

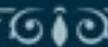
# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

## Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate

*To nurture the spiritual life and activities of the parish community*



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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*The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon and Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.*

# LITURGIES

2 May - 8 May 2022



Pray For...

## Parish Office CLOSED

Tuesday 3 May to Thursday 5 May 2022

Due to a Diocesan Administration  
In-Service

### MONDAY

*Saint Athanasius*

### TUESDAY

*Saint Philip and James*

### WEDNESDAY

9am Sacred Heart Church  
Adoration & Rosary

### THURSDAY

9am Mary Immaculate Church

### FRIDAY

9:00am ST Brendan's College

### SATURDAY

5:15pm Mary Immaculate Mass

### SUNDAY

*4th Sunday of Easter*

8:15am Sacred Heart Confession

9:00am Sacred Heart Mass

Morning Tea following 9am Mass

5:00pm Sacred Heart Mass



POWERED BY  
Donation Point

**the sick:** Deb VanNunen, Joan Lacey, Erin Hutchinson, Hans Steger, Richard Irons, Stephen Egan, Carol Murray, Bev Bartlem, Louise Cafarella, Michael & Stephen Jones (Gympie), Colleen Graham, Elizabeth Hill (Sydney), Margaret Healey (Bundaberg), Terry Bishton, Barbara Tamassy.

**the recently deceased:** Noel Murray, Petronila Jensen, Joseph Grasso, Josephine Quinn, Betty Pettit, Anthony Baker, Mavis Danielsen, Marlene Lennon, Chris Coppen, Patricia O'Reilly, John Provan, Brian Johnston, Andrea Castro Cossid Deluao, Don McCusker (Bundaberg), Arthur 'Brendan' Williams, Robert Effeney, John Ware, Briona McKone, Bob Mills.

**those whose anniversary occurs at this time:** Pauline Coleman, Sue Palmer, Bob Mills, Carmel Gormley, Pauline Effeney, Kevin Conscili, Helen Kehoe, Bill Shields, John Pearson, Charlie Shelton, Oswin Wilson, Fintan Real, Iris Crickmore, Len Effeney, Joan McCusker.

## RENEWAL OF MINISTRIES

Liturgy Team; Baptismal Team; Music Ministry  
Extraordinary Minister of Communion at Mass & to the Sick & Homebound Ministers of the Word

The catechism states that one of the ways that God reveals God's self to us is through the tradition of the Church and the liturgy is the longest standing tradition we have. Consequently, it is essential that all members of the assembly, and especially those who take on specific ministries, are properly trained and participate in regular formation to renew and refresh their knowledge and understanding of ministry. Regular participation in Sunday Eucharist is presumed for those who participate in any ministry.

On the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May Sr Ursula O'Rourke will be visiting the parish to provide formation in various liturgical ministries. If you wish to join a particular ministry or receive ongoing formation for the ministry you are currently doing then these workshops will be a wonderful opportunity to share in the wisdom of Sr Ursula.

### Sacred Heart Church, Yeppoon

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm Overview of Liturgical Ministry

For: Liturgy Team Members; Anyone who is interested

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	Music Ministry
	11.00am	Baptismal Team

### Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	4.00pm	Ministers of the Word
		Ministers of Communion

### Sacred Heart Church, Yeppoon

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.00am	Ministers of the Word
		Ministers of Communion

Could you please indicate your attendance by emailing:

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Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.  
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,  
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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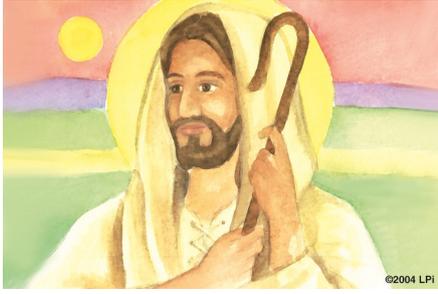


Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
Our life our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.  
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us  
and after this our exile, show unto us the  
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ.

# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



## First Reading

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

## Psalm 99

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

## Gospel

John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.



## Mercy Associates Gathering

**Date:** Saturday, 7 May following the 9am Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral

**Guest Speaker:** Father Noel Milner-wonderful historian on the Holy Land

**Topic:** *It is the Time to Tell the Story-St Luke & his Writings*

**Venue:** Parish Function Room (behind The Cathedral Bookstore)  
All are welcome!

## PARISH MORNING TEA

Sacred Heart Church

**Sunday 1 May 2022**

Morning tea following 9am Mass

Everyone Welcome!

## SHARED MEAL

Mary Immaculate Church

**Saturday 7 May 2022**

Shared Meal following 5:15pm Mass

Bring a plate to share

Everyone Welcome!

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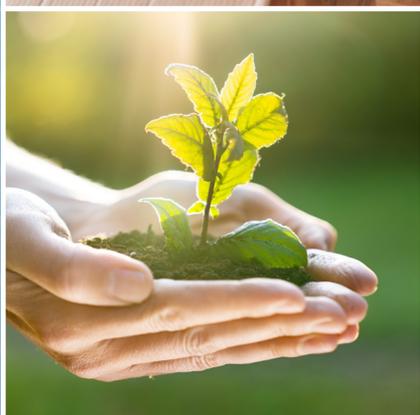
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## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE ELECTION STATEMENT 2022

# Towards a Better Kind of Politics

- We all long for what Pope Francis calls “a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” for all Australians.
- The ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic reveal our need for a human-centred economy that allows all people to flourish and provides them the support they and their families need.
- In Australia, there remain insufficient responses to the needs of vulnerable people in our community such as those in need of palliative care, aged care, First Nations people, asylum-seekers and refugees, and those in poverty.
- We reaffirm our endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call for recognition of First Nations Australians in the Constitution and a First Nations “Voice” to the Australian Parliament.
- Our physical world is under significant environmental pressure that can be addressed by a new integral ecology that seeks to care for our land and our people.
- People who have a religious faith need protection from discrimination including the ability to undertake activities and form religious bodies that can pursue their religious mission. This includes commonsense provisions to allow religious schools to preference the hiring of staff who support the school’s ethos. Catholic schools educate one in every five Australian students.

# Towards a Better Kind of Politics

**Our Christian faith calls us to be a missionary people bearing witness to the love of Jesus Christ for humanity. Our beliefs are not a private spirituality, but are realised through love expressed in action.**

As we offer this statement, we acknowledge no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching. Nevertheless, we offer this statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all.

We all long for what Pope Francis calls “a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good”. At the heart of this “better” politics is a vision to pursue the common good of all Australians by recognising the dignity of every individual and the solidarity we all share as a national community.

Since the last federal election we have seen the impact and the challenges of a global pandemic, floods, summers of bushfires, wild weather events and a world on edge because of military conflict.

We are blessed in Australia to be able to participate in and help shape the civic life of our country. The war in Ukraine reminds us that our political values of peace, justice and collaborative participation in a democratic system are not guaranteed and we must work to protect them.

Foremost in the minds of many will be Australia’s economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19. The societal disruptions from the pandemic have revealed significant levels of poverty and disadvantage within Australia. We need a new social contract that focuses the economy more clearly on the common good. The common good is the good of all people spiritually, socially and materially, including those who struggle to participate.

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While numerous issues in life and politics deserve consideration, we will focus our reflection on several key issues central to Australian life and for the next term of government.

Catholic health and aged care services are collectively significant providers of palliative care in our health system.

We support the highest standards for aged care and palliative care. It is at the core of human dignity to value the lives of all people, including those near the end of their lives.

We are concerned by laws that support the notion that a person’s life might reach a point at which it is no longer of value. This is particularly dangerous given it is often the most vulnerable who are at risk of receiving lower standards of health, aged and palliative care. Among the most vulnerable are those without the financial means, health literacy or support networks to help them access and navigate complex systems.

There is an urgent need for a clearer definition of palliative care, and a dedicated commitment to ensuring uniformly high funding, standards and availability for these services in both the private and public health and aged care systems.

**The Commonwealth Government should play a leading role in ensuring consistently high-quality palliative care is available across Australia**, to ensure that no one is pressured into choosing assisted suicide because palliative care is unavailable. That is no choice at all.

The recent Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has revealed the need for fundamental reform of the aged care system, including an increase in award wages for staff. A wage increase would help provide a more just income for workers and address the staff shortages crippling the sector. **Sufficient funding of the aged care sector is vital to ensure that the growing number of older Australians can receive dignified and quality care.**

The pandemic further entrenched poverty and disadvantage in Australia. Those in low-paying and insecure employment, particularly young people, women and new migrants, suffered significant job losses and reduction of hours, forcing them to seek assistance from government and non-government providers.

**An incoming government should raise the rate of JobSeeker to at least meet the poverty line.** This will not only assist those seeking work to better prepare themselves for employment, but will help break the cycle of disadvantage for the 1.2 million children and young people living in poverty.

**“We need a holistic, long-term vision for the future – not just a vision for the economy but a vision for Australian society, the human community and the whole earth community.”**

Governments should also provide greater investment in affordable and social housing, particularly by addressing the growing crisis of women over 55 years experiencing homelessness.

Most importantly, a government committed to the common good should deliver a medium- to long-term plan for eradicating poverty in Australia.

It is essential for the wellbeing of our society for Australians of all religious faiths, or none, to have the religious freedom to practise their beliefs. **Protection from discrimination and the liberty to run religious organisations on the basis of their faith-inspired mission are fundamental human rights that deserve to be protected.**

Commonsense protections of Australians from discrimination will not privilege the rights of people of faith in Australia above the rights of other Australians. We call only for the same level of protections against discrimination on the basis of religion that Australia already has on the basis of race, sex or age.

Protections from discrimination will ensure religious schools and other agencies can continue to preference the hiring of staff who support the organisation’s mission.

The Catholic education sector has grown over the past 200 years to educate more than 777,000 students and employs more than 100,000 staff across 1,755 schools.

The Church’s mission to the education and care of the most vulnerable is paramount and is evidenced by the nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools located in regional, rural and remote areas, and the growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Catholic schools – increasing by 168 per cent in the past two decades.

The key issues for Catholic education in the upcoming federal election include **ensuring school choice remains an accessible option for all families**, particularly those affected by disadvantage, funding early childhood education in the two years before school and advocating for Catholic schools to access programs and funding for national priorities, such as Closing the Gap and student mental health initiatives.

We reaffirm our endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call for recognition of First Nations Australians in the Constitution and a First Nations “Voice” to the Australian Parliament.

**Constitutional recognition and active steps towards reconciliation are fundamental moral issues.** They require the willingness of Australians to engage in a process of “truth-telling”, listening to the experiences of First Nations Australians and their hopes for the future.

Closing the Gap also requires committing the necessary resources to help empower First Peoples and move us towards a fairer and more honest relationship.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made us more conscious than ever that we are one human family. Refugees and asylum-seekers fleeing persecution, violence or life-threatening poverty, and people who have been displaced by climate change, are our sisters and brothers.

Our Church teaches that anyone who is forced to flee to protect their lives or human dignity has a moral claim on our assistance, whether they fit legal definitions of a refugee or not. **We need a just, humane and timely system for assessing claims for asylum.**

The situation in Afghanistan demands a special intake of at least 20,000 additional places. We have a moral duty towards those who supported Australian military forces as interpreters or in other capacities. Ukrainian refugees require similar mercy.

**The social, economic, health and ecological dimensions of the current environmental crisis must be addressed by a new integral ecology.**

Greater ambition is needed for the 2030 carbon emissions target. We hope for targets that are more in line with the Paris Agreement and the emerging scientific consensus.

We need a holistic, long-term vision for the future – not just a vision for the economy but a vision for Australian society, the human community and the whole earth community.

There is no doubt Australian aid and the work of agencies like Caritas Australia is vital for assisting people in emergencies, promoting education and transforming lives.

Poverty makes people vulnerable to modern slavery and is enabled by globalisation. **Australia’s Modern Slavery Act should be strengthened** by firstly appointing an independent Anti-slavery Commissioner with a broad mandate to drive better practice in mitigating risk in our supply chains and, secondly, widening the coverage of this legislation to include the States and more companies.

We pray that Australia realises the vision for politics pronounced by Pope Francis when he wrote that, “Good politics combines love with hope and with confidence in the reserves of goodness present in human hearts”.

We have the opportunity and the responsibility to use our votes and our voices to realise this better politics. As the bishops of Australia, we implore all Catholics in this blessed country to go forth with this message of love, hope, confidence and goodness.

**+ Mark Coleridge  
President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**

# The Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Having developed from more than a century of papal teaching responding to the world's important social and political issues, the principles of Catholic social teaching invite us all to respond to the 'signs of the times' by pursuing justice and peace.

## HUMAN DIGNITY

The fundamental principle for Catholic social teaching is the Christian belief that all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God so that human life is always and everywhere valuable and inviolable. All people, from all races and all human cultures, are created equal in a dignity that belongs to them by virtue of their existence.

As a result, people must always be recognised as being more valuable than things and must never be treated as an instrument to be used for the benefit of another.

## COMMON GOOD

The principle of the common good reminds us that we must actively seek to achieve the social conditions that lead to the greater fulfilment of every member of society. The primary purpose of governments is the pursuit of the common good.

We all communally profit when everyone, and not just select individuals or privileged groups, has their rights recognised and is able to flourish. It is the collective good of all individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute a just society.

## SUBSIDIARITY

The principle of subsidiarity requires that the people or groups most directly affected by a decision or policy should have the key decision-making role in its development. Subsidiarity involves, as far as is practically possible, pushing the responsibility for decision-making down to its lowest and most local levels. It facilitates the participation of small communities, institutions and families, emphasises their identity as a group and creates a natural sense of solidarity between all people.

## SOLIDARITY

Solidarity acknowledges that humans are social beings who make up one human family and have responsibilities to each other despite national, racial, cultural, economic and ideological differences. It recognises that it is cooperation between the different sections of the community, rather than conflict or competition, that cultivates a just and prosperous society.

The principle of solidarity helps us see other people as our neighbours and to prioritise those in greatest need, especially those who are marginalised, vulnerable, poor or distressed.



## A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

God of this land and of every people,  
who shape all things according to your own design  
and write your law in every human heart:  
we thank you for this country we call home,  
from the First Nations people to others born here  
and those you have gathered from across the earth.

We pray for the citizens of our land in this troubled time,  
that we may be committed to justice,  
to the dignity of each human life,  
and to solidarity with all Australians and with the world.

Guide all who seek election to serve the nation;  
may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics  
that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all.  
May all of us see and hear you in the most vulnerable,  
that we may respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor,  
that we may respond to you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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