

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

23 February 2025 - 7th Sunday in Ord. Time, Yr C



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GOSPEL MEDITATION: - Father John Muir ©LPi

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darkneses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2

David spares Saul.

Psalm 102:

**The Lord is kind
and merciful.**

2nd Reading:

1 Corinth. 15:45-49

Jesus is the new Adam.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemy.

HOUSE CLEANER REQUIRED

The Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish is seeking a
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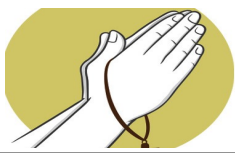
Hours are negotiable - up to 6 hours per week.

Please contact the Parish Office for a Role Description
on 4933 6171 or
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Applications close end of February.



*The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & 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.*



REMEMBER

in your prayers

Baptisms: Archer Wall, Nora Ballard, Heidi Muhling, Willoughby Phillips, Patrick Clough, Charlie Ruscoe.

The sick: Pat Claire, Frank Withoos, Leo Withoos, Fr Peter Tonti, Aden Gauld, Barry Abraham, Ray Tamassy, Kevin Connor, Brian Holmes (Syd), Wendy Stephens, Carolyn Perkins, Amy Collins, Derm Stower, Colleen Stower, Fr Bryan Hannifin, Eimear Devlin (Ireland), Paul Hansby, Ollie Miles, Scott Mahosky, Kevin & Joan Lacey, Jo-Anne Coxon, Alan Davids, Adam Loch, Pat Searles.

The recently deceased: Teresa Sciani, Ernest O'Sullivan, Yvonne Cochrane, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Noel McKenzie, Fiona Bryson, Ken Jenkins.

Anniversaries at this time: Christine Gynther, Fintan Real, Vince Murphy, Brendan Williams, Shirley Kruger, Colin Shaw, William Conaughton, Diane Black.

!! CHANGES TO MASS TIMES !!

1. From Sunday 23rd February onwards, the Sunday evening Masses will be held at St Brendan's College, Yeppoon.
2. From Tuesday 4th March onwards, there will be a weekly 9am Tuesday Mass at Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park.

SHARED MEAL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Please note: the **Mary Immaculate** Shared Meal will be moved back one week to **Saturday 8th March**, after the evening Mass.

The **Sacred Heart** Shared Meal will be held on **Sunday 2nd March**, after the 9am Mass.



Celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025?

As part of our year of Jubilee, Bishop Michael extends an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding this year to join him to celebrate a Jubilee of Marriage.

**St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Sunday, 16th March during the 9.30am Mass**

Please RSVP to the Bishops Office by 10th March on 4887 3070 or email bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au



LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Wed 26 Feb	9:00am	** NO MASS **
Thurs 27 Feb	8:00am	Mass, St Ursula's College
Fri 28 Feb	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 1 March	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 2 March	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, S. Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, St Brendan's College ** PLEASE NOTE ** ** CHANGE IN LOCATION **
<i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		

WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend: 7th Sunday in Ord. Time 22/23 Feb			
	5.15pm Sat MI	9am Sun SH	5pm Sun SBC
Commentator	Rene Veltmyer	Warren Middleton	Lloyd Webley
1st Reader	Collette Bowman	Gordon Gauld	Parishioner
2nd Reader	Gail Goodman	Nini Sielaf	Parishioner
Next weekend: 8th Sunday in Ord. Time 1/2 March			
Commentator	John McKenna	Melissa Collins	Margaret McAuliffe
1st Reader	Jan Jaeger	Maurice Conway	Parishioner
2nd Reader	Michele Connors	Parishioner	Parishioner



REMINDER: The Peter's Pence Collection will be conducted on the weekend of **22nd and 23rd February**.

Our Diocese is conducting this collection on the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Chair of St Peter.

The proceeds of the Peter's Pence Collection are used to support the activities carried out by the Holy See in service of the Pope's apostolic mission and to support projects of direct assistance to those most in need: families, dioceses, parishes, and religious institutes in need; migrants and refugees; populations affected by war and famine; communities affected by the adverse consequences of climate change; and those in need of humanitarian assistance.

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

Healing Prayer Ministry: Prayer Requests

Would you like prayer for a particular reason / circumstance?

HPM now has a designated email address where prayer requests can be made directly: hpmcapcoast@gmail.com
These requests will be distributed to our HPM Intercessors who will begin to pray for the need, **immediately**.

For **privacy reasons**, all prayer requests must be submitted from the one requiring the prayer or their Parent / Next of Kin / Advocate, please.

HPM following Mass:

22 / 23 February - 5.15pm Mary Immaculate
01 / 02 March - 9.00am Sacred Heart

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me" John 14:1

Marriage Encounter Weekend: 4th to 6th July 2025 @ Santa Teresa, Ormiston

Reconnect, rekindle and refresh your marriage. *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* is offering a weekend for couples away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your couple relationship and revitalise this precious asset. Our weekend gives couples the opportunity to focus on their relationship with their spouse. Priest and religious are also invited to focus on their relationship with their community. Listen to presenting team couples and priest give witness to the power of God within the married and priestly vocations. Our next live-in weekend will be held from 7pm Friday evening 4 July to 4pm Sunday afternoon 6 July (including Sunday Mass). The venue is the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

To book go to the web site www.wwme.org.au or contact Joseph and Lisha Deseam on **0481 307 821** or via email qldbookings@wwme.org.au

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Date Claimer:

Saturday 8th March 2025 Women, Wit & Wisdom

The third annual Women, Wit & Wisdom panel event will be held in the Ballygriffin Cultural Centre, St Ursula's College, Yeppoon, on Saturday 8 March 2025 from 3.00pm-5.30pm.

This is a community event celebrating International Women's Day with an afternoon of conversation.

Email alumni@stursulas.qld.edu.au to receive notification when tickets become available or follow @stursulascollegeyeppoonalumni on Facebook for updates.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Turn the other cheek

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike - only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand - as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

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.



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DAILY MEDITATIONS BY HENRI NOUWEN

Stay Fully Where You Are: There is this wonderful word in the Gospel and it is “patience”. In the Gospel to have patience means to stay fully where you are, to live the moment to the full, to trust that all you need is where you are.

The Paradox of Grace: All that there is of love in me is a gift from Jesus, yet every gesture of love I am able to make will be recognized as uniquely mine. That’s the paradox of grace. The fullest gift of grace brings with it the fullest gift of freedom. There is nothing good in me that does not come from God, through Christ, but all the good in me is uniquely my own. The deeper my intimacy with Jesus the more complete is my freedom. Whatever I am to be in the years ahead, anything that may be good about it comes from Jesus. But what comes from Jesus I can truly claim as most fully my own.

Free to Accept God’s Guidance: Jesus learned obedience from his suffering (Heb. 5:7-9). This means that his pains and struggles made him able to listen more perfectly to God. In and through his sufferings, he came to know God’s heart and could respond to his call. For me, entering into the suffering of the poor is a way to become obedient—that is, a listener of God. Suffering accepted and shared in love breaks down my selfish defenses and sets me free to accept God’s guidance.

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