



BURDEKIN GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
2nd July 2023



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Est. 1941 **GIRU**
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Not an easy life

One of St Paul's proudest boasts was that he had worked harder, travelled further and suffered a great deal more than any of the other apostles (1 Cor 15:9-10). In 2 Corinthians (6:3-13; 11:23-33) he catalogues the trials and tribulations he had experienced for the sake of his "children" (6:13), which included "far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death" (11:23).

What made this even more remarkable is Paul's age. Paul would have been close to sixty years of age when he was evangelising the cities of the Aegean Basin. By the time he wrote Romans, from which we derive our second reading today, he would have been in his mid-60s.

As implied by his list of troubles in 2 Corinthians, Paul's career was anything but a "cake walk"; nor was it a career that involved a well-deserved retirement in his twilight years. He was beheaded in Rome around the year 64 CE, along with many other Christians who died at the behest of the Emperor Nero.

Paul stands as a clear example of one who chose the "good life" over a "comfortable life". He stood up for what he believed. He stood out by travelling, writing, and building up Christianity. But, in doing so, his life was far from comfortable.

Matthew's Jesus similarly warns his disciples that choosing to follow him will involve tough decisions. The irony of the biblical record is that the immediate "reward" for all of those who chose to live a good life is all-too-often hardship, misunderstanding, persecution and even death at the hands of their persecutors. Sometimes, these difficulties will even be visited upon us from within our family circle.

This passage in Matthew will reverberate throughout the rest of the gospel, most notably for our purposes in Matthew 13:54-58, where Jesus returns to his hometown. He enters the Synagogue expecting a ready welcome from his former neighbours and friends, only to encounter misunderstanding and disbelief. Jesus observes that "Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house" (Mt 13:57).

We might think of this episode as a first century Judaeon form of the Australian "tall poppy syndrome" – the tendency to discredit rising stars whom the mob believes are too "full of themselves" or "take themselves too seriously".

The fear of ridicule and misunderstanding may tempt us to forego making the tough decisions or the right choices in life. We don't want to stand out or stand up for fear of being knocked down, especially in matters of public faith-practice. But as Paul and Jesus testify, standing up and standing out is the only real path to the good life – that is, a life built on purpose and meaning.

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SCRIPTURE SCRUTINY

2 Kings 4: 8 - 11

Romans 6: 3 - 4, 8 - 11

Matthew 10: 37 - 42



Elisha, Elijah's successor, was a prophet in the time when Israel was still two kingdoms - north and south. He was fortunate that a nation's success was judged on its loyalty to God. He was unfortunate that Israel's lack of it would lead to its demise. On his regular travels to Shunem, Elisha stayed in the house

of a kindly couple who, on the insistence of the woman, built an extra room for him. Her kindness was rewarded with one of Elisha's many miracles. Though old, she would bear a son. The scenario demonstrated the following:

- The woman showed great faith in action (charity to Elisha).
- People of faith can work together. He showed faith while she showed a compassion that he didn't have.
- There was a reciprocal gratitude (not always the case but God always notices).

Does some act of love that we've seen come to mind? Do we need to change in some small way? Have we been thankful that a need was answered, but not fully acknowledged what just happened; the exchange and intimacy between you and God?

Paul, who relied heavily on the resurrection, focuses on baptism in his letter to the Romans.

- He considers it to be where we identify with Jesus' death. It was their death to sin wherein they are no longer pre-judged.
- From immersion in the tomb (and font water) with him, and then emerging from it to a new life in God, there is now hope.

This was important for converted Jews because it also meant the death of the Law for them. What would we like to be raised away from in becoming new? Would we be enthusiastic about putting God 'out there' by our actions so that others might feel they should investigate?

But this new life can also be a challenge. In Matthew, Jesus insists on us prioritising love of God over love of family. Its harshness may be lessened by viewing it as putting things in order. Loving God first helps us to love our family better by showing empathy, guidance, forgiveness. We can go deeper than human perception and reflex. It follows that we can better love the marginalised, the suffering, the earth. How do we cope with family (or friends) who we objectively think are guilty of significant sin? Do we feel a tug-of-war? Is this suffering and confusion an act of "taking up our cross"? Can we trust in God's love and mercy?

Shane Baxter (This scrutiny is aided by research of Catholic commentary on-line)



Baptism Ayr - Please welcome our newly baptised Alex Micahel and Jack Terrance Petersen sons of Andrew and Citaya, Emily May, Archie Sergio and Frankie Grace son and daughters of Ryan and Rebecca, Nathan Wilhelmus Caltabiano son of David and Maaike, Harry Jay Frau son of Justin and Sharesse into Burdekin parishes family.



Pray for the Sick, Please: Anne Barnett, Andrew Beltrame, Jaiden Booth, Jill Burke, Jeffrey Calligaro, Clare Clark, Kevin Crooks, Tom Devlin, Gert Drain, Sandra Falco, Harry Fewster, John Frasson, Tina Giarusso, Nathan Graham, Josie Lamari, Nardina Laspina, Vince Mahon, Joan McIntosh, Robert Marriott, Patrick Neville, Peter Newland, Mavis Paige, John Pattinson, Irma Pool, Bernadette Raabe, Joe Rigano, Sofia Rol, Thea Sheehan, Yvonne Shemlowski, Belinda Suitor (Stubbs), Kellie Turner and all in the Aged Homes and Dementia ward.



