

This week in the Parish:

Monday		Rector's Day Off
Tuesday	9.00am	Sewing Circle in hall—Contact Marg Tuffield 41556616
Wednesday	9.00am 9.45am 10.00am	Holy Communion Bible Home Fellowship—Contact Heather Heron 41531296 Pastoral Focus Visitor—Mater Hospital
Thursday	7.00am	Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
Friday	7.00am 9.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church Holy Communion Argyle Village
Saturday	12.30pm	Prostate Cancer Cent Sale at Western Suburbs Leagues Club
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Service Family Communion Service & Sunday School

CENT SALE

Raising Funds & awareness for Prostate Cancer

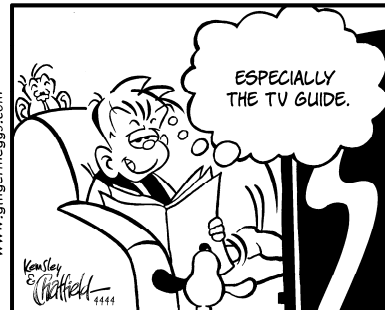
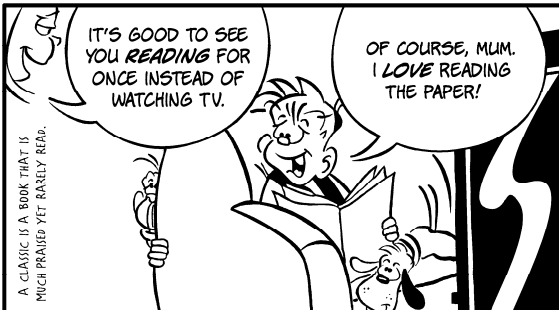
WHERE: Western Suburbs Leagues Club
WHEN: Saturday 25th July 12.30pm
TIME: 12.30pm for 1pm start
ADMISSION: \$3 Adult—\$1 Child



Afternoon tea is included in cost.

Lucky Door Prizes, Big Cent Sale Table, Jackpots & Games.
 Phone Jenny Grills 41527002 for further details or to book a table.

"Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practice being brave."



Good Shepherd Church

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

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

19th July, 2009

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

- 20th Jordan Lester
Kaleb Matteschek
- 21st Iris Griffiths
Geoff Powell
- 22nd Jessica Lester



Best wishes to you all from your Parish Family

Anniversary of Baptism

- 22nd Jenny Wedemeyer



Marked as Christ's Own Forever

New Arrivals

Edna Groszmann is celebrating the birth of her precious Great-Grandson **Jethro** who was born on 23rd June to proud parents Leela & Glen Sousaari. Jethro is a darling little brother for Coco & Zephyr.



Congratulations from us all!



Glenis & Mick George are celebrating the birth of their darling little grandson **Caleb Michael** who was born on 10th July weighing 9lbs. Caleb is the fourth child for Tammy & Michael. Glenis tells us Tammy is doing well but Michael is exhausted!

Congratulations from all the Good Shepherd Family.

Stewardship Sunday

8.30am service— August 2nd

Followed by Fellowship & Morning Tea in the hall

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Stewardship Quote:

**"We make a living by what we get.
 We make a life by what we give".**

Sir Winston Churchill

Australian Church Women Fellowship Day
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Barolin Street

Ecumenical Service

Friday 24th July at 10am.

Guest Speaker: Pauline Merefield
Theme: "Our God is Ever Faithful".

Morning Tea after the service.

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

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.



July donations are due.

SYNOD REPORT

Copies of Jenny's very comprehensive Synod Report are available on the Notices Table. Please take a copy to read.

In Jenny's report, she refers to Archbishop Phillip's Address to Synod—she has obtained four copies of this address — if you would like to take a copy home to read would you please return it to the notices table so that others may borrow it also.

The Brisbane Anglican Companion — A Dictionary of the Diocese of Brisbane 1859-2009

Compiled and Edited by Jennifer Harrison.

Jenny obtained a copy of this book which is available on the notices table for you to have a browse through.

If you would like to purchase a copy @ approximately \$30 per copy, please add your name to the list next to the book on the information table.

HYMN FEST

on

**Saturday August 15 at 2pm
Shalom Performing Arts
Precinct**



Part of the "Bundy in Bloom"
Celebrations.

Gold coin Entry Fee. Afternoon Tea.
All welcome!

Please feed the "Cookie Jar".

It didn't get enough to eat
last week!



It loves both notes & coins.

Contributions go directly to cleaning the church & mowing the church grounds.

Home Fellowship Group—Inventory of Identifiable Items in the Church.

The Group are compiling a booklet listing an inventory of identifiable objects in our church and photographing them.

They would also like to write a little about the objects that were donated — so if you were one of the generous people who donated items, can you please contact Leone Lincoln 41523273 and give her brief details about the items and the reason you donated it.

