Centred in Jesus Christ, we are a vibrant worshipping Catholic Community who care for each other and the World.

Mary MacKillop Community includes:
St Joseph’s School Mundingburra, St Margaret Mary’s College &
St Mary MacKillop Early Learning Centre

We acknowledge the Wulgurukaba and Bindal people as traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to elders past, present and future. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY  |  BAPTISM  |  WEDDINGS
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Every Sunday in school term | By appointment | 3 Months Notice
Prep to Year 6 (Pre-preps require a guardian) | 2nd Sunday of the month | 

RCIA
12 Month Process – contact Parish Team

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Contact Parish Team for details


BULLETIN NOTICES - [ejones@tsv.catholic.org.au](mailto:ejones@tsv.catholic.org.au)

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Pria D’Souza (Chair), Ross Horner, Maureen Mosch,
Tom Tarttelin, Alanna Jacoby, Cris Dall’Osto, Justen Orford,
SMMC Rep (TBA in 2020)

FINANCE COUNCIL
Mary Wallace (Chair), Ed Burke, Justen Orford,
Stephen Rufus, Vina Cacopardo, Pauline McGuire

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR
Fr Joshy John
ASSOCIATE PRIEST
Fr Joseph Chalichirayil
Contact: 4775 7688 OR marymac@tsv.catholic.org.au

HOLY TRINITY
Tuesday 6.30am
Wednesday 6.30am
Friday 6.30am
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am

Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am

VILLA CHAPEL
Monday/Thursday 9.00am
Sunday 9.30am
Reconciliation after Mass on Monday

Meditation - House of Prayer
Tuesday 10.00am
Thursday 5.30pm

Our Supporters

Support those affected by bushfires

All funds will be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal (bit.ly/Help_Bushfire_Victims)
MINISTRY ROSTERS
1st/2nd February 2020
Presentation of the Lord – Year A

READINGS
1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:23

Acknowledgement/News
Saturday      Sunday
Clare Plant  Richard Kennedy

Power Point
Saturday      Sunday
Damara Hollyman  Sr Helen Mary Peters
                   Jimmy Reponse

Readers
Saturday      Sunday
1st     Sr Carmel King  Sr Helen Mary Peters
2nd     Mary Wallace    Kathy Park
POF    Sr Ros Carr     POF Joan Kennedy

Communion Ministers
Saturday      Sunday
Loris Zanotto  Giordano Laguna
Delcia Torresan  Collette Brickhill
Frank D’Souza   Prisilda Hickman
                   Vina Cacopardo
                   Debbie Glenwright

Altar Servers
Saturday      Sunday
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Musicians
Saturday      Sunday
St Cecilia’s Choir  Carol Dall’Osto
                   Parish Singers
                   Parish Musicians

Welcomers
Saturday      Sunday
Tricia Abel  Joy Henderson

Hospitality – Sunday
Bernard Fraser  Joan & Richard Kennedy
Bruce Cook

Church Cleaning: Team 4

Mater Volunteers
Mater Hospital is entering an exciting new stage with the opening of the Mercy Centre early in 2020. With the new development, the hospital needs to expand their volunteer services to ensure that Mater remains an organisation of compassion and excellence. Volunteering at the Mater is a truly rewarding experience.

‘We are looking for people who enjoy talking to and helping others. If you are active, caring, friendly, sensitive to the needs of others and wish to give to your community, then becoming a volunteer at the Mater may be just the thing for you.’
Training is provided for this unique and rewarding role. If you feel this is for you, please contact Dave de Witt on 0497 262 476 or email at david.dewitt@matertsv.org.au.

Hospital Admission
Dedicated 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.

Bishop Tim and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au.
Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.
We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus said: “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” Today he could say: “I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society.” But regardless, Come.

