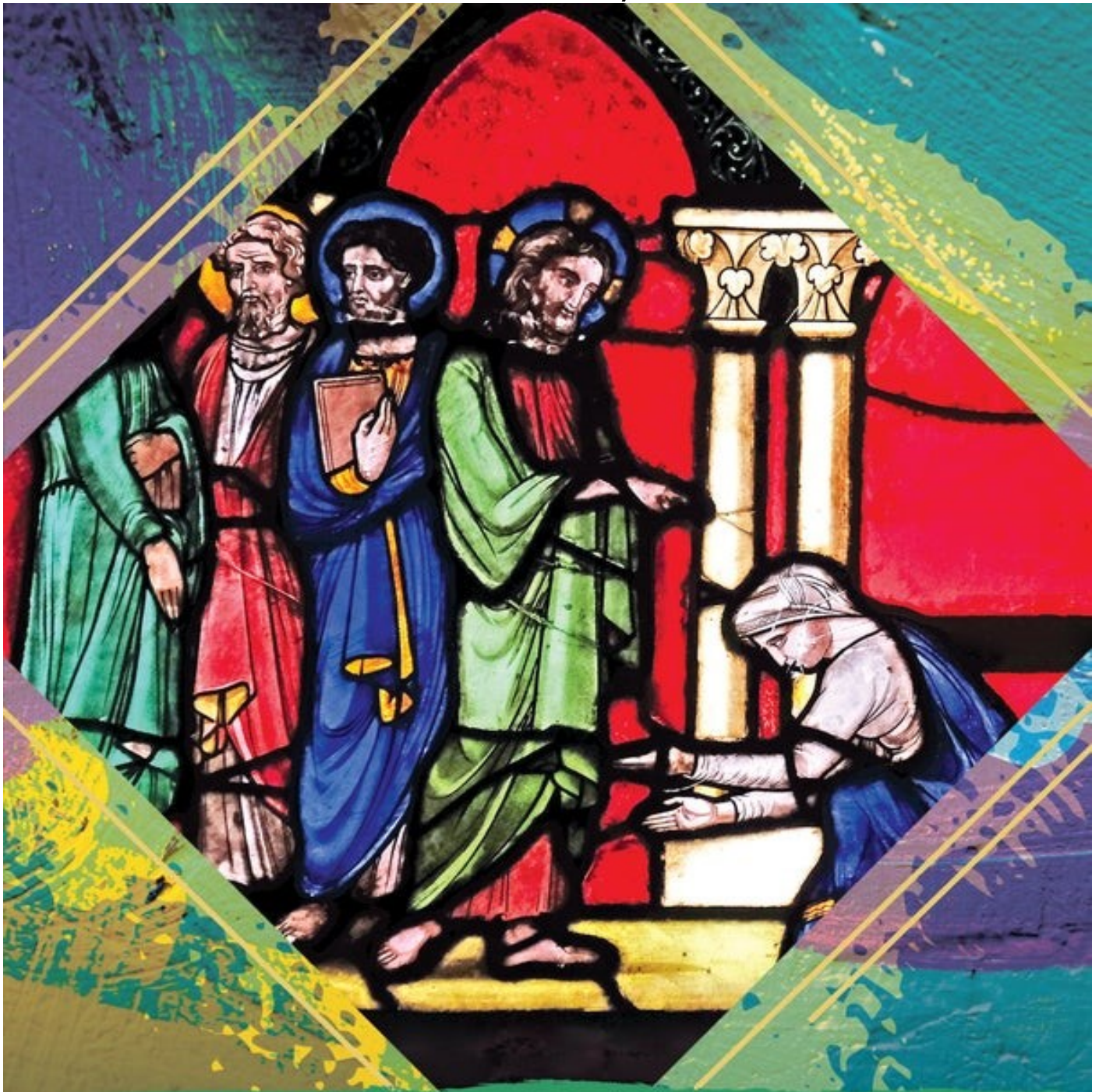


# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate



## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,  
“Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:25

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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



21 - 27 August 2023

## MONDAY

12pm Funeral Mass Fr Pat Mooney RIP  
Francis Xavier Church Mackay

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church  
Adoration & Rosary

## THURSDAY

10am Mass St Ursula's College

## FRIDAY

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church  
2:00pm Rosary

## SATURDAY

5:15pm Mass Mary Immaculate Church

## SUNDAY

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am-8:30am Reconciliation  
Sacred Heart Church

9am Mass Sacred Heart Church

5pm Mass Sacred Heart Church



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### the sick:

Jack & Cecily Pickett, Joan Lacey, Colleen Jones, Catherine Marshall, Ray Channels, Angela White, Michael Jones, Giulia Jones, Christine Stephenson.

