

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)

Ron & Shirley Anderson; Glenis & Mick George; Barbara Desgrand; Dave, Emma, Will & Olivia Dennis; Edna Groszmann; Arthur & Clara Mason; Val & Peter Skyring; Madge Warren.

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"

Julia; Jodie; Ollie; Clifford; Sophie; Bridget; Ernie; Marie; Glenice; Alison; Cindy; Robert; Giz; Barney; Kevin; Florence; Darrell, Ian A; Ruth; Ros; Judy; Bev; Richard; Sherryl;*(and those known only to the Lord).*

Special Needs:

Jonathon, Courtney & Jayden; Tammy; Kym; Bonny & children; Joyce; Richard; David; (& those known only to the Lord)

Pray for peace in the Congo

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):-

7/1 Fay Marles; 10/1 Reginald Olsen; 11/1 Elsie Rimmington; 17/1 Shirley Trott; 19/1 Donald Chay; 22/1 Vera Pedersen; 23/1 Dot Antrobus; Hugh Thompson; Elsie Lean;

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Good Shepherd Church

Anglican Parish of Bundaberg West

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HOLIDAY EDITION

4TH, 11TH & 18TH JANUARY, 2009

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

Welcome to the Good Shepherd Church. If you are new to Bundaberg we do trust that your visit today has been all that you hoped for.
Please make yourself known to the Sidespersons and complete a yellow 'Care & Courtesy Slip' (available on the notices table) when convenient.



PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

- 9th Carole Colville
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- 11th Reg Dean
- 12th Ross Pickard
- 13th Maggie Irwin
- 14th Duane Cauchi
- 15th Mick George
- 17th Coral Dilger
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- 20th Lurlene Rimmington
- 21st Colleen Bakes
- Jayden Wedemeyer



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

- 4th Ian & Denise Clark
(23 years)
- 5th Greg & Joanne Desgrand
(24 years)
- Ross & Jenny Morrall
(24 years)
-
- 16th Les & Dorothy Sutton
(38 years)



Congratulations & much love 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,
May I always listen to The ANNIVERSARY WALTZ with you.

Sunday Services — One service only at 8.30am until Sunday 1st February.

This is a wonderful time for us to worship & fellowship together.

Please note: No mid-week services until Wednesday 4th February.

PLEASE feed the Cookie Jar. It loves both notes and coins!

With summer upon us—the lawn is growing fast & needs mowing weekly!!

The Parish Office is closed for the next two weeks.

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. **January donations are due!**



"All that I have, all that I am is a gift from God. What I do with it, is my way of saying thanks."
Bob Perks

ELECTION OF WARDENS AND PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held in the Church on **Sunday 1st February, 2009** after the combined 8.30am service (approximately 10am).

Parish Council together with the Rector and Wardens are responsible for both overseeing the day-to-day operations of the parish and also for setting strategic directions for our ministry to both the parish and wider communities.

It is important therefore that Council be representative of the range of views and interests of the parish community.

Previous experience is not required! What we need are people with a commitment and a vision for the parish who are willing to communicate that vision while also being prepared to listen and be open to the views of others.

Nominations are therefore called for Wardens, Parish Councillors, Synod Representatives & Nominators.

We ask everyone to prayerfully consider who might be nominated and also those who will accept nomination.

Nomination forms are available on the notices table —please leave completed nomination forms in the box provided on the notices table.

This week in the Parish:

1st Monday of month	Home Fellowship Group—Contact Leone Lincoln 41523273
Wednesday 10.00am	Pastoral Focus Visitors 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 8.30am	Family Communion Service

Sundays 4th, 11th & 18th January, 2009

4TH JANUARY, 2009 — HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISH FAMILY

Sentence: They saw the Child with Mary his mother: and they knelt down and worshipped him. Matthew 2:11

Readings Today: —The Epiphany of our Lord

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 page 294
New Testament: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



11TH JANUARY, 2009

Sentence: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10:38

Readings Sunday 11th January—The Baptism of Jesus

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm: Psalm 29 page 248
New Testament: Acts 19:1-7
Gospel: Mark 1:4-11



The Lord will bless his people with peace.

18TH JANUARY, 2009

Sentence: We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel! John 1:41, 49

Readings Sunday 18th January—Epiphany 2

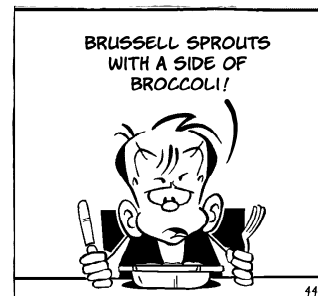
Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-18 page 370
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: John 1:43-51

If you hear his voice harden not your hearts.



YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

St. Augustine said: "Let us give what we cannot keep to gain what we cannot lose." If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it. May your Offertory Trust demonstrate the direction you are taking.



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