

I have to tell you that I've had my share of struggles throughout my life. I've been driving since I was about 16 years old. I'm glad I didn't know how many speed bumps I would encounter along the way. These challenges tested both my goal setting and Positive Mental Attitude skills that I'd learned at a very young age, but I also learned about stamina and perseverance. Apart from some key moments in my life, I haven't let anything interfere with my dream.

Don't let anything interfere with YOUR DREAM!

Blessings,

Fr Rick

Operation Christmas Child gets Underway next Sunday!!!



If you would like to take part there are three options:-

Option 1 — BYO—Box your own—collect a box from the table or cover your own shoe box and start filling it with one of the six “somethings” —

1. **Something to love** — teddy bear, soft toy, koala or doll
2. **Something to wear** — T-Shirt, shorts, socks, underwear, sunglasses, cap, hat, beanie, thongs/sandals 
3. **Something special**—Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.
4. **Something of personal hygiene** — hairbrush, comb, hair-clips or scrunchies, soap (wrapped), face washer, toothbrush (not toothpaste)
5. **Something to play with** — Tennis balls, toy-farm, zoo animals, super bouncy ball, music box, Trucks & cars, finger puppet, train, plastic tea set, boat, yo-yo, lego blocks, jigsaw puzzle, marbles (in bags), skipping rope, stickers, games. 
6. **Something for school**—exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk etc.

Option 2 — Bring along one of the six “somethings” and leave in the box at the back of the church and Phoebe and Marilyn will pack boxes for you.

Option 3 — Adopt a box—It costs approximately \$8 to send each box overseas. Place your donation in an envelope marked “Operation Christmas Child” and place in the offertory or leave at the parish office.

Parents and Grandparents — this is a wonderful way to teach your children or grandchildren about Christian Giving.

THOSE USING OPTION 2

Next Sundays donation is *“Something for School —*

WHAT TO BRING:- Exercise book, pencils with sharpener, notepad, colouring pencils, eraser, chalk, pencil case, felt pens.



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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9th August, 2009

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

9th Ian Clark
10th Edwin Edgerton
11th Jakob Baumgartner
12th Joan Stringer
14th McCauley Matteschek (1)



Best wishes to you all from your Parish Family

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

15th Ray & Colleen Bakes
(39 years)

Congratulations & much love to you both



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.**

“Love is patient and kind”

Thanksgiving Sunday Part Two

If you were away last Sunday you missed getting your “Ministry of Giving Money” commitment form.

Would you please collect a form from the sidespersons today, complete, fold and place in the offertory. An envelopes is available (for privacy) if you would like one—see the sidespersons.

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.

“When the archer misses the mark, he turns and looks for the fault within himself. Failure to hit the bull's eye is never the fault of the target.

To improve your aim—improve yourself.”

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 10.00am	Holy Communion Bible Home Fellowship—Contact Heather Heron 41531296
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



**Pews for Sale!!
Sorry—they are all sold!!!**

**Please feed the
“Cookie Jar”.**



It loves both notes & coins.

**It needs a good top up this week.
It was a little hungry last Sunday.**

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

HYMN FEST

next

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

Part of the “Bundy in Bloom” Celebrations.

**Gold coin Entry Fee.
Afternoon Tea. All welcome!**



**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**

**Thank you to Allison Paige who
has volunteered to be our BCA
Representative. Bless you Allison.**



DRUG ARM Bundaberg need volunteers for the **STREET 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 T-shirt.

To register phone Sara 41521259 or visit WWW.drugarm.com.au

“Love never gives up!”



Peace



The word ‘Peace’ in Greek is eirene (we get the name Irene from this) and in Hebrew it is shalom (as in Shalom College!)

‘Peace’ is usually defined in English in negative terms i.e., the absence of conflict, a little peace and quiet. It is a way of describing what isn’t!

In both Hebrew and Greek ‘peace’ is a positive term. It is everything which makes for a person’s highest good, or every blessing of God for a complete life.