### the recently deceased:

Donald Ross, Tony Dixon, Fr Pat Mooney, Robert Bate, Franca Viti, Terry Bishton, Mary Williams, Coleen Bignell, Carmel Hayes, Margaret Mealey, Shirley Price.

### those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Joyce Sutton (Melbourne), Geoff Jefferis, Eli Kent, Mitchell Norris, Joyce Sutton, Fr Chris Schick, Bruce Goodman, Cliff Humphries, Stanley Horton, Matthew Johnston.



The annual leaving collection will be taken up next weekend to support the works of the St Vincent De Paul society. Your generosity will allow us to assist the disadvantaged on the Capricorn Coast, as we continue to provide essentials such as food and clothing.

### THANK YOU from Year 9 at St Ursula's College

A huge thank you to the women from our Parish who attended our Women of Faith Afternoon Tea this week. The Year 9s were so excited and very grateful for the stories that you all shared. This is a highlight for many of our Year 9s and it couldn't happen without you donating your valued time. Thank you again.

The Year 9 Religious Education team.

## RI CATECHIST

Urgently Required Volunteer Teachers & helpers for Religious Instructions in Yeppoon Primary State Schools. Phone Hazel Massie 0459 058 798 or Sacred Heart Church Office 49336171.

## MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS

Communion Ministry will be after Mass.

Saturday 5:15pm Mass 26th August &

Sunday 9am Mass 27th August.

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

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively understands that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### The Body of Christ

Early in the fifth century, St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo, delivered a sermon in which he instructed the newly baptised about the meaning of the Eucharist:

**What you see...is bread and a cup. This is what your eyes report to you. But your faith has need to be taught that the bread is the body of Christ, the cup the blood of Christ.... If, then, you wish to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle as he says to the faithful "You are the body of Christ and His members".... You reply "Amen" to that which you are, and by replying you consent. For you hear "The body of Christ," and you reply "Amen." Be a member of the body of Christ so that your "Amen" may be true.... Be what you see, and receive what you are. (Sermon 272)**

I offer this quotation from Augustine because of what I have learned from many years of teaching graduate and undergraduate students and giving talks on the Eucharist in a variety of parishes. *When I ask people what they are doing when they say "Amen" to "The body of Christ," they often say that they are expressing faith in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Yet I never hear them say that they are affirming their identity as members of the body of Christ.*

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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

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

## Psalm 137

Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

## Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

From Him, through Him and in Him  
are all things.

## Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.



## Social Justice Sunday

(CST) - The Principle of "Human Dignity" - WK 2

This principle is the basis of all CST, and from which all human rights are derived. Our church tradition teaches that all people are "created in the image and likeness of God" and are therefore worthy of respect no matter culture, race, gender, sexuality, age or ability. Under this principle we are called to oppose racism, misogyny, unjust wars, inequality, the use of the death penalty, and to act to overcome poverty and suffering wherever we encounter it.

**FIRST AID TRAINING**



## First Aid Course

Seeking expressions of interest

**Course:** online and practical components

A small fee is payable. Date yet to be confirmed.

Contact office for further information

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

A reminder that all money from the sale of **The Catholic Leader** which is **\$4.00** each, is to be put in the tall wooden Poor Box in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church & in an envelope for collection at Emu Park.

## Student Artwork

Year 4 students from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Year 5 students from St Benedict's have been working on artworks depicting the Holy Trinity and The Blessed Mary. We invite everyone to Sacred Heart Church and check them out. They are amazing!

## Parish Secretary



Hello parishioners! My name is Angela Wilczek, and I am the new Parish Secretary for the Capricorn Coast. I am a local parishioner, and completed the RCIA program here last year. I have come from working at the Sacred Heart School library. Recently, I was appointed as the R'ton Diocese Caritas representative. I look forward to working with you in my role as Parish Secretary.

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