



BURDEKIN GROUP OF PARISHES

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
9th July 2023



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AYR
Sacred Heart

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Est. 1952

CLARE
St. Joseph's

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Clare, 4807

Est. 1941

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St. Joseph's

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Est. 1926

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Being open to the Holy Spirit

Failure, shame, regret, are just some of the burdens we're all familiar with. 'Speak with someone today' says a website for women suffering from domestic violence and there's a number to ring. Speak with someone, so that we don't end up isolated, with no one to turn to.

As did an asylum seeker recently when two St Vinnies people visited her to give her some vouchers. There was nothing else they could do, but she began to tell her story, to briefly lay down her burden, so they pulled up a chair and listened. They sat with her there, in that moment the three of them becoming human together. In that moment, almost unawares, they began to know God more intimately. It wasn't of their doing but they were open to it. It's grace, in this instance, acting through this woman. It's how the Spirit works in our lives. In the gospel these are the simple truths which Jesus praises the Father for having revealed to his disciples and we begin to realize that we're not the ones in the know, we're the little ones, like children, in this.

So, we begin to know the Father more intimately through being drawn into relationship with Jesus; by shouldering his yoke and learning from him. It's a little like a trainer whose task is to help get you fitter and subsequently feel more alive. The reason we do it is to get fitter, or to better contribute to a team, but then we discover we're better able to contribute to the building up of the local church, week by week drawn into being part of something bigger.

In the second reading Paul affirms that it's not through our own efforts that we're able to do this. It's only as we learn what it is to be human from Jesus, that we begin to know the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives; and through Jesus we come to know the Father.

Again, something like this happened with the St Vinnies visitors. They found it's the Spirit that will give life to our 'mortal bodies'. Turning away from the love of God, is to turn towards what will be our undoing – as Paul says, away from life towards death. As ever, the choice is ours. Being open to the Spirit in our lives we begin to realize we're not on our own, but that Jesus is alongside us, is with us, helping to lift our burdens, shouldering the yoke as he takes the lead, and we're no longer exhausted through trying to save ourselves. For, as we hear in the first reading, this king comes riding on a donkey, not a war-horse, proclaiming peace. He has entered into our failure and shame, into the stuff of our lives, and in him we will find rest and re-creation for whatever lies ahead. In the words of the psalm, 'How good is the Lord to all'.

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SCRIPTURE SCRUTINY

Zechariah 9: 9 - 10 Romans 8: 9, 11 - 13 Matthew 11: 25 - 30



Zechariah's prophecies now turn from the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple, to the expectation of a Messiah whose weapons will be peace and humility, but feats of war and conquest are the way of their world. We don't need to be reminded of the ongoing war in Israel when we read, "the

bows of war will be banished". Some remain unconvinced by a patient, peaceful strategy for a secure future based on humility. We've all heard the song, "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble", and while the humour is obvious, how true it is. Do we enjoy displaying our achievements or take pride in calling out other's pride? He is speaking of a peace and spiritual freedom that will be consistent with a new covenant rather than the old one.

This change of attitude is also evident in Paul's delivery of God's plan to the Romans which will include the gentiles. As usual, Paul turns to the resurrection, assuring them that like Jesus, they can also hope for their own resurrection. Acknowledging their struggle between earthly and spiritual choices, he suggests the more productive strategy is setting their minds and habits on the Spirit. In doing so, sinning (deeds of the flesh), becomes more alien.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reveals that the answer to this struggle is dependence on God and an attitude of humility and gentleness. He invites all those who persevere with observance of tradition and the Law to instead 'rest in him'. His is an invitation to let out what the heart feels, take it to God, and to accept peace of mind, assurance and salvation.

Are the demands of letting go of selfish effort, of coping with work and lack of time, and of the new focus of 'Becoming New' causing anxiety in our life at the moment? Typically, his words need clarification. He concludes with the familiar, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." A yoke was a handmade device used to spread a load across two beasts or more effectively across the shoulders of one man. Jesus implies he will share that load with us. 'Burden' is not as quantitative as 'load' and often refers to things like guilt, anxiety, hopelessness, pain, and shame. Taking these to God can provide relief, a deeper relationship, and a specific direction or action. 'Rest' - I like a little lie down but it is more about the confidence of having God share the burden along with the development of a strategy for life in Jesus. It is an invitation hard to resist.

Shane Baxter

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.



Our Seven Newly Baptised Parishioners: Alex Michael and Jack Terrance Petersen sons of Andrew and Citaya, Emily May, Archie Sergio and Frankie Grace Boccalatte son and daughters of Ryan and Rebecca, Nathan Wilhelmus Caltabiano son of David and Maaike, Harry Jay Frau son of Justin and Sharesse.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF

THE COUNTRY:

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across our diocese.



Upcoming Events

July		
Tue	11	St Benedict Mass at Regis Care in Home Hill Ayr @10.30 am
Sat	15	St. Bonaventure
Sun	16	Confirmation and First Communion Mass in Home Hill at 9.00 am
Sun	23	Grandparents Day
Mon	24	Founders Day BCHS Mass at Mar- celline Centre 9.30 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	Commenta- tor / Prayers of the Faithful	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist	Music	Cleaners	Counters	Mowers
Ayr	SAT 6:00pm	S Baxter	J Walsh A Bonato	P Hawkins (H) G Nosworthy (GF) K Duggan (W)	Gloria, Kevin Joyce, Carol	R Diehm	B Smith	A Parravi- cini
	SUN 9:00am	A Rye	C Anderson S Dabelstein	T Polga (H) C Polga (GF) S Ryder (W)	Monica Lee-Ann, Sue	M O'Shea	DITTO	R Glover
	SUN 5:30pm	P Sexton	M Zanella M Johansen	L Sarri (H) S DiGuglielmo (GF) L Bandiera (W)	Ann Maria Terry, Ruth	DITTO	G Marano	DITTO
Home Hill	SUN 7:00am	P Scuderi	T Giarusso L Jamieson	J Scuderi	R Santarossa	T Newman S Murer	S Murer	B Santaross R Simeoni
	SUN 6:00pm	N Woods	N Woods L McLaughlin	-	-	R&G Cantarella	D Musu- meci	D Murer



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. Bap-
tism forms available on the Parish website.

RECONCILIATION: **AYR:** Sacred Heart Church eve-
ry 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 re-
quired.

MESSAGE BOARD FOR ALL PARISHES



UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS:

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.

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, 21st at 6.30pm.**

☑ PLAN
 ☑ PREPARE
 ☑ PERFORM



FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE YOUTH: Ayr parish is happy to give financial support to two young people and a mentor in the Burdekin 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!!

Next Mass in Clare: Saturday 22nd July 6pm.



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.

ENROLL NOW

Sacramental Program Ayr: Parents information night Mon 21st August at 6.30 pm at the parish hall. Please email burdekinsacramental@tsv.catholic.org.au or contact the parish office. First session starts on Wednesday 30th August at 6-7 pm.

Diocesan Training Day: Thursday 27th July there will be NO MASS. Parish office closed.

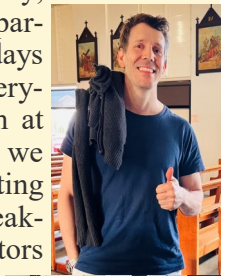


AYR CWL NEWS. HIGH TEA at BCHS Hospitality Centre Sunday 23rd July. This Fundraiser is organised by CWL to pay for the Hospitality Shirts for the Senior Students and is hosted by the students. Cost is \$30 and numbers are limited to 40 (10 tables of 4). Bookings open on this Tuesday, 11 th July at Trybooking.com. Delicious Food, Guest Speaker and Entertainment, Lucky Door and Raffle.

First Sunday Morning Cuppa: Ayr, Giru and Home Hill:

Last Sunday, the Ayr, Giru and Home Hill parishes celebrated the birthdays and anniversaries of July. Everyone together prayed for them at the mass. After the mass, we joined the community for cutting cake and sharing a lovely breakfast. The presence of the visitors added colour to the gathering. The children enjoyed the food and the company of their friends. We have this community celebration every first

Sunday. The families who set up the place and who bring so much food to share were highly appreciated by the parishioners. Thank you to all those involved in organizing it. You made so many of us begin this month well. The young and the old enjoy it. Perhaps you could celebrate your next birthday or anniversary with your parishioners. Let us together build up our parishes. **Small Steps Make Big Difference.**



NOTICE BOARD FOR ALL PARISHES

Together we celebrate it better.



ENJOY
YOUR
Special
Day

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.

facebook

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.



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



Mowers, Ayr: 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, some other mower or the parish office about what is involved.



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.



Children's Liturgy begins from next Sunday 16th July in Ayr. We welcome all our children.

Two Seminarians in the Burdekin: The Burdekin parishes will be blessed and honored by the presence of two seminarians, **Grant Sutherland** and **Bradley Davies**, from 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. **Hearty Welcome boys.**



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

More information regarding the Parent Information Night will be announced in due course.

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