Harris Boatfield with parents and godparents on his baptism last week in Home Hill Parish



Happy 73rd Birthday
Sr. Carmel Pattinson. Thank you for everything you do for the parishes in the Burdekin.

CONGRATULATIONS

FR. ALAN SHELDRICK AND FR. MICK LOWCOCK

Two of the Former Parish Priests of Ayr, Fr. Alan Sheldrick and Fr. Mick Lowcock, celebrated their big days at the mass on Wednesday, 28th June at the solemn mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, Railway Estate. Bishop Tim was the principal celebrant. Fr. Mick was absent at the mass as he is recovering from a surgery in Brisbane. Fr. Alan is celebrating his 60th anniversary of priesthood and Fr. Mick his 50th year of priesthood. After mass there was a grand dinner organized in the hall for the priests and family and friends. We thank these great men who assisted us in the journey of faith with enthusiasm and commitment. May they continue to enjoy good health and joy in the rest of their lives.



Fr. Alan with Bishop Tim and Fr. Rod Ward.



Fr. Mick Lowcock

Fr. Alan Sheldrick

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Upcoming Events

July

Mon	3	St Thomas
Wed	5	Mass at Regis Care in Ayr @10.00 am
Tue	11	Mass at Regis Care in Home Hill Ayr @10.30 am
Sun	16	Confirmation and First Communion Mass in Home Hill at 9.00 am

Churches and Services

	Sacred Heart	St. Joseph's	St. Joseph's	St. Colman's
	AYR	CLARE	GIRU	HOME HILL
Monday	7.00 am			
Tuesday	5.30 pm			
Wednesday	9.00 am			6.30 am
Thursday	9.00 am			
Friday	7.00am			6.30 am
Saturday	6.00 pm	2nd&4th 6.00 pm		
Sunday	9.00 am 5.30 pm		7.00 am	7.00 am 6.00 pm

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER

	Time	Commentator / Prayers of the Faithful	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Music	Cleaners	Counters	Mowers
Ayr	SAT 6:00pm	M Felesina	J Moustoukas A Fabbro	L Robertson (H) G Roncato (GF) M Arrate (W)	Gloria, Kevin Joyce, Carol	R Diehm	B Smith	A Parravicini
	SUN 9:00am	L Holmes	R Rodrigo B Barbagallo	M Papale (H) B Edwards (GF) V Muspratt (W)	Josh Lee-Ann, Sue	M O'Shea	DITTO	R Glover
	SUN 5:30pm	L Sarri	E Montafia G Tama	A Rada (H) C Caspanello (GF) F Nucifora (W)	Ann Maria Terry, Ruth	DITTO	G Marano	DITTO
Home Hill	SUN 7:00am	R Boccalatte	E Falco G Fiamingo	M Milan	R Santarossa	NO	S Murer	P Scuderi P Cardilo
	SUN 6:00pm	N Vass	N Woods L McLaughlin	-	-	CLEANING	D Musumeci	J Eadie



Legion of Mary (Ayr):
Meeting every Monday at 9 am in Ayr



ADORATION IN AYR
ADORATION IN AYR ON TUESDAY 12 PM TO 4.45 PM
ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY
AT 9.30—12 PM



PASTORAL CARE IN HOME HILL
A priest is available at St. Colman's parish office every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 pm. All are welcome



Confessions every Saturday at 11 to 11.30 am at the Sacred Heart Church Ayr

BAPTISMS:

AYR: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 10.30 am

HOME HILL: 2nd and 4th Sundays - 10.30 am.

BAPTISM FORMATION: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9.00 am at the parish office for parents and godparents. Baptism forms available on the Parish website.

RECONCILIATION: **AYR:** Sacred Heart Church every Saturday from 11am-11.30am.

The Sacraments

CLARE: Before and after Sunday mass

GIRU: Before and after Sunday Mass

HOME HILL: Half an hour before or after Sunday mass

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Forms available on the Parishes website.

WEDDINGS—by appointment. Six months' notice required.

MESSAGE BOARD FOR ALL PARISHES



UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS:

PPC GIRU: WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY . At 7pm

HOME HILL: Tuesday, 12th July, at 6.30pm.

AYR: Thursday, 27th July, at 5.30 pm



Confirmation mass in Home Hill: on Sunday, 16th July at 9am. There will be no evening mass that day. Bishop Tim will be the principal celebrant. **A rehearsal of the liturgy** will take place at the Home Hill church on 10th July.

Volunteer Census: Ayr: The upgrading of our database of volunteers across all the ministries was helped immensely by the census held a while back. The task however is not complete as quite a number of people may not have been at those masses or did not fill one out for whatever reason. Some representatives from the various ministries have been given a list generated by the census, and if your name is not there, they will be enquiring whether you are still on the list or if you know of others who have recently joined. An updated database is essential for the efficiency and administrative requirements of our parish.



