



Good Shepherd Parish Townsville

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1ST AND 2ND AUGUST 2026

Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

As I look back over the past week, my heart is filled with gratitude. What a joy it was to witness and experience the spirit of **Hospitality**, which has become the hallmark of our parish celebrations. Last weekend's Parish Feast Day, together with Multicultural Sunday and Grandparents Day, truly reflected who we are as a parish family. There were hands that quietly made things happen and hearts that overflowed with joy, generosity and care. Every one of you played a part in making the celebration a memorable expression of our faith.



Our main celebrant, **Fr. Emene**, beautifully captured the spirit of the day in his homily. He reminded us that *"God never intended His family to look all the same."* Just as a garden needs many different flowers, the Church flourishes because every culture brings something unique. Some bring joyful music, others deep prayer, rich traditions, warm hospitality, laughter or wisdom. When these gifts are shared, the whole Church grows stronger. Looking around the church that morning, I could see those words come alive.

One moment that has stayed with me was our **Olive Tree Ritual**. Watching the children form the trunk of the tree with olive branches, while adults placed their hand cut-outs upon its branches was deeply symbolic. Although we come from many nations and cultures, together we form one living tree of hope rooted in Christ. We are many, yet we are one family under the care of our Good Shepherd. The music and cultural dances added another beautiful dimension to our celebration. We are truly blessed with parishioners from many countries who willingly learnt hymns in different languages and shared their gifts so generously.



In our celebration we also paid tribute to our Grandparents and the Elderly. What an incredible gift they are to both our families and Parish. As I shared in my homily, I remain forever grateful to my own grandmother. Through her stories, simple wisdom and steadfast faith, she helped me discover God's love. Grandparents remind us that faith is not built overnight but grows faithfully over a lifetime. **Did you share last week's Pastor Pen with your family**, in which I challenged our Grandchildren to look up to their Grandparents and spend time, talk to them as these are precious moments?

For **Br. Felix**, 'Our parish lives as FAMILY', he was deeply moved, as he noticed people from different countries, languages and cultures gathered as one around the Altar, celebrating the Eucharist. He particularly admired the African choir, whose joyful singing became a genuine expression of prayer, and the cultural dances that expressed reverence, gratitude and celebration. His observations reminded me that what we sometimes take for granted is something truly special and meaningful to others.

On Tuesday, I celebrated my fourth consecutive Tuesday funeral, as we farewelled **Maxeen Green**. Once again, I witnessed a family gathering in love, grief and prayer. Even in moments of sorrow, our parish continues to be a place where people encounter the compassion and hope of Christ.

This weekend's Gospel tells us of Jesus feeding the crowd with **five loaves and two fish**. It immediately took me back to my pilgrimage to the Holy Land and my visit to the **Church of the Multiplication** at Tabgha. In front of the altar is a famous fifth-century mosaic showing **two fish and a basket containing four loaves of bread**. At first I wondered, *"Where is the fifth loaf?"* Our guide explained that the fifth loaf is represented by the altar itself, from which the congregation could partake. This inclusion of the worshippers into this narrative emphasizes the personal nature of the sacrament and individual role of each devotee to partake "in remembrance of [Him]"



How fitting that this Gospel follows our parish celebrations. Last weekend, many of you generously shared your time, talents, culture and food. Like the little boy who offered his loaves and fish, your gift may have seemed small on its own, but placed into the hands of Jesus, it became an abundance of joy, unity and fellowship for everyone. Thank you for continuing to make Good Shepherd Parish a place of hospitality and lived faith is celebrated, and every person is welcomed as part of God's family.

God bless you,
Fr. Joseph Reddy Dondeti SVD
Parish Priest



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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The hand of the Lord feeds us:

He answers all our needs

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

READINGS

First Reading: Is 55:1-3

Resp. Psalm: Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

Second Reading: Rom 8:35,37-39

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

READINGS NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Resp. Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

PG: \$357.00 **Loose:** \$641.40

Raffle: \$40 winner Norm (donated to Parish)

Bishop's Appeal: \$675.85

Thank you for your support of the Parish,
It is greatly appreciated.



