

**The CMS Summer School** is an excellent annual gathering at the Mt. Tambourine Conference Centre with good separate programmes for Adults, Youth and Children. This week-long event is an opportunity for Families as well as individuals to make it part of the Annual Holidays.

It is a chance to meet some of our overseas missionaries (the Hayes, whom we at Good Shepherd support, will be there), relax, enjoy some good Christian company and be refreshed and invigorated in spirit.

Details and registration forms are at the church entrance. Some families, couples and individuals might like to go together. In future years perhaps it can become an annual parish event.



**From our Treasurer!!!**  
**Have you paid for your copy of EDWJ, Lectionary or Bible Study books???**

The money can be put in an envelope showing your name and what the payment is for and placed in the collection plate

**Praise God for the rain!!!**



**Please continue to pray for rain to water the earth that we may receive its produce to strengthen and sustain us.**

**Name Tags**—are available near the door if you have forgotten yours.

**Welcomers**— could you remind us as we arrive to put one on if we don't have ours.



**ABM Reflections on Today's Readings**

In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus' coming into the world to save humankind, by quoting the words from the prophet Isaiah. He preached the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins and pointed them towards Jesus. Let us give ourselves to God and be the channels of God's blessing to the needy.

- Pray that we may respond to the word and prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ.
- Give thanks for the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies.
- Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia and its ministry in Vanuatu.



MEL GIBSON? MEL GIBSON! HE MIGHT BE GOOD LOOKING AND ULTRA RICH, BUT HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR GRANDAD!



KENSLEY

LISTEN KID, FOR MEL I'D GREY-UP!



AS LONG AS THERE IS AN HSC THERE WILL BE PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!



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

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



**6th December, 2009**

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

**Baptism**

We welcome with much love **Cade Austin Riemer** together with his Parents Glen & Kym, his Godparents Darryl & Patrea, family and friends.



We give thanks to God for Cade and welcome him into our parish family.

During the service, Fr. Andrew will dedicate a Prayer Book donated by Cade's Family in thanksgiving for his Baptism.

**Christmas Services**



**Christmas Eve**

**7pm Families & Children's Service with the children setting up the crib**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**



**Christmas Day**

**8.30am Christmas Service**

**The "Sew 'n Sews" Christmas Break-up**

is this **Tuesday 8th** December at 11am at 1928 Restaurant in the Botanical Gardens.



They would love any parishioners to come and join them for lunch.

**To book your seat:** please add your name to the list at the door.

*What a wonderful time we had at our Cent Sale last Tuesday. Some of us came away with more than one prize!!! Pam almost needed*

*Thank you all for your donations to the Cent Sale. We had another outstanding table of prizes and jackpots. The Sew 'n Sews excelled themselves with their beautiful craft work and we were blessed with a profit of \$2229.00. Well done!!!*

## PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

### Celebrating Birthdays

6th Mark Cauchi  
 7th Bill Hailey  
 8th Charlotte Bryan  
 Carolyn Wood  
 9th Olivia Dennis {1st}  
 Meg Pearson {18th}  
 12th Arthur Wedemeyer



*Best wishes to you all from your Parish Family*

**Rosters for December are available today.**

**The Christmas Services will be printed separately when we know who is available for each service.**

**PLEASE—indicate on the list near the door which service you are attending over the Christmas Season and also during January.**

### PASTORAL FOCUS:-

Barbara Desgrand is now in Pioneer South.

Next Sunday we are having a farewell for Barbara in the hall between the services at approximately 8.30. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

On 15th December she will move down south with Chris and his extended family.

So this is our opportunity to spend some time with Barbara and to say our good byes.

### Home Fellowship

The Home Fellowship Group will be meeting on Monday 11th January, 2010 at 40 Hillandale Road for lunch at 11.30am. Please ring Leone 41523273.

*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.*

### 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. **December donations are now due.**



**Next Sunday 13th December, Michelle Baumgartner will be Speaking at both services about her trip to visit the COAT Children in China.**

**The Sunday School Breakup is next Sunday 13th December at the 9.30am service. The children will also decorate our Christmas Tree that day. Kids please bring a small photo of yourself to put on a star on the tree.**

### Natural Church Development Surveys

When the results of our survey on the health and vitality of our Parish comes back to us, the Parish Councillors will all receive the report by e-mail.

Any and everyone is welcome to a copy before we get together to discuss the results and plan to implement them.