Don & I would like to
sincerely thank our
Good Shepherd Family
for prayers, phone calls and beautiful cards on the occasion of our
60th Wedding Anniversary.



Bless you all.
Dulcie Brandon

Pews for Sale!!

Parish Council has decided to sell the pews in the hall. They are being offered to Parish Family first before being sold at the Trash 'n Treasure in November. If you are interested in purchasing a pew—please see either Russ Ford or Ian Lohse.



When we lived in Clermont, I often used to take a walk our along the road out of town. In those days it was a one lane sealed road, with very dusty edges. Whenever a cattle truck, or even a sedan, drove by in either direction, I would be covered in a cloud of red dust.

Now you might want to picture this — in summer it could be very hot, and dry. And very, very dusty.

To walk on was to go forward staring into a dust cloud, watching in case another vehicle was coming towards me. When I saw one, (or, more likely, heard one) I would simply move slightly off the road, close my eyes, and push on.

I've found much of life is like that—not being able to see where I am going very well, but focused on seeing my target as soon as it becomes visible, and pursuing it in the right direction.

There seem to be many situations in life like this. If you keep your attention focused on the blank future in front, you will be the first to notice your target when it comes into view.

This has proved true whether the unknown was writing a sermon, preparing lesson notes for a lecture I was to give, as a parent, trying to figure out what my teenaged kid was up to next, or writing something like this piece.

Keeping your vision focused on a target that's not visible, knowing that you can't see clearly, means that when it does become visible, you're prepared to go after it. Sometimes, that's all the edge you need.

Keeping your vision focused on a target that's not visible is also what "faith" and "hope" are all about. Our faith is in a God who loves us, and cares for us more than we can begin to fathom. And yet, with our eyes, we can't see our God, with our ears, we can't hear our God, and with our hands, we can't touch our God. And still, we continue to build a relationship of response with this God.

St Paul tells us in Romans 8:24,25 that "we are saved by hope. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly expect it with patience."

So we keep focused on the future that God is rolling towards us, even as he beckons us to walk towards this future with Him. No matter the dust. No matter the possibility of oncoming vehicles.

I can't see the target. I sense that this target (the Bible calls it "The kingdom of Heaven") is ahead, and that I will recognize it when I arrive. I can't describe it to you, but I know that I will know it when I see it.

God give all of us the courage to continue walking towards the unknown future, full of faith and hope in the One who is calling us there.

Blessings,

Fr Rich



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)

Alan Berlin; Rick & Joyce Bowie; Barbara Desgrand; Graham & Marilyn Dennis; Colin, Jacob & Thomas Groszmann; Mark, Michelle, Meg & Cara Pearson; Arthur & Jenny Wedemeyer;
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"

Glenis; Gillian; Don; Peta; Alan; Thomas; Geoff; Ollie; Cheryl; Edith; Toni; Richard; Sherryl; Julia; Barney; Bev; ...*(and those known only to the Lord).*

Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered: Birth of Tammy & Michael's baby Caleb; Successful surgery for Glenis.

Special Needs:

Ron & Shirley & Family; Mick, Michael & Tammy, Bonny and Families; Kate (expecting twins in August); Anna; Ruth; Matthew; David; Damien; Lyn; Joyce; (& those known only to the Lord)

Our School Chaplains: Fr. Andrew, Deltry, Helen, Annette, Teresa, Steven, Paula, Kelli, Adrian, Brenda, Grant, Craig, Marion, Lisa, Ian, Ruth & District Co-ordinator John Van der Heijde

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 Rachell in Lightning Ridge.

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

Esther O'Brien; Barry Potts; Joyce Skyring; Gilda Phillips;

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sentence: As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them any things. Mark 6:24

Today's Readings—Pentecost 7

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm: 89:21-38 page 316
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Readings next Sunday— Pentecost 8

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm: 14 page 233
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel: John 6:1-21

In our first and third readings
shepherds and sheep are
important images.

God is the true shepherd of his
people. Earthly rulers fail but God
never does.

In the Gospel people are coming and
going. The people of this world are
like sheep without a shepherd, but we
in the Church have a Shepherd.

We have no fear for we have the true
Shepherd at work in our midst.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

If Christian generosity has a motive, that motive would be the generosity of God. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?" (Psalm 116:12)



ABM Reflections on Today's Readings

Jesus took in the scene before him and had compassion on those who surrounded him with their desperation, their disease, their expectations and their hope. How vulnerable can we be to the desperation of others and still be able to bring relief in word and in deed? Can we be the whole answer or is it enough for us to be present with others and allow the love of God to pass all understanding?

- Pray for all who have the courage to be present in the midst of suffering offering the compassionate love of our Lord and Saviour.
- Give thanks for the Patron to the ABM Auxiliary, Bishop David McCall (Bunbury) and his ministry across Australia to Auxiliary members.