



Ministerial Region of the Good Shepherd Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B 7TH AND 8TH APRIL 2024

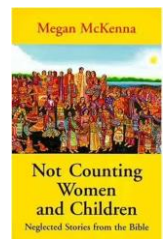
Raising the dead . . .

Have you ever raised someone from the dead?

Hold on — don't answer just yet.

Theologian, peace activist and storyteller Megan McKenna believes that resurrection is more than just a miraculous coda to the life of Jesus. Resurrection can become a spiritual practice — we can be the means for restoring life to those entombed in fear, anger and hopelessness.

In her book **Not Counting Women and Children: Neglected Stories from the Bible**, McKenna recalls leading a parish mission on the story in Luke's Gospel of Jesus' raising the widow's son from dead in the village of Nain. Megan McKenna writes:



"Someone called out harshly, 'Have you ever brought someone back from the dead?' I had been saying that life happens when we are interrupted, and that some of the most powerful acts of resurrection happen to the least likely people; that we are the people of resurrection and hope, called to live passionately and compassionately with others, to defy death, to forgive, and to bring others back into the community, to do something that is life-giving, that fights death and needless suffering. And then this challenge [comes] from the back of the church.

"My response was 'Yes.' I went on to say, 'Every time I bring hope into a situation, every time I bring joy that shatters despair, every time I forgive others and give them back dignity and the possibility of a future with me and others in the community, every time I listen to others and affirm them and their life, every time I speak the truth in public, every time I confront injustice — yes — I bring people back from the dead.'"



The power of resurrection: bringing back to "life" someone given up for dead and consigned to the abyss, restoring another to the life of belonging, of purpose, of hope. What God has done in raising his Son from the dead we can do, as well, when we seek to imitate Christ's Gospel of justice, reconciliation and peace. The Spirit that God breathed into us at birth gave us life; the Risen Christ breathes that same Spirit into us again at Baptism, enabling us to be ministers of his resurrection, instruments of his peace, and the means for realising the Kingdom of God in our time and place. Easter faith empowers us to restore the lost to community, to bring hope to the despair and grieving, to advocate for justice for the abused and marginalised, to heal and mend hearts broken and fractured, to construct bridges across chasms of discord and animosity. This Easter season, may we recommit ourselves to the humbling and selfless work of raising the "dead" to life.

Peace

Parish Pastoral Team

Act Justly, Love tenderly and Walk Humbly with God. Micah. 6:8

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love is everlasting

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

My Lord, My God, Hear our Prayers.

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Resp. Psalm: Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v. 1

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

P.G: \$292.00 **Loose:** \$1,474.00
Raffle: \$39.00 **Winner:** Carla (donated to Parish)

*Thank you for your support of the Parish
Your support is greatly appreciated.*



MASS TIMES

Good Shepherd:	Saturday	6.00 pm
Good Shepherd:	Sunday	7.30 am
Ryan:	Sunday	9.30 am
	Sunday	5.00 pm
Good Shepherd:	Wednesday	6.30 am
	Friday	(No Mass)
Ryan:	Monday	8.00 am
	Tuesday	8.00 am
	Wednesday	10.00 am
	(Adoration after Mass)	
	Thursday	8.00 am

Parish Office Times

Monday – Friday **8.00am – 4.00 pm**
(Closed on Public Holidays)

BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK:

NO BAPTISMS



MOTHERS PRAYERS meet on Monday morning at 9 am and Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm (except for Public Holidays) Room 5, at the Ryan Community Centre. For further information see church noticeboard or contact Janice on 0401 581 925.



Our Parishioners meet for coffee at Baker & Barista, Willows at 9.00 am every second Tuesday. Next get together 9th April

RECONCILIATION: Our Parish Priests are available for Reconciliation each weekend before & after Mass Other times to suit can be arranged by phoning the Parish Office on 4723 9844 to make an appointment.



Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:

Mick Mulroney, Daphne Slattery, Kevin Shephard, Matthew Varkey, Edward Rasie, Shirley Franks, Agnes Sariman, Graham Jordan, Peter Allen, Graham Beckwith, Mary McMahon, Yvonne Vasta, Vailea 'Eteaki

ANNIVERSARIES: *Tony Rynne, Joe Sorbello, Evelyn Lawson, Faust Jacobone, Sandy Feeney, Shirley Giess, Grace O'Shea, Frank Grist, Joan Stanley, Arcangela Dibella,*



Please pray for the sick in our community & for all those in need of our prayers:

Colin Burke, Andrea Coulton, Lesley Griffin, Elena Brosnan, Winfred Santos, John Parker, Peggy Brazel, Boston Gallagher, Tom Raleigh, Michelle Gosper, Timothy Sherrington, Vincent Bray, Annie Clay, Madonna Reinke, Wendy Dowd, Marion Baxter, Douglas Graham, Dylan Bagley, Patricia Antony, Don Forrest, Martin Jordan, Helen Spokes, Larissa Hartnell, Connah Brazel, Jacqui Conn, Peter Miller, Andy Murphy, Kenneth Brand, Toby Kelly, Carmel Thompson, Sean Sibson, Cassie Brazel, Bronwyn Rust-Jones, Warwick Bull, Maureen Graham, Catarina Nisha, Marg Ryan, Telia Casey, Mary Butler, Daniel Davies, Graham Collins, Allister Holland, Tony Seeto, Robyn Gorry, Kevern Kennedy, Maree Stark, Kelly Hartley, Helen Bray, Marion Marschall, Ron Fletcher, Jon Loncar, Bob Haynes, Elsa Venturato, Duane Harrison

If your loved one no longer needs our prayers, please contact the office.

ROSTERS 13TH AND 14TH APRIL 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 6.00pm

Welcome:

Readers: McNeale
Family

Eucharistic: Hodson
Family
TBA

Sunday 7.30am

Clare Stempel

Aileen Byrnes
Peter Daniel

Vincenza Sorbello
Sue South
Suzanne Lydeamore

RYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sunday 9.30am

Readers: Michael Griffin
Kathy Serrurier

Eucharistic: Deborah Millard
Michael Bridgefoot

Sunday 5.00pm

Cathy O'Toole
TBA
Erin Stafford
TBA
TBA

Offertory: Sacramental Program
Cuppa Norah Kersh
Baptism Andrea and Helen

**We acknowledge & respect the traditional owners & custodians of the land on which we stand,
The Wulgurukaba people. May we walk gently together.**

- 21st April** Sacramental Program Confirmation and First Eucharist – 9.30 am Emmaus Hall
(All are welcome)
- 24th April** Baptism Preparation Meeting 7.00 pm Ryan Community Centre
- 25th April** ANZAC Day

Project Compassion – Thank you



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. **Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

You go to church but is that enough for you? Maybe you feel like something's missing? Maybe you want to get closer to God? Maybe you want to be surrounded by people who love you and support you? Maybe you just want a place where you can belong or a space where you can just, be? Come and be a part of our Catholic Charismatic Prayer Community. Come and be transformed!! We meet every Sunday night at 7pm at Ryan Community Centre, Morindo Drive, Kirwan. Contact Trudy 0418 726 109 or email townsville.ccr@gmail.com

HOUSE OF PRAYER

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?

The House of Prayer is welcoming interest and enrolments for their spiritual direction formation program beginning in May. The program will run part time over 3 years with 3 intensives each year. This formation is beneficial to anyone called to a listening ministry and those who would like to explore their own contemplative practices. To express your interest or for more information, please contact Brianne Falconieri at the House of Prayer on 4728 9861 or visit our website <https://www.houseofprayertownsville.org.au/formation-program.html>

PRESBYTERY CLEANER

We are looking for a cleaner for the Presbytery. This involves cleaning of the Presbytery and ironing for the Priests. This is for 5 hours per week. Please contact the Parish Office.



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Children's Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MASS READERS, EUCHARIST MINISTERS ETC.

