



Our November Market Day is Saturday 7th November



Attention all "green-fingers". It's time to start potting up plants this weekend so that the roots can be established by November.

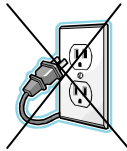


If you have "brown fingers" then perhaps you could bake a cake, biscuits, slices, muffins etc., for the cake stall.

Are you "crafty"? Marg would really appreciate donations of craft items for the Sew 'n Sews Craft Stall.



Are you "spring-cleaning"? We would appreciate donations for the Trash & Treasure — books, furniture, toys, bikes, kitchen utensils, anything saleable (not electrical appliances as these need an electrical inspection).



Please leave items in "Oliver's Pavilion" (the shed at the back of the hall).

Let's dance

Bundaberg Orpheus Singers & Bundaberg Youth Choir

Present a concert featuring music and songs for dancing: across the world—across the years

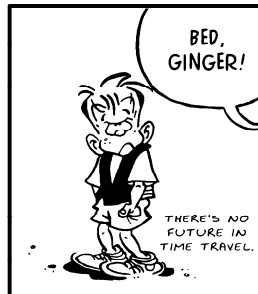
Saturday 17th October at 7.30pm &

Sunday 18th October at 2pm in Christ Church Parish Hall.

Table seating with free light refreshments.

Admission by ticket only—Adults \$15 - Students & Concession \$12

Tickets available from Nielson's Music Store.



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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—4th October, 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!

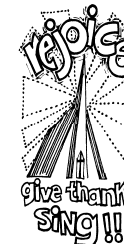
Celebrating Birthdays

5th Clara Mason
7th Leone Lincoln
8th Joan Egan
Matthew Morrall
9th Bill Heron
10th Mitchell Zunker



Best wishes to you all from your Parish Family

On 7th October Fr. Edwin will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination.



Come along to the Midweek Service at 9am this Wednesday and celebrate this special occasion with Fr. Edwin.

You are welcome to come to morning tea in the Rectory after the service.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Operation Christmas Child.



A huge thank you to all who have supported Operation Christmas Child.

We could do with more cash donations to help with the cost of sending the boxes overseas—each box costs approximately \$8 to send. There is a box at the back of the church for cash donations.



The boxes will be blessed next Sunday 11th and sent on their way with our love.

The "cookie jar" is starving. It didn't get enough to eat for the last two weeks.



Please feed it notes & coins.

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

Remember our Trivia Night with Mini Cent Sale

at the Bundaberg Bowls Club, Quay Street

Friday October 30 @ 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 approximately 20 items for the Mini Cent Sale —

Items valued at \$5 plus 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.

Chinese Orphans Assistance Team (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.

Pictured on the right is Michelle Baumgartner who with daughter Jessikah stayed with the Orphans in China in the school holidays. We hope to get lots of stories when they return. (There are more photos on the notice board).



October donations are now due.

Sidespersons & Welcomers—please collect your responsibility sheets from the notices table today.

Fr. Rick has asked that his Email address be passed on to those who requested it:-
rickbowie@gmail.com

A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away.

This week in the Parish:

Monday		Rector's Day Off
Tuesday	9.00am	Sewing Circle in hall—Contact Marg Tuffield 41556616
Wednesday	9.00am 10.00am	Mid-week service Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
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 & Baptism

WOLFON



PHILIPPINES' FLOODS APPEAL & SAMOA TSUNAMI

In the Philippines on Sunday, one month's rain fell in just 24 hours.

The affect was disastrous. An estimated 240 people were killed and 400,000 made homeless.

Worst of all, the Philippines' floods have hit the poor the hardest. Almost one quarter of the country's population live below the poverty

line. People who were already struggling will be battling hard over the coming days and weeks to get their lives back to normal.

On Wednesday a magnitude 8.0 earthquake struck the Pacific near Samoa, triggering towering tsunami waves that gushed over the island leaving scores dead and villages flattened. Survivors of the deadly tsunami have described how they watched the inrushing sea swallow up coastal villages. Hundreds of people are believed to have lost their lives.

In response to a call for donations the Anglican Board of Missions has launched an appeal for the Philippines floods & Samoa Tsunami. Donations to this appeal will go to the National Council of Churches in the Philippines and Samoa to fund immediate relief efforts.

How do you tell a child help is on the way

How can you help? There will be a retiring collection near the door TODAY and also next Sunday. Please give as generously as you are able.

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)

Joyce Albrecht; Reg & Gloria Dean; Jeff, Alexandra, Thomas, Maggie & Rachel Irwin;
Ian, Susan, Ashlee & Courtney Lincoln; Nesta Rawlins; Shirley Spargo; Diane 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"

Cherine; Barney; Leone, Don, Tracey; Jack; Lauren; Alan S; Jenny; Glenis; Gillian; Alan B; Thomas;
Cheryl; Toni; Richard; Sherry; Bev; ...*(and those known only to the Lord).*

Special Needs:

Deirdre & family; Bernie; Ron & Shirley; Bonny and Children; Kate & Justin; Anna; Emma; David;
Matthew; Damien; (& those known only to the Lord)

Children Preparing for Admission to Holy Communion:

Courtney & Jayden Wedemeyer & Brayden Zunker.

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):-

Hilda Juvelecas; William Dennis; Kenneth Mulligan;

Thanksgiving for the Life of:

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sentence: Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Today's Readings—Pentecost 18

First Reading Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm: 26 page 246
Second Reading; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Next Sunday's Readings—Pentecost 19

First Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm: 22:1-15 page 241
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The words of Christ ring out loud and clear, the covenant sealed by two parties in marriage is not to be broken. It would seem far better to foster means of preserving the marriage union than to seek reasons for breaking it. The Christian must bear a special kind of witness to a world where marriage is a convenience and not a sacrament.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

Money represents a certain number of hours of human labor. Consequently, when we consecrate our money to God, we are consecrating ourselves. In this way, that part of our lives which is spent in making a living is dedicated to God and is part of our Christian commitment. The offering we make to God is the expression of the total gift of ourselves.



ABM Reflections on Today's Readings

Today's readings focus on the sacrament of marriage and the blessing of the children. Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is reserved for the child-like. What then does it mean to be child-like? It means to be trusting—trusting in a God who loves and cares for us, and it means to be able to open our hearts to that gift of love.

- Give thanks for the Church's work with children and young people and pray that the Church might learn from the insights of children.
- Pray for the Episcopal Church of the Philippines & their ministry with children.