

This week in the Parish:

Monday	10.00am	Rector's Day Off Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
Tuesday	9.00am	Sewing Circle in hall—Contact Marg Tuffield 41556616
Wednesday	9.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Bible Study in the hall
Thursday	7.00am	Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
Friday	7.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Service Family Communion Service & Sunday School

Don't Fuss

The minister began the meeting by reading from Luke 12:25-26: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

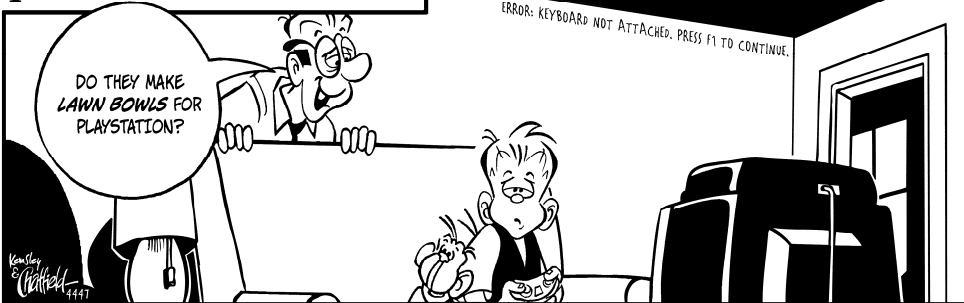
One of the women started to cry. "If only you knew," she said. "We're having trouble with our mortgage, and Gene's been laid off, and things are really tough. I was crying in my office not half an hour ago; now you remind me that, no matter what, God is somehow with me, caring for me."

How simple are those words and yet, at the same time, how difficult to live by.

Often people will say "consider the lilies" but we can be too busy to do that. Yet when we do stop and open ourselves to God's presence, we can indeed be amazed at how close that presence really is, and the effect it can have in our lives.

DRUG ARM Bundaberg need volunteers for the **STREE OUTREACH SERVICE (SOS)** to assist in helping young people to break the cycle of alcohol and other drugs use. Comprehensive training courses are provided and training commences **Thursday 2 September**. Cost of training is \$75.00 including volunteer Tshirt. To register phone Sara 41521259 or visit WWW.drugarm.com.au

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN:



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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost **2nd August, 2009**
Thanksgiving Sunday

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

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

- 2nd Joanne Desgrand
Taige Holt
- 5th Samuel Schmidt (1)
- 6th Elsie Rudland
Jan Lawrence
Bill Lawrence
Karen Olsen



Best wishes to you all from your Parish Family

Pews for Sale!!

Parish Council is selling the pews in the hall.

They are going fast!!!
We only have four left.

If you are interested in purchasing a pew—please see either Russ Ford or Ian Lohse.

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 due.

Please feed the "Cookie Jar".



It loves both notes & coins.

It really enjoyed a good feed last week.

(Note the happy face this week)

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

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

Sir Winston Churchill

The ABC of Stewardship

A IS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

A distinguishing mark of Christians is that we see ourselves accountable for what we have been given.

As the Prayer of General Thanksgiving reminds us "We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your amazing love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory." This is a vivid reminder that God has trusted us with many gifts.

But we are accountable for their use. This is the basis of Christian stewardship. Our response on Thanksgiving Sunday provides one key opportunity of expressing that accountability.

B IS FOR BELONGING

By our baptism we have become bonded to God and belong to his church. Our baptismal commitment draws all of us into servanthood and stewardship. Many other gifts are given principally for the well being of others.

Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts. Our giving is out of a sense of gratitude for our membership in the church.

On Thanksgiving Sunday we celebrate this sense of belonging—to God and his church.

C IS FOR COMMITMENT

Christian commitment involves the whole of our life including our money.

Money is a symbol of our possessions, our labour and our lives. When our gifts are offered at the altar we are offering ourselves. To say that this does not matter, to withhold our cheque books from God, is in reality to withhold part of ourselves from God.

Thanksgiving Sunday is about commitment.

So stewardship is not marginal to the Gospel. Jesus continually challenges us to recognize and use our gifts in the building of his kingdom. Thanksgiving Sunday helps us to be accountable, to celebrate our belonging and to express our commitment as we respond to this challenge.

Blessings,

Fr Rick



Today we say goodbye to Leonie Stewart who is moving Temora. Leonie, thank you for your friendship, love and support of our parish activities, especially the Sew 'n Sews. We will miss you.



The new Parish Directory is available today—please collect your copy.

Alan Berlin has been moved to Pioneer South, Barolin Street—Room B5

Dave & Emma Dennis phone number is changed— 41526351—you'd think I'd get my own family right.

SYNOD REPORT

There are still a few copies of Jenny's very comprehensive Synod Report 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.

Give God what's right
Not what's left!

This week is the last chance for you to order a copy of

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!

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— (i.e. in memory of a loved one.)

We need a Sunday School Teacher for the third Sunday of the month.

If you are able to help— please let the parish secretary know as soon as possible



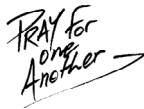
ALSO

We need someone to look after the Bush Church Aid collection boxes as Alan Berlin is unable to continue being our BCA co-ordinator. This involves collecting the boxes in March & September, counting the money, issuing receipts and writing up a sheet for BCA. It is not a lot of work. If you are available please let the Parish secretary know ASAP.



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.



Amen.

In your prayers, please remember:-

Our Parish Family prayer list this week (from our parish directory – to show we care)

Ian & Marie Ashurst; Mark, Nardean, Cody, Rory, Luke, Duane & Kaci Cauchi; John Marles;
John & Rosamunde Finlay; Phil Itzstein; Andrew, Louise, Abigail & Samuel Schmidt.

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; Alan; Thomas; Geoff; Ollie; Cheryl; Edith; Toni; Richard; Sherry; Julia; Barney; Bev; ...
(and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Ruth's Family & Friends; Ron & Shirley & Family; Bonny and Children; Kate; Anna; Matthew; David;
Damien; Emma; 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):-

Mervyn Lloyd-Jones; Merle James;

Thanksgiving for the Life of: Ruth Baxter

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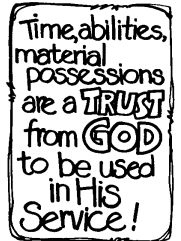
Sentence: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Isaiah 55:2

Today's Readings—Pentecost 9

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm: 51:1-12 page 274
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel: John 6:24-35

Readings next Sunday— Pentecost 10

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 14, 31-33
Psalm: 130 page 364
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51



"It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

It is with this feeling of responsibility of being faithful and trustworthy stewards that we worship our Lord with our offering.

Giving is not an option but a responsibility to see that a proportion of our material substance is invested for our eternal dividends.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

If we belong to Christ, it follows logically that everything we have belongs to Him.

Your Offertory trust is one of the outward and visible signs of your belief: "The earth is the Lord'sand the fullness thereof." (Psalm 24)



ABM Reflections on Today's Readings

We are so often full of 'what shall I do?' Jesus rejects this approach to life. First, you must know what you believe. What do you believe about Jesus Christ—is Jesus the bread from heaven which gives life to the world? Decide this first and you will soon discover all there is to do, and you shall indeed be satisfied.

- Pray for the willingness to take time to reflect upon what we believe to be true, that the Holy Spirit may guide and direct us.
- Give thanks for the new ministries established by Aboriginal people at Lake Tyers and Drouin in the Diocese of Gippsland; Robinvale in the Diocese of Bendigo; and ministry development and post-ordination training in the Diocese of the Northern Territory.