We are looking for volunteers to assist at all of our Masses, with Reading, Eucharistic Ministers etc. If you would like to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

FACILITATING OPEN COUPLE COMMUNICATION UNDERSTANDING AND STUDY (FOCCUS)

Pre-Marriage Inventory, previously known as the Marriage Preparation Course. Couples are invited to explore their relationship with each other and the marriage they would like to have, through discussions on topics; what strengthens and weakens relationships, communication and resolving conflict. Couples will be asked to consider a series of questions relating to their relationship in context of parenting, religion, spirituality, values, readiness, communication, problem solving, intimacy and family of origin. A second session may be required for further opportunity for couple to discuss the topics from the previous session with a qualified pre-marriage educator. Couples will receive a certificate on the successful completion of the course. FOCCUS© is an opportunity for discussion, not a test, predictor or compatibility assessment. LOCATION: Townsville, Burdekin, Charters Towers and Ingham

HOSPITAL ADMISSION

Priests and trained volunteers visit as many of our sick parishioners as possible in all our hospitals. If you are admitted to hospital remember to ask staff to mark your religion as 'Catholic' if you would like the ministry of a priest or Catholic hospital visitor.

Safeguarding Website

Respect, Protect and Report

Your involvement and support to our parishes is critical to ensure we put into action, our commitment to protect our most vulnerable and to create a safer environment for everyone. Our Church community seeks to respect our diverse circumstances and backgrounds, and to provide support and respond effectively to those who are vulnerable and at risk of being harmed. The Catholic Diocese of Townsville believes that children and vulnerable adults (adults at risk of being harmed) are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological harm. Please visit www.tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding to access the safeguarding policy, its procedures and resource documents. Your feedback, via the webpage, is welcome and is directly submitted to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. You can also speak directly with your Parish Priest or Safeguarding Representative.

For more information regarding the Safeguarding policy and our procedures, please contact Mr Craig Brereton on 4726 3264 or cbrereton@tsv.catholic.org.au

STOPline Service

The Diocese of Townsville has recently enhanced its Whistle-blower Program, which enables all workers, volunteers, parents of students and parishioners to play an active role in eliminating improper conduct in the Diocese. The Diocese has contracted an independent external whistleblower service STOPline to allow for confidential reporting. The Diocese has defined *Reportable Conduct* in the Policy, which can be found on the Diocesan website. Reportable conduct includes suspected abuse, misconduct, mismanagement and policy breaches. The Whistleblower Policy applies to the Diocese (including parishes), Townsville Catholic Education, Mary MacKillop Childcare North Queensland, Centacare North Queensland, Saints Catholic College and NWQICSS. Information can be shared anonymously. P: 1300304550

E: tsvcatholic@stoline.com.au W: tsvcatholic.stolinereport.com

AL ANON FAMILY GROUPS meet in Room 5 at the Ryan Community Centre on Saturday mornings. 9.00am – 10.00am. This group is for anyone who has a problem in their family with alcoholism. Al-Ateen will soon commence meetings in Townsville in the near future. Any enquiries call 1300 252 666.

GET YOUR LIFE AND SANITY BACK AFTER THE RAVAGES OF LIVING WITH AN ADDICT – Nar-Anon Family Groups are for those who know or have known the feeling of desperation concerning the addiction of someone close. We too have travelled this unhappy road and through the program found answers that can lead to serenity and peace of mind. When you become part of a Family Group you are no longer alone but among friends who understand your problems as few others can. Contact Brian Headford on 0415 290 965 or Christine on 0402 471 904 for meeting details.

Survivors Of Suicide Bereavement Support Association Townsville Grief from the loss of a loved one through suicide is hard to bear. A support group for survivors of suicide meets the first Monday night of every month at 7:00pm at 7:00pm at Selectability House 59A Cambridge Street Vincent. The group also catches up for coffee on the third Saturday morning of each month. To find out more about the group visit www.sosbsa.org.au/townsville or find us on Facebook, or call Ray on 0407 490 965 or Lowell on 0438 604 744.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OFFICE

Those affected by abuse and misconduct by Church personnel need to be supported and encouraged to speak their truth. Their voices need to be heard. To report a concern about abuse and/or other misconduct concerning church personnel, the options for reporting the abuse are: contact the Diocese of Townsville directly on (07) 4726 3264 or diocese@tsv.catholic.org.au; or make a disclosure to the Professional Standards Office, Queensland (PSOQ) by downloading a [disclosure form](#) from our website at psoqld.catholic.net.au, and forward by mail to PO Box 3264, Brisbane Q 4001, or email to psoqld@catholic.net.au. Alternatively, contact PSOQ on (07)3324 3070 or 1800 337 928 (free call).

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