PRAYER LIST
We pray for those who are sick...
Joe Roche, Vi Brown, Paul Fanning, Kay Sharp, Fr Ben Lewis, Fr Col Mason, Karen White, Alvan Smith

We pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries are occurring…….
Maureen Kern, Kevin Hickey, Fiorello Cusin, Caterina Zanon, Alfredo Zanon, Giovanni Cusin, John O’Sullivan, Eddie Brown

Remember…when he shadows fall – you do not walk alone
‘Take refuge in the heart of Jesus in all your cares.’ JTW 1872

TOWNSVILLE DIOCESE
Diocesan Safeguarding policies and procedures are available at www.tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding
Plenary Council Call for Delegates

The Diocese and Plenary Council are seeking expressions of interest from people who feel they would like to be Delegates at the Plenary Council in 2020. The Townsville Diocese will be represented by Bishop Tim Harris and Fr Mick Lowcock VG. We will also have two other representatives. Delegates will be required to attend the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The 1st session will be held in Adelaide between the 4th and 11th of October 2020 and the 2nd session will be held in the 1st half of 2021. For an information pack, please send an expression of interest to plenarycouncil@tsv.catholic.org.au. The selection process will take place in February 2020.

PLENARY 2020 – Community Engagement
Listening & Discernment Experience
Phase 2

Parish communities across the diocese are engaging with the National Themes for discernment arising from the earlier Listening & Dialogue phase of Plenary 2020. St Brigid’s, Mary MacKillop and Holy Family Parishes are combining to co-host the six Plenary 2020 discernment gatherings/meetings. The gatherings will provide opportunities for parishioners to encounter the power of discernment, prayer and reflection. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

The next session is......
Theme 5: A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community hosted by Mary MacKillop Parish (Mundingburra) in St Joseph’s School Library from 6.30pm – 9.00pm on Thursday 20 February.

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, Centacare North Queensland, Saints Catholic College and NWQICSS.

Information can be shared anonymously.

Are you interested in participating in the 2020 Lenten Program?

Mary MacKillop Parish would like to offer people the opportunity to journey the Lenten program together as a group. If you are interested in joining the Lenten program, please contact the parish office no later than Wednesday, 29th January on 4775 7688 (and leave a message on the answering service) or email your expression of interest to marymac@tsv.catholic.org.au. Given that Lent begins on 26 February, we will have to order the program within the next week, so your immediate response would be greatly appreciated.

MACKILLOP GATE MINISTRY

Help newly released prisoners with essentials for the first 72 hours. Donate towels, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant (ROLL ON ONLY). All donations, including cash, can be given to Mary MacKillop Parish. For more details, contact Pauline McGuire at pmguire@tsv.catholic.org.au or Erin Jones at ejones@tsv.catholic.org.au.

Saints Catholic College (accommodation at James Cook University)
‘More Than Just a Place to Live’

Saints Catholic College is situated at James Cook University in Townsville and provides accommodation to tertiary students. As part of the accommodation, residents are provided with private rooms, all meals included, Wi-Fi, free parking, overnight security, staff on site and after-hours support.

For more information please contact the office on – 4727 7200 or catholiccolleges@jcu.edu.au or the Principal, Nicole Stott-Whiting, at nicole.stottwhiting1@jcu.edu.au.
Discipleship – What is it???

The call of the disciples puts a question before each of us: What does it mean to be a Christian? A phrase that occurs twenty times in the Gospels gives a summary answer to this question – it is “Follow me!” These two words contain in a nutshell what Jesus asks of each one of us. That means that the example to be followed by us is nothing less than the person of Jesus as He lived out his earthly life.

There may be a problem here for some people. This is because for centuries the traditional teachings of the Church have emphasised the beginning and the end of Jesus’ life, namely, that Jesus the Son of God entered our world to become a human being in the fullest sense, and that He suffered, died and rose again for our salvation. Does following Jesus therefore mean believing in his humanity and divinity, and in his saving death on the Cross and resurrection? Certainly it does – but it means much more than that. Discipleship doesn’t stop with asