



Ministerial Region of the Good Shepherd Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

10TH AND 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

Un-branding

Tattoos have never been more popular.

But some tattoos are neither fashion statements nor works of “body art.”

Sadly, some tattoos are applied without the recipient’s consent. Those tattoos often represent a dangerous association with society’s more malevolent entities: criminal gangs and human trafficking.

Dr. Arianne Shadi Kourosh is director of Community Health at Massachusetts General Hospital’s Department of Dermatology and an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School. With the help of her colleagues and medical technology companies in the region, she started the Radiance Clinic, a free tattoo removal program.

“[The] concept of branding with tattoos is very old — from tribal cultures in many parts of the world,” Dr. Kourosh explains. “In gangs, there is a similar concept of marking a person as part of one group and possibly the enemy of others.

“The tattoos associated with human trafficking have been the most disturbing for us, because people are at times branded by force and these brands are attempts to signify ownership and exploitation of other human beings.”

Due to the sensitive nature of Dr. Kourosh’s work — where patient safety is a priority — the location of the Radiance Clinic isn’t publicised. She works with interdisciplinary teams of primary care doctors, mental health professionals, social workers, community programs, and district attorneys.

“The people who are the first points of access in our justice system and health care system . . . know how to contact us. They’ve referred so many people that we’ve always had a waiting list.”

Grants cover the cost of the tattoo removals.

For her patients, Dr. Kourosh said tattoo removal is the first step in a long journey.

“They’re doing their best to escape dangers and criminal situations and to change their lives. While they carry these brands of the gang or trafficking tattoos, which are often in plain sight, they never feel safe. There’s a risk that previous gangs, crime rings, or exploiters could find them.”

In many ways, we “brand” people; we “tattoo” them with indelible markings identifying them as failures and misfits, as unfit or unworthy, consigning them to the peripheries of society. Our attitudes and perceptions reduce them to “lepers” who we avoid for fear of being caught up in their problems or crises, who don’t “fit” our image of class and decorum, whose politics or religion or race or gender seem to threaten our own. But as projects like the Radiance Clinic demonstrate, we can make them “clean” by confronting our own prejudices and misunderstandings, reaching out to them as God reaches out to us, making them respected and valued members of our communities and churches. The leper’s challenge to Jesus is a challenge to us, as well: *If we wish*, we can welcome them into our midst as God welcomes us; *if we wish*, we can free them from the “brandings” of fear and failing, of victimisation and abuse; *if we wish*, we can restore them to the dignity and grace of being God’s daughters and sons by, first, transforming our own attitudes and perspective.

Peace

Parish Pastoral Team

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



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited His people.

Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Lord in your Mercy hear us.

READINGS

First Reading: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

Resp. Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45



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

Matthew Varkey, Edward Rasie, Shirley Franks, Agnes Sariman, Graham Jordan, Francesco Saputo, Jo Perkins, Peter Allen, Graham Beckwith, Mary McMahon, Yvonne Vasta, Vailea 'Eteaki

ANNIVERSARIES: Will Dixon, Michael Serrurier, Norm Hansen, Judy Pianta, Mike Gesch, Billee Hislop, Annastacia Crouch, Paula Vinson, Mary O'Shea, Daniel Horn, Teresa Harvey-Sutton, Patricia Lynch, Christopher Walsh, Alan Hodgman, Pat Mulroney, James Phillips, John Brazel, Terrence McMahon, Phyllis Roper, Ray Saunders

P.G: \$390.05 **Loose:** \$715.55

Raffle: \$37

*Thank you for your support of the Parish
Your support 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 (Ash)	6.30 am
	Friday	(No Mass)
Ryan:	Monday	8.00 am
	Tuesday	8.00 am
	Wednesday (Ash)	10.00 am
	(Adoration after Mass)	
	Wednesday (Ash)	6.00 pm
	Thursday	8.00 am

Parish Office Times

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

BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK:

JAXON TOWNSON AND ARIANA TOWNSON



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 13th February

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

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, Ainsley Manning, 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 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday 6.00pm

Welcome:

Readers: McNeale
Family

Eucharistic: Leung
Family
TBA

Sunday 7.30am

Sam Sorbello

Anne Hansen

Aileen Byrnes

Margaret Daniel

Rae Millington

Kath Fox

RYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sunday 9.30am

Readers: Tari Mushaya
Chrispen Mushaya

Eucharistic: Michael Griffin
Lisa Fitzsimmons

Sunday 5.00pm

Cathy O'Toole

Anai Tillock

Julie Wilson

Brian Headford

Graham Joseph

Offertory: Sacramental Program

Cuppa Helen Ng

Baptism No Baptisms

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

12th February Week 1 Sacramental Program
14th February Ash Wednesday
17th February Week 2 Sacramental Program

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend we welcome children and their families this weekend as they commence their Sacramental Program journey. We look forward to sharing their journey with them.

LENTEN RESOURCE

Ashes for Action is a four session Lenten program focussed on renewing our diocese as we journey through Lent to Easter. You can access this here – <https://bit.ly/TSVLent24>

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. 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.



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.

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.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

TIME FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

You are welcome to attend the regular programs at the House of Prayer which include Monday night Contemplative Prayer 7pm-8pm, Thursday Evening Christian Meditation (in person or via Zoom) 5:30pm - 6:00pm, Friday morning Contemplative Prayer 9:30-10:30am followed by morning tea and Saturday

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

SMALL CHANGE, BIG CHANGE: CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S WORKPLACE GIVING PROGRAM

When you sign up to Caritas Australia's Workplace Giving Program, you can use your small change to make a big change to the lives of people from the world's most marginalised and vulnerable communities. Your contribution can help provide essential support to those in need by improving access to clean water, healthcare, and education. Workplace giving is the simplest and most tax-effective way for employees to give to Caritas Australia through your pre-tax salary. Companies can choose to match their staff's giving to double the impact and inspire more staff to get involved. Just \$10 per pay cycle can help to buy a chicken for a family in rural Zimbabwe or \$20 can help a school student in Malawi access a hygiene kit. If you'd like to start giving, please get in touch with Kara Devine, Corporate Partnerships Coordinator (kara.devine@caritas.org.au)

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@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.

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 psogld.catholic.net.au, and forward by mail to PO Box 3264, Brisbane Q 4001, or email to psogld@catholic.net.au. Alternatively, contact PSOQ on (07)3324 3070 or 1800 337 928 (free call). affected by abuse and misconduct by Church personnel need to be supported and encouraged to speak their truth. For further information Contact psogld@catholic.net.au or phone 1800 337 928



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We will keep you up to date on events & activities happening & you can read the latest Parish Bulletin.

