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Bowen Parish Bulletin

St Mary's Church Bowen &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Collinsville

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Mission Statement: **"St Mary's Parish walks with Jesus, serves others and shares his message of love"**

9th August, 2026 –Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



MASS TIMES		
St Mary's - Bowen		
Tuesday 11 August	Mass	8.00am
Friday 14 August	Mass	8.00am
Saturday 15 August	Liturgy with Communion	6.00pm
Sunday 16 August	Mass	8.00am
Our Lady of Lourdes – Collinsville		
Sunday 16 August	Mass	5.00pm
DATE CLAIMERS		
Friday 16 October	Parish Day	
Saturday 5December	Cent Sale	

Priest's Roster (below) is subject to change. Please look for the 'Priest's Roster' each week to know in advance about the weekend Mass. Fr Sibi will be available in Proserpine whenever there is a weekday Mass in Proserpine.

MONDAY 10	TUESDAY 11	WEDNESDAY 12	THURSDAY 13	FRIDAY 14	SATURDAY 15	SUNDAY 16
	8.00am Mass Bowen	8.00am Mass Proserpine 11:00AM Memorial Service Proserpine	8.00am Mass Proserpine	8.00am Mass Bowen	10.00am Reconciliation Proserpine	8.00am Mass Bowen
					6.00pm Vigil Mass + Sabian's Welcome Proserpine	5.00pm Mass Collinsville
MONDAY 17	TUESDAY 18	WEDNESDAY 19	THURSDAY 20	FRIDAY 21	SATURDAY 22	SUNDAY 23
	8.00am Mass Bowen	9.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral Townsville	8.00am Mass w/ Yr 3&4 students Proserpine		10.00am Reconciliation Bowen	9.00am Confirmation Mass w/ Bishop Tim Proserpine
					6.00pm Vigil Mass Bowen	6.00pm Mass Cannonvale

HELP THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION

If you would like to contribute to help the Parish to continue its mission please scan the QR Code to make a donation.

Weekly Collection

Bowen 2/08/2026

Envelopes \$225.00

Loose \$489.15

2nd Collection \$277.35

Total \$991.50

Collinsville 26/07/26

Total \$155.00

2/08/26

Total \$160.00



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Violet Dujmovic, Eric Gibson, Jim Arnold, Jessie Lynch, Adriana Pini, Charles Burton, Reginald Eyles, Patrick Holcombe, Gordon Howie, Patricia Kostowski, Archibald Mathieson, Cecil Sheather, Theodore Brown, Patrick Collins, James Englemann, Leonard Kelly, Naitini Quirke, Marjorie Vaughan, Thomas Sillars, Frederick Bliesner, Michael Gaffney, Daniel Howard, Merle Webber, John Martin, Mary Menzo, Eunice Mitchell, Allan Pearce

BOWEN AND COLLINSVILLE NOTICES

Parish Day

A date has been set for the Parish Day which will be held on Friday 16th October commencing at 6pm and concluding around 8pm in the school covered area. All parishioners are invited to attend and to enjoy the company of parishioners we know or have not yet met. Many of our parishioners are from countries all over the world and this is a good opportunity to make all feel part of our parish. The evening will consist of various items presented by parishioners and we are all invited to share our talents. A form has been placed at the front of the church for you to indicate that you are happy to perform an item (about 2 mins is adequate). Please bring a meal to share, preferable a dish particular to your own culture. Mass will be held at 5pm for those who are able to attend prior to the festivities.

