



REMEMBER our Trivia Night with Mini Cent Sale

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

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. You may know a business which would donate a prize—we would be most grateful for all donations.

URGENT NEED - someone to read out the questions and answers. Please let Lesley know if you are available —phone 41523860



Our November Market Day is Saturday 1st November



Attention all “green—fingers”. It's time to start potting up plants for the plant stall.

Are you “crafty”? Marg would really appreciate donations of craft items for the Sew & Sews Craft Stall.



Are you “spring-cleaning”? We would appreciate donations for the Trash & Treasure—furniture, books, toys, bikes, kitchen utensils, anything salable. (Not electrical appliances as this need an electrical inspection). Leave items in the shed at the back of the hall.



Good Shepherd Church

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

EIGHTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

Baptism



We welcome for Baptism today Fletcher Roland Herkes together with his parents Robert & Rachael and his Godparents Sally, Jennifer, Mark & Lorna, family and friends.

May their experience of the warmth of fellowship here make this Baptism Day very special for them all.

During the service Fr. Rick will dedicate a prayer book donated by Robert & Rachael in thanksgiving for Fletcher's Baptism.

Parish Family News!

Celebrating Birthdays

14th Claire Webb
Kirsty Otto
15th Sherryl Ford
Tracey McCann
20th Richard Johnson



Best wishes from all your parish family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

18th David & Emma Dennis
(4 years)



Congratulations 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.



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

*The birth of a baby is God's vote of confidence
in the future of man.*

The “Cookie Jar needs feeding!!!!

It loves both notes and coins!

Feed it, and mow the lawns by proxy!!



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

Looking for something to do this afternoon? Kites, sand sculpture, market stalls and art is all happening at Moore Park Beach.



Fr. Rick's Bible Study on Hosea— will commence in October—1st & 3rd Wednesdays, then a break in November, December January.....start again in February, 2009.

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.

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.



Help us celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Good Shepherd Church with a

PARISH DINNER

Saturday 23rd November at Renee's Place—Enterprise Street

Cost is \$20 per head for a delicious Gourmet Buffet

There is a sign up sheet at the door.

Come along and enjoy a fun filled night of fellowship and celebrate with our parish family.



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings

Limitless forgiveness dominates the Gospel passage, but not the Exodus passage. Paul, in the Epistle, stands with the modernizers against those who wanted to stick to the old ways. But his concern is how to deal pastorally with a divided church. In Rome they argued about the law, last century they argued about evolution, and today we wrestle with human sexuality. Paul insists that the different groups must respect each other, and that we do not yet have the final truth. We must not reduce God to the limits of our own understanding.

- Pray for an understanding of genuine forgiveness, and the way it might change some things for us.
- Pray for the Church in the Middle East.

This week in the Parish:

Monday		Rector's Day Off
Tuesday	9.30am	Sewing Circle in the hall
Wednesday	9.00am	Midweek Service
	10.00am	Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
Thursday	7.00am	Pastoral Focus Home Visits & Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
Friday	7.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church
	8.00am	Bedside Communion Riverlea & Gracehaven
Sunday	7.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Communion Service and Sunday School
	4.00pm	Laate Home Group—Contact Andrew & Louise 4156542680



Operation Christmas Child

This years Operation Christmas Child has been an outstanding success.



A huge thank you to all who have filled their boxes with the five "somethings" and a whole lot of love — so far we have SEVENTY ONE boxes completed and ready to send. Phoebe and Marilyn had a wonderful time checking boxes and making up boxes with the items donated. They could just feel the love you had packed in each box along with the "treasures".

We still need financial donations to help with the cost of sending the boxes Overseas — Each box costs \$8 to send—so far we have \$431.00 and need to raise another \$137.00

There is a donation box on the small table near the door.

Anything you can spare towards this cost will be greatly appreciated.

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are.

I don't believe in circumstances.

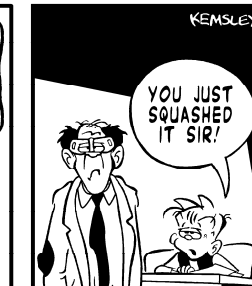
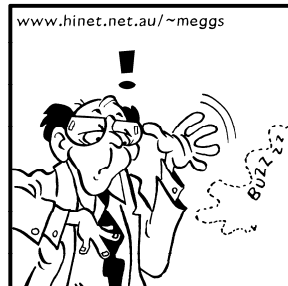
The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.

George Bernard Shaw

Support Cancer Council Queensland's **PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST**

at the "Lookout Function Room" Old Bundy Tavern—Quay Street on Friday 26th September 7am—8.30am

Tickets \$20 available from Blood Donor Service or 0414948506. See notice board.



www.hinet.net.au/~meggs

ADAMANT: THE VERY FIRST INSECT?

KEMSLEY

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)

Brandon & Rosemary Badger; Trevor & Lesley Christensen; John & Rosamunde Finlay;
Bill & Heather Heron; Yvonne May; Warren & Nancy McLucas; Audrey Stephenson.
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"

Ian A; Ros; Carole; Judy; Barry; Anna; Mark; Sarah; Bev; 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):-

John Lutz; Elma Villinger; Gladys Gardner; Ted Dilger; Ida Keune; Delphine Scotney.

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Today's Worship—Pentecost 18

Sentence: If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:3-4

Readings Today:

Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm: Psalm 114 page 345
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Readings next Sunday — Matthew Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 19:1-6 page 239
New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-14
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet
the sinner hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the Lord's
vengeance, for he remembers their sins
in detail.

Forgive your neighbour's injustice;
then when you pray....your own sins will be
forgiven..... Think of the commandments,
hate not your neighbour.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

The spirit of Christian giving demands a willingness to make sacrifices. This is the practical test of generosity and love. There is not a great deal of merit in giving to God that which costs me little. (Read 2 Samuel 24:24)

A Prayer attributed to Thomas Merton

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always.....". AMEN.