

The Call

The telephone rings and it seems that no matter what is going on in our lives we answer it. With mobile phones becoming a major appendage (or so it seems) of people around the world, we have a tendency to drop everything in response to a ringing phone.

We even get dependent on them: if we are not able to answer a call, or perhaps shift out of range and lose contact, we panic. Who was it? What did they want? Will they call back? Can I reach them?

We have become obsessed with answering "calls". But what about *the call*? You know, the kind that God makes.

Isaiah answered when called. "I'm a man of unclean lips, and I come from a people of unclean lips." Some have suggested he means, "I'm not the best person, and I come from a community that is not so hot, either."

Jeremiah claimed to be too young. Amos said later in life, "Hey, this wasn't *my* idea," Even Moses was uncertain.

Yet God continues to call. God does not give up on us.

Do you dare to listen for God's call to you? And do you ponder not *if* you should answer but *how* you can do what God asks? Remember, you never have to go it alone — God is always there working for you.

YOUR OFFERTORY TRUST

"What I give is so little, I cannot give much." God never asks more of us than we have. If He has given us just a little to start with, we should give Him His share from that little. If much, then much, for all we have belongs to God.



I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



21ST FEBRUARY, 2010

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

MAY GOD'S BLESSING

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him
and walk in His way.
May His presence within
guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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.



Please leave your donations in the "cot" near the notices table. Michelle is going back to China in March and will no doubt bring back lots of stories for us. Michelle has left photo albums of Jessikah and her and the children from their last visit. Do check them out.

What a joy it was to open an envelope and find the Baumgartner children had saved their coins and donated \$16 to COAT last Sunday. Bless you Jessikah, Jakob and Josef.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS!

Celebrating Birthdays

22nd Kali Rogers (21st)
24th Roslyn Bramley
26th Betty Dabelstein
Jeff Irwin

Congratulations & much love to you all



Sets of Lenten Mission Envelopes are available from the Sidespersons today if you didn't collect any last Sunday.



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



Notes



If you are new to the parish and would like a set of planned giving envelopes, please let us know via a care & courtesy slip.

If you are interested in "Direct Debit" through Anfin please collect a form which is available on the notices table.



DRUG ARM is in urgent need of volunteers to assist with their Street Outreach Service (SOS) that operates in Bundaberg on a Thursday and Friday night.

The SOS program is a mobile support and information service crewed by volunteers providing care, support, information, referrals and emergency transport to people on the streets who are at risk. DRUGARM provides specialized training for all volunteers. Training session commences 19th March. Phone 41521259 to enroll.

*People are funny:
they want the front of the bus,
the middle of the road,
and the back of the church.*

This week in the Parish

Tuesday	9.00am	Sew 'n Sews meet in the hall. Contact Marg Tuffield 41556616
Wednesday	9.00am 9.45am 10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes Lenten Bible Study Pastoral Focus Visitor Mater Hospital Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
Friday	9.00am	Communion Service Argyle Village
Sunday	7.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion Family Communion Service & Sunday School



Needed:

- There is an urgent need for R.E. Teachers in our schools. See the list of classes & schools on the notice board.
- A Sunday School Teacher for the second Sunday of the month—Michelle Baumgartner is filling in until we find another teacher.
- We need power-point projection volunteers for a Roster at the 7.00am & 9.30am services.

Please add your name to the list if you are willing to undertake any of the above ministries.

The "cookie jar" is really hungry!



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

Parish Council Members

The ABM Project Books for 2010 are on the notices table. Please take a copy home to read and bring to the next Council Meeting with your suggestions for our mission projects for 2010.



Mark Your Diaries



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2010 World Day of Prayer Service is being hosted by The Salvation Army at 48 Targo Street on Friday 5th March at 9.30am

MAYORAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

When: Monday 8 March
Where: Civic Centre—190 Bourbong Street.
Time: 6.45am—8.30am
Cost: \$22.00 per person
Guest Speaker: Mr John Gagliardi.
Funds Raised: Bundaberg School Chaplaincy Program
Tickets: Council Administration Centre
NB. Entry by pre-paid ticket only—no tickets available at the door on the day.