If you'd like a copy of the report when it arrives, add your e-mail address to the list at the church door.

We will make a few copies for people who don't have e-mail.

**The "cookie jar" is \$0000 SAD!!!**

**It only got \$18.00 last week.**



*Please feed it notes or coins so that we can cover the cost of cleaning the church & mowing the lawns.*

### PETITION TO THE AUSTRALIAN PARLAMENT in support of the National School Chaplaincy Program

There is an amended petition re School Chaplaincy at the church door.

The Prime Minister has extended funding for school chaplaincy at a reduced rate but only for another year, after which it will be reviewed. This postponed the decision about continuous funding until after the next election.

**Signing the amended petition gives clear support to ongoing funding from the government for chaplaincy on a permanent basis.**

*Dance as though no one is watching you;  
 love as though you have never  
 been hurt before;  
 sing as though no one can hear you;  
 live as though heaven is on earth.*

**The Rev'd Tania Eichler from Christ Church will be commissioned as Priest-in-charge of the parish of Centenary Suburbs on January 27th. Please pray for Tania and her family.**

### This week in the Parish:

Monday	9.00am	Overview of Bible Study Group
Tuesday	11.30am	Sew & Sews Break-up - 1928 Restaurant—Botanical Gardens North Bundaberg—Contact Marg 41556616
	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting in the hall
Wednesday	9.00am	Mid-week Eucharist
	10.00am	Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital
Thursday	7.00am	Bedside Communion Mater Hospital
	7.00pm	Overview of the Bible Study Group
Friday	7.00am	Prayer Group meet in the church
Sunday	7.00am	Holy Communion Service
	9.30am	Family Communion Service, Sunday School Break-up & Baptism Jack Nathan Bauer



**Bundaberg Orpheus Singers & Bundaberg Youth Choir** together with **Bundaberg Municipal Band** present their popular

## Christmas Concert in Holy Rosary Church TODAY at 7.30pm

There will be Songs & Carols both old and new, together with the Premiere Performance of *God With Us* by Bundaberg Composer, Peter Rankine. **Admission \$5** at the door. Christmas Hamper Raffle \$1 a ticket.

*No reserved seating so come early!*



### Rosters for December are available today.

Christmas Rosters & January Rosters will be printed when we know who is available.

All LA'S, Servers, Intercessors, Sidespersons, Welcomers, Readers etc., **please** indicate on the list on the table which Christmas Service you are attending and which January Service you are available for the roster.



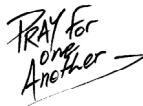
### Pastoral Focus Prayer.

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.



### 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.



### 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)

Ian & Marie Ashurst; Greg & Heather Chamberlain; Joan Egan; Bill & Heather Heron;  
Jeff, Alexandra, Thomas, Maggie & Rachel Irwin; Ian, Susan, Ashlee & Courtney Lincoln; Fay Morris.

*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”

Barney; Lachlan & Millie Rose (premie babies); Marg; Michelle; Oly; Alan S; Iris; Barbara; Heather; Ross;  
Fay; Tracey; Portia; Sherry; Alan B; Glenis; Gillian; Cherine; Thomas; Cheryl; Toni; Richard; Bev; ...  
(and those known only to the Lord).

### **Special Needs:**

Vicki; Meagan & Alex; Chris; Bonny and Children; Kate & Justin; Anna; Matthew; David; Emma; (& 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 – 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):-**

William Bryce; Roy Ker; Edna Benson

### **Thanksgiving for the life of:**

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Sentence:** By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet  
into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-79

### **Today's Readings**

First Reading: Philippians 1:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-16

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Father in heaven,  
the day draws near when the glory of  
your Son will make radiant the night of  
the waiting world.

May the lure of greed not impede us  
from the joy which moves the hearts of  
those who seek him.

May the darkness not blind us to the vi-  
sion of wisdom which fills the minds of  
those who find him.

### **Prayer for a new Rector**



Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling.  
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### **YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST**

It is characteristic of God to give and, if in our lives, giving always ranks above  
receiving, we will use what we have as God wills we should use it, however  
much or however little it may be.

### **Parish Family News!**

Maggie Irwin looked absolutely beautiful at her “Prom” held recently  
at the Brother's Club. **See the photo's on the notice board.**

*It's so hard to believe “little Maggie” is so grown up.*