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
	(Adoration after 6.30 am Mass)	
Ryan:	Monday	8.00 am
	Tuesday	8.00 am
	Wednesday	10.00 am
	(Followed by Adoration)	
	Thursday	8.00 am

MOTHERS PRAYERS meet on Monday mornings at 9 am and Thursday evenings at 7 pm (except for Public Holidays) Room 5 at the Ryan Community Centre. For further information see Church Noticeboard or contact Janice on 0401581925,

FUNERALS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

MAXEEN GREEN



Our Parishioners meet for coffee at Milk Espresso Café, Willows, at 9.00 am every second Tuesday. They next meet on the 11th August.



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

Ian Doran, Maria Icalina, Tom Britten, Maureen Graham, Jean Murray, Franca Navarro, Carmen Brown, Wayne Gooda, Bill Barton, Margaret Ford, Aleykutty Joseph, John Black, Shelley Fong, Jean Goldstraw, Giovanni Moretto, Graham Sale, Evelyn Ginger, Fr Bill Busuttin, Kathy McCloskey, Sam Sorbello, Ray Breckenbridge, Norm Farrell, Gay Millington, Aldo Bacchiella, Bill Cameron

ANNIVERSARIES: Erlinda B Llose, John Hislop, Terry Eastlake, Brodie Allen, Bruno Crespan, Martin Donohue, Sheridan Wilson, John Hanly, Allan Fenner, Nev Gilchrist, John Fox, Lyndell Hagstrom, Mary Vella-Morton, Margaret Vella, Bob McDonald, Robert Henderson, Chloe Smith, Vera Girgenti, Bevan Whiting, Evonne Vella, Janice Mayes, Denise Raleigh, Frank Grant, Peter Nixon, Presentacion Rodriguez



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

Frances Scott, Will Hillman, Scotty Exelby, Eleanor Usher, Jackson Coppola, Winifredo Santos, Paul Dennis, Tovia Kelemete, Brendan Dood, Carolyn Moeder, Andrew Barton, Maureen Rogers, Peter Lewis, Stefania Janiak, Barry Cannon, Fred Dunn, Maureen Smiley, Steve Mahoney, Fr Nick Punch OP, Doreen Russo, Emmett Dollisson, Mavis Pilla, Winfred Santos, John Parker, Timothy Sherrington, Vincent Bray, Madonna Reinke, Douglas Graham, Patricia Antony, Don Forrest, Martin Jordan, Helen Spokes, Larissa Hartnell, Jacqui Conn, Peter Miller, Toby Kelly, Carmel Finnegan, Bronwyn Rust-Jones, Warwick Bull, Catarina Nisha, Marg Ryan, Telia Casey, Mary Butler, Graham Collins, Allister Holland, Tony Seeto, Kevern Kennedy, Maree Stark, Kelly Hartley, Helen Bray, Marion Marschall, Jon Loncar, Bob Haynes, Duane Harrison

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

ROSTERS 8TH & 9TH AUGUST 2026

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 6.00pm

Welcome:

Readers: Barry Cannon
Allan Moore

Eucharistic: TBA
TBA

Sunday 7.30am

Harry Bisley

Lesley Farrell

Catalina Rodriguez

Lucy Johnston

Anne Hansen

Aileen Byrnes

RYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sunday 9.30am

Readers: David Morzone
Lachlan Parker

Eucharistic: Shane Quirk
David Renderos
Daniel Burrows

Offertory: Family
Cuppa Helen Ng
Baptism Clare & Amelia

Sunday 5.00pm

Mardi Grubba

Graham Joseph

Leisa Ham

Erin Stafford

Martin Boorer

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land the Wulgurukaba.