Confirmation

Bishop Jonathan Holland will be with us on Sunday 8th August. Anyone over the age of 15 years who wishes to be confirmed should contact the parish secretary as soon as possible.



March is Box Opening Time for Bush Church Aid Mission Boxes.

They should be returned to our BCA Representative Allison Paige or left at the parish office. If you would like to support BCA contact Allison on 41525072 and she will provide you with a mission box.

Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming:

- Whenever you're wrong, admit it.
- Whenever you're right, shut up.

Attention Men!!!



Join us for our next "Men's Breaky" — a BBQ Breakfast on Saturday March 6th at the Botanical Gardens in North Bundaberg with a Quiz challenge.
All enquiries Bill Lawrence 4153173.

Lenten Meal Friday 19th March



The Anglican Men's Society will be holding their annual Lenten Soup Night in Christ Church Supper Room at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. The Guest Speaker is the Chaplain and CEO of the Mission to Seafarers from Brisbane.
This organization together with our sponsorship of a senior child of Fr John Naumann's Amani Centre in Tanzania will be the beneficiaries. Cost: \$10 per person. For catering purposes, please book and pick up your tickets at Christ Church Office 9am-1pm—Ph: 41513128

The 2010 Toowoomba Lenten Lay Retreat

Day of Reflection & Silent Retreat — Led by Fr. Jack Phillips—5th, 6th 7th March.

4 Options available
Friday 5th: Renewal, Confession, Restoration.

Silent Retreat; Lord of energy, teach us to pray
Christ centered; Remembrance and Adoration.

Bookstall from Koorong, Brisbane.

Further information and registration forms available. Contact Glenis George 41579604.

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.

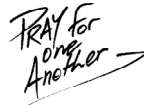
Pastoral Focus Prayer.

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.



In your prayers, please remember:-

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

Estelle Bawden; Heather Delve; Boss & Mabel Matthews; Ellen McLucas; David, Karen, Liam & Connor Smith; Geoff & Ollie Powell; Wanda Taplin; Bob & Kay Wagner, 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"

Aaron; Billy; Jan; Tash; Susan; Karen & Willow; Leonie; Daniel; David Z; Alan S; Toni; Lil; Barney; Richard; Pat; Alan B; Lachlan & Millie Rose (premie babies); Bev; ... (and those known only to the Lord).

Special Needs:

Joan; Rita & Frank; Matthew; Andy; Sue, Brittany & Brayden; Chris; Anna; Ian, Ashlee & Courtney; Bonny and Children; Dave & 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):-

Meryl Andrew; Eliza Mackay

Thanksgiving for the life of:



First Sunday in Lent

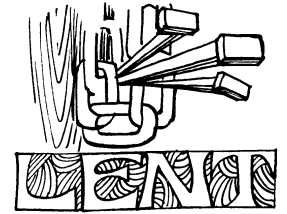
Sentence: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.

Readings Today

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16
Second Reading: Romans 10:4-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-15

Readings next Sunday—Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm: 27
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



Prayer for a new Rector

Lord, grant to us a shepherd after your own heart who will empower and equip us to spread the good news to our community and beyond. Bring us someone who will help us to hear your voice more clearly as we follow your desires for our church family. May our new minister be equipped to teach us how to be intentional and effective in leading other sheep into your fold.

Father, help us to be willing to let you prune those branches that are fruitless in our own lives. Thank you that, out of our abundant supply in Jesus, we can offer life-giving water to those who are thirsty. Grant us a vision for your Kingdom and for our role in bringing others to meet you by the power of your Spirit. We place our future in your capable hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.



ABM Reflections of Today's Readings.

Jesus faced temptations throughout his ministry. Remember the Garden of Gethsemane and his plea for the Father to 'let this cup pass from me'. And the mocking cry as Our Lord hung on the cross: 'If you are the Son of God save yourself'. These, and more besides, were temptations for Our Lord to take the easy way out. God's way often appears to be the more painful or costly path, but it is the only truly satisfying way.

- Pray that we might live holy lives
- Give thanks for all who have faithfully served, and are serving, in the mission field.