The issue is, however, with what, or how, does God bless us to make life complete? If transformation is likened to a seed dying, how is God blessing us?

One of the images of Jesus is “Lord of the Storm” (from Mark 4.35). This brings up the question ‘What has God to do with my discomfort, my strife, my difficult times?’ Many people think that God will cover them with a kind of spiritual anaesthetic so they won’t feel anything. My own view, taking seriously the events of Good Friday, is that God does not whisk us out of our pain, but joins us in the middle of it. Good Friday is a sign of solidarity with us.

Here is another question: in the Peace Greeting, what are we wishing each other? Is it God’s peace: our every blessing toward our completeness in God; or is it the enjoyment of all good, as well as freedom from, or the resolution of, trouble.

‘Shalom’ has the understanding of the setting up of God’s right order. I often imagine that God’s peace is like one of those little puzzles we used to get in Christmas stockings. The point is to get the little ball bearings into the small holes by moving (and sometimes shaking) the puzzle around.

Another image I’ve been working with is that of ‘preventative burning’ as a way of alleviating the damage caused by huge bushfires. Could it be that God’s preventative burning programme is an aspect of God’s peace?

When we first arrived in Bundaberg we used to drive out to the Bruce Highway past the airport. Then they began to carry out road works, and there would be detours, mainly up side lanes. So we started to go out to the Highway by going our via Goodwood road. And then, guess what! They began to do road works there as well, and it was just as slow because of the detours. I’m sure you know what it’s like to be hiking along at 100k and then usually with minimal warning, the detours start: road construction, bridge-works happening, a traffic accident.....

This is a picture of daily life. Often a detour will lead us away from where we thought we were going, and bingo, we are onto a totally new road. Or it will delay our trip because of unforeseen circumstances.

You can either enjoy the ride, potholes and all, or get angry and upset—maybe even feel frustrated enough to turn around and go back.

Fear keeps us from our dreams; faith moves us toward them.

Hope can open doors for you that you might not have even known were there.

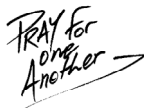
Know what you want and why you want it.

Believe you will then get what you want.

Continued

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)

Don & Dulcie Brandon; Babara Desgrand; Edna Groszmann; Arthur Juvelecas; Yvonne May;
Cliff & Audrey Pownall; Mabs Sutton; Jack Wood; Harry & Cheryl Wright.

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; Toni; Richard; Sherryl; 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):-

Thanksgiving for the Life of: Mavis Patch

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sentence: *Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.*
Ephesians 5:1-2

Today's Readings—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

**The story of Absalom
2 Kings Chapter 13-18**

Readings next Sunday— Pentecost 11

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm: 111 page 343
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:11-21
Gospel: John 6:51-58

**No one
can
come
to me
unless
the
Father
draws him**

**Jesus is the preexistent Word of God.
He is one with the Father.
Jesus is the "I am,"
just as the Father.
In Jesus the Incarnation of the
Father's love takes place,
the Word-made-flesh
whose total humanity leaves no doubt
about the Father's desire to be with us:
"Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father."**

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

We do not give to the Church in order to enrich God and His Church, but we give because

1. It keeps us from covetousness (Luke 12:15; 1 Corinthians 2:5)
2. It establishes the ownership of God (1 Corinthians 4:7)
3. It proves the sincerity of our love (1 Corinthians 8:8)
4. It is commanded by God (1 Corinthians 1:2)
5. It was God who gave first (Romans 8:32)
6. It pleases God (Hebrews 13:15-16)
7. It brings God's love (2 Corinthians 9:7)
8. It brings God's blessings (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6,8)

Thank you! Thank you very much for your lovely card (*which drew a number of admiring comments from the nurses and staff at the hospital*), your good wishes and prayers for my recovery.

I have felt wonderfully supported both spiritually and emotionally during the past month as I am sure so many of the parish have felt supported in their times of trouble. Thank you for the love and care which has encircled me and my family.

God's blessings be with you, **Glenis George.**