Mowers: The "Mowing" roster has 23 names on it. As 2 people are allocated to each month, a couple of 'fill-ins' are required. That said, we have up to 5 members who will not be continuing due to age and this shortage will result in a significant increase in workload for existing members. Please consider joining up and ask Ron, Bruno, Shane, Robert or some other mower about what is involved.



Total donation collected by the Burdekin parishes for Bishop's appeal 2023 is \$1,640.60. Thank you for your continuous support to our Bishop's ministry.



Musicians and singers please come to Music Practice on Wednesday, 5 July, at 4:30 pm in the Church



When the old and met the new. Frs. Dave Lancini, Terry Lyons and Alan Sheldrick with Fr. Manoj

If you or your family members are turning 80 or over or celebrating, their milestone anniversary please let the parish office know and as a parish community, we would like to pray for them and share this news on the parish bulletin. Thank you.

Next Mass in Clare: Saturday 8th July 6pm.



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE YOUTH: Ayr parish is happy to give financial support to two young people and a mentor in participating in the Youth event, IGNITE, in Brisbane on 21st-24th September, 2023. Please contact one of the priests if you are interested.

Ignite Conference is four incredible days of faith, formation and worship, hosted by **Ignite Youth** it is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. It's a place for habits and collars, ripped jeans and sneakers. Experience four days of real-world formation, explosive rallies, powerful sacraments and inspiring workshops!!



St Colman's Parish Feast Day Dinner October Sunday, 22nd.



The animators of the Sacramental Program in the Burdekin, will be attending a formation program with **Sr. Carmel Pattinson** on Saturdays, 15th July and 12th August from 9am-11am at the parish office. Thank you, Sr. Carmel. The Parents information evening for this year is on Monday, 20th at 6.30pm.



The Home Hill CWL are taking part in the "Hope in a Suitcase" charity for people who have to move on quickly from their foster homes. The idea is to have a case ready to go quickly with some basics to move on to the next home. They are asking for Pyjamas for all children, boxers S -M for boys, Undies 12 -14 for girls and singlets 0000-2 years as well as "onsies" for that age group. As this might be the first time the children receive new, they do ask for new items only please. A backpack, cuddly toy and small book could also help out. We hope you enjoy being involved in this worthwhile cause. Feel free to contact Brenda McDowell 0407630070 or Gloria Vass 0458274426 for donations or if you need anymore information.

Two Seminarians in the Burdekin:

The Burdekin parishes will be blessed and honored by the presence of two seminarians from



Grant Sutherland and Bradley Davies

the Holy Spirit Seminary, from Saturday, 15th till Friday 21st July. They will be here for a pastoral experience as part of their formation. We will get to meet them at our masses, schools, hospitals, Care Homes, PPC/PFC meetings etc. They will also do some house visiting as time allows. More details to come.



One way of promoting our parishes' activities among the families of our young people is by posting them on Facebook. Don't forget to 'like' our pages on Facebook to stay up to date on everything happening. The Facebook of Ayr and Home Hill names are available on the front page of our parish bulletin.

NOTICE BOARD FOR ALL PARISHES

Monthly Morning Tea

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CUPPA EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AFTER THE MASS.

Fill your cup and your heart in fellowship.

AYR after 9:00am mass
GIRU after 7:00am mass
HOME HILL after 7:00am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sacramental Program 2023

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

If you have a child/ren in grade 4 or over who are interested in this program, please call or email to register their name/s.

AYR

Sacramental mass dates in **AYR** are:

SAT, 18 NOV 2023	6:00PM
SUN, 19 NOV 2023	9:00AM

HOME HILL

Sacramental mass date in **Home Hill** is:

SUN, 16 JUL 2023	9:00AM
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More information regarding the Parent Information Night will be announced in due course.

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IGNITE YOUTH

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Wonder

BRISBANE & SYDNEY

21 - 24 Sep 23 28 Sep - 1 Oct 23

I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder
 Isaiah 28:16

HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

St Colman's School Mini Vinnies Committee

This term St Colman's have joined forces with the local Chapter of St Vincent De Paul and the Burdekin Community Association to offer a Community Pantry Stand filled with donated food items for collection by members of the community who are experiencing hardship during these difficult times. We will be kindly receiving goods from Home Hill Bakery and Coles for distribution each week.

If any members of our local parish community have fruit trees, vegetable gardens or farms we ask for donations to be made at the School office for distribution to the community on Tuesday mornings. Our children will be involved in setting up the stand and wheeling it in and out on collection days.

Please support this much needed community and school initiative where you can.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

EVERY SUNDAY* - 9AM MASS

*DURING SCHOOL TERM

OPEN TO AGES 5-12
 PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS

FUN ACTIVITIES
 BIBLE STORIES

4th July Happy Birthday

Sacred Heart Church - Ayr

This is a wonderful opportunity for the younger members of our community to experience the Liturgy in a language they understand.

Each Sunday, two members from the Children's Liturgy team will lead these young people in their own liturgy.