
	John & Helen Pickard	(14 years)

Congratulations to you 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,



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



Happy Father's Day to all Dads and Grandads.

LOOKING AHEAD

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



Watch this space for news of our very special celebration.

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.



September donations are now due.



BCA Boxes are due to be brought in for collection in September. Please give them to our BCA representative Alan Berlin or Marilyn in the parish office.

Those who attended the Reframing Workshop—completed evaluation sheets need to be returned to Fr. Rick by next Sunday please.



Family News!

We rejoice with Fr. Edwin & Pam on the birth of their darling little granddaughter who was born last Tuesday weighing 8lbs 2oz in Canberra to proud parents Vivian & Don. (Vivian & Don are yet to choose a name)
Edwin & Pam thank you all for your prayers for Vivian & Don and their precious little girl.

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years.

We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

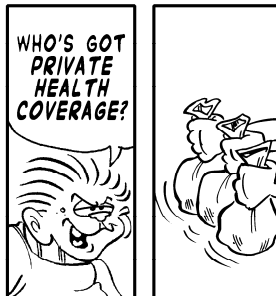
-Samuel Ullman

Help Wanted! —

Is there a parishioner who would like to go to the service at Argyle Village — 9am on Friday 26th September—just to give a hand. If you could play the piano (one finger would be great) or simply just assist Rick we would be most grateful. Let Marilyn know in the parish office if you are available.

The "Cookie Jar needs feeding!!!!

It loves both notes and coins!
Feed it, and mow the lawns by proxy!!



This week in the Parish:

Monday	7.15pm	Rector's Day Off Home Fellowship Group—Contact Leone & Don Lincoln 41523273
Tuesday	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Sewing Circle in the hall Rector & Warden's Meeting Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	9.00am 10.00a 10.00am	Midweek Service Bible Home Fellowship—Contact Heather Heron 41531296 Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
Thursday	7.00am	Pastoral Focus Home Visits & Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
Friday	7.00am 8.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church Bedside Communion Riverlea & Gracehaven
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Service with Baptism Fletcher Roland Herkes Sunday School Laate Home Group—Contact Andrew & Louise 4156542680



Don't miss our Trivia Night with Mini Cent Sale

Friday 10th October 7pm at Bundaberg Bowls Club, Quay Street

Parishioners.....we need YOUR support to make this fundraiser a success.

Can you organize a table of six—parishioners, family or friends? We have a list near the door—so start asking people to join you for a wonderful night of fellowship and fun!

If you don't have six people to bring.....just put your name and the number attending on the list and Lesley will organize a table for you.

We also need lots of items for the Mini Cent Sale — Items valued at approximately \$5 — \$7 or grocery items which would be suitable to make into a bucket of groceries or you may know a business which would donate a prize—we are most grateful for all your donations.

Hymn Fest next Saturday 13th September 2pm to 4pm Shalom

Performing Arts Precinct Gold coin entry -- Afternoon Tea



Operation Christmas Child



A huge thank you to all who have supported Operation Christmas Child—so far we have sixty three boxes completed and ready to send.



All boxes should be brought in by next Sunday 14th September.

We need financial donations to help with the cost of sending the boxes overseas. Each box costs \$8 to send and we expect to have approximately seventy boxes.

There is a donation box on the small table near the door. Anything you can spare towards this cost will be greatly appreciated.

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)

Joyce Albrecht; Gillian Brown; Greg & Joanne Desgrand; Bruce & Ros Kean; Bill, Jan & Erin Lawrence; Geoff & Ollie Powell; Leonie Stewart; Alison Vercoe; 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"

Judy; Barry; Anna; Mark; Sarah; Bev; Phyllis; Richard; Sherryl; Chris; Bon; . . .(and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Damien; Pauline, Michael, Wendy, Elizabeth & James; Alan & Yvonne; Lance, Wendy, Penny & family; Matthew; Kym; Emma; Linda, Neil & Brendan; Julia; Bonny & children; Janet, Dudley & Family; David; Ben; (& those known only to the Lord) *Pray for continued Pastoral Visits in hospitals and nursing homes & that new legislations regarding privacy will not prevent these visits.*

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):-

Susan Cross; Lionel Brown; Muriel Elworthy; Victims of September 11 Terrorist Attack in USA.

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Today's Worship—Pentecost 17

Sentence: 'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'
Matthew 18:20

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm Psalm 149 page 379
New Testament: Romans 13:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:10-20

Readings next Sunday:

Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm Psalm 114 page 345
New Testament: Romans 14:1-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

What treasures of loving kindness,
Lord, do you store up for the women
and men who love you:
these treasures you give
in their fullness to those who put
their trust in you.
Things no eye has seen, no ear has
heard or human heart conceived.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

The faithful steward glorifies God for all the blessings—spiritual and temporal—he has received from God. He does not ask: "What is the least I can give without losing face" but "what shall I render to the Lord for all He has rendered to me?"



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

Those addressed in this discourse, probably the inner core, are those capable of placing an "obstacle" in the way of the "little ones" (recent converts?), of despising the "little ones" (how easy it is to make fun of those who understand less than we do), and those in the position of being able to search for the lost sheep.

Persecuted disciples on mission were also called "little ones". The Dead Sea Scrolls have the same method for dealing with erring, recalcitrant members. What do you think of it?

- Pray that in each situation of our lives we may know what love would have us do.
- Pray for the church in Myanmar (Burma).