May we always walk in a spirit of peace and reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

5th August Anointing Mass 6.30 am Good Shepherd, 10.00 am Ryan

19th August Queensland Bishop's Mass – Sacred Heart Cathedral 9.30 am

ORGANISTS WANTED – We are looking for to assist with playing the Organ at Good Shepherd 7.30 am Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

We will take a second collection this weekend at our Masses to support St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. There are envelopes available at the back of each Centre. You can also donate via the website, vinnies.org.au or by scanning the QR code.



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."

BIBLE SHARING GROUPS

We will be holding Bible Sharing Groups for Parishioners to come along. These Groups will meet monthly. Group meeting at Ryan Community Centre, will meet on the First Monday of each month at 7.00 pm. The group meeting at Good Shepherd Community Centre will meet on the Second Monday of each Month. You are welcome to come along to either Centre. For further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

V9: THE GENEROUS SINGLE LIFE

In Week Eight we pray for those called to a generous single life. Some people serve Christ and the Church through a life of prayer, ministry and availability without entering marriage or religious life. This vocation offers a unique freedom to respond to the needs of the community and to witness that fulfilment is found first in Christ. Many single Catholics support parish ministries and outreach with remarkable dedication. May our parish recognise and honour the gifts they bring.

"To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone." Pope Francis

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

As a Diocese, we have been blessed to witness many young people deepen their relationship with Christ through pilgrimages and faith-filled experiences. Looking ahead, I would like to invite you to begin conversations within your parish and school communities about World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Bishop Tim Harris has kindly encouraged every parish across our Diocese to strive to have at least two young people participate in this pilgrimage. While 2027 may still seem some time away, beginning conversations now will allow young people and their families to prayerfully discern this opportunity, prepare financially, and undertake fundraising where needed. If you have any questions or would like to discuss World Youth Day further, please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Emene Kelemete (mkelemete@tsv.catholic.org.au)

POSITION VACANT ADMINISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY OFFICER, HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY. 20HRS PER WEEK.

The House of Prayer is seeking an organised and adaptable person to support our day-to-day operations. This position combines administration, guest hospitality, event support and facility coordination in a setting dedicated to fostering spiritual connection and community. No two days are the same, and the successful applicant will enjoy a varied environment that blends office administration with hands-on guest hospitality, event support and practical facility coordination.

For more information, please contact Brianne Falconieri on 4728 9861, bfalconieri1@tsv.catholic.org.au or houseofprayer@tsv.catholic.org.au

Wanted for the missions – any used stamps –

Please leave them at the centre in a bag or envelope with Marian Manser's name on them. Thank you



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Bishop Tim Harris extends his sincere thanks to everyone who has generously supported the Bishop's Appeal for Diocesan Ministries. Your kindness and generosity enables the Church to continue its mission of sharing Christ's love and serving people throughout the Diocese of Townsville. Through your support, the Appeal helps sustain a wide range of important ministries, including outreach to youth and young adults, parish renewal and faith formation, social justice and cultural diversity initiatives, vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, chaplaincy in hospitals and prisons, ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, and marriage ministry and tribunal services. If you would still like to donate, please either take a donation brochure and envelope from your parish or scan the QR



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.

A PROMISE TO SAFEGUARD ALL

The Catholic Diocese of Townsville recognises that safeguarding is an ongoing journey of learning, improvement, and cultural change. Continuous efforts are made to enhance awareness, improve practices, take a zero-tolerance stance against any form of abuse, and create safer communities for all.

SVD VOCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY CONTACT DETAILS

Society of the Divine Word Australia Province

Vocation Coordinator

Website: <https://divineword.org.au/vocation>

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LIVING OUR MISSION WITH INTEGRITY

All Church personnel exercising pastoral ministry have a responsibility to conduct themselves with professionalism and integrity. Our life in Christ is both a gift and a responsibility. Integrity in our Common Mission is a national code of conduct for all those exercising pastoral ministry across the Catholic Church of Australia. This code can be accessed by asking your Parish Priest/Administrator or visiting: acsltd.org.au/our-common-mission/

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).

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 whistle-blower 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: 1300 30 45 50 E: tsvcatholic@stopline.com.au W: tsvcatholic.stoplinereport.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.



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