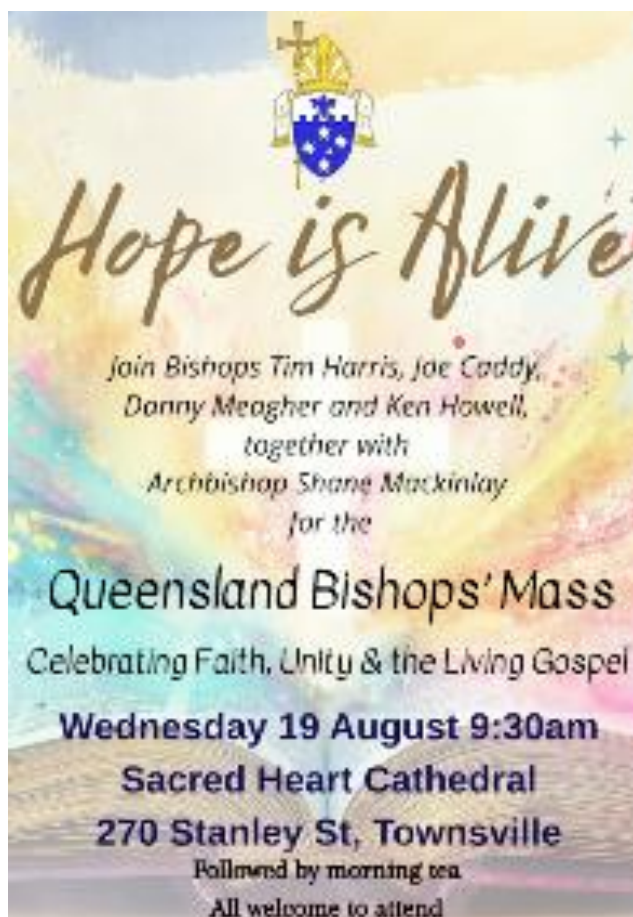
ROSTER	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN
	08/08/2026	09/08/2026	15/08/2026	16/08/2026	22/08/2026	23/08/2026
Commentator	Mikki Menzies	Angela Gonzales	John Butera	Terry Pilcher	Kerrie-Ann Wilson	Steve Wilson
Communion Minister 1	Margaret Darwen	Jenny Brazil	Maria Lloyd	Peter Tawse	Margaret Darwen	Gloria Fisher
Reader 1	Kerrie-Ann Wilson	Sarah Romano	Steve Malone	Craig Ninnies	Mikki Menzies	Karl Recklies
Reader 2	Maria Lloyd	Karl Recklies	Mikki Menzies	Alicia Ninnies	Pedee McLennan	Barbara Cullen
Altar Server 1						
Altar Server 2	Kendal Malone			Andrea Firth		Saoirse Gentle
Children's Liturgy				Maria Firth		Mary-Kate Gentle
Church Cleaner 1	Helen Jacobsen		Helen Jacobsen		Helen Jacobsen	
Church Cleaner 2						

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV first encyclical 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.'

118. Our relationship with life seems to be in crisis today. Everything that appears as a “limit” — incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, vulnerability — tends to be seen primarily as a defect to be corrected, rather than as a reality through which our humanity matures and opens itself to relationship. And yet we must remember that humanity flourishes not *despite* limitations, but often *through* them. The light of faith offers a perspective on reality that helps us recognize what we call the “contingency” of the things of this world. While it is right to strive to alleviate the suffering that marks human life, it is also wise to acknowledge our fundamental finitude, knowing that “religious experience, and in particular Christian faith, propose that we live, without oversimplification, this ambivalence between human greatness and limitation, interpreting it in the light of our original and fundamental relationship with God.” [\[131\]](#)

119. It is precisely within our limitations that the following find a place: compassion, as well as a sincere concern for the needs of others; a generosity that can emerge even in the midst of darkness and failure; spiritual experience and the worship of God. We see this at many moments when our limits become tangible: when we face rejection, when we suffer the illness or loss of a loved one, when we encounter our own weakness or failure. Mysteriously, it is precisely in such moments that we can discover a new wisdom, tangibly experience the closeness of others and encounter the presence of the Lord.

DIOCESAN NOTICES



Queensland Bishops' Mass

Everyone is warmly invited to celebrate the Qld Bishops' Mass at 9:30am on Wednesday 19 August at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Townsville. This is a rare opportunity to celebrate Mass with all five Bishops as we gather in faith under the theme "Hope is Alive."

Explore Our New Diocesan Website

We're excited to announce the launch of our new Diocesan website. Designed to be easier to navigate, it's a great place to find the latest news, events, parish information, resources, and much more. We invite you to explore everything it has to offer at tsv.catholic.org.au.

V9: A Parish That Fosters Vocations

In our final week we pray that our parish becomes a community where every vocation is named, encouraged and celebrated. Vocations flourish where people feel supported, prayed for and accompanied. We pray for families, teachers, priests and parishioners who help young people listen for God's call.

We ask the Holy Spirit to bless our parish with openness to every vocation, including priesthood, religious life, marriage and generous single life. May the seeds planted during this Novena continue to grow.

"If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire." St Catherine of Siena

Eucharist28 Update: Eternal Life in the Eucharist

The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028!

At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who's body and blood we share.

In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises.

This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ. To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.

Advocating for Those at Risk

We have a shared responsibility to advocate for children and vulnerable adults at risk of harm or experiencing any form of abuse. Speaking out against abuse empowers those affected to speak up, ensuring their protection and fostering a safer community. Please visit tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding to access the safeguarding policy, its procedures and resource documents.

To report a concern about abuse or misconduct concerning church personnel: contact the Diocese of Townsville directly P: 4726 3264 or E: diocese@tsv.catholic.org.au; or make a disclosure to the Professional Standards Office Queensland (PSOQ) by downloading a disclosure form at psqld.catholic.net.au and send to PO Box 3264 Brisbane Q 4001 or E: psqld@catholic.net.au. Alternatively, contact PSOQ on 3324 3070 or 1800 337 928 (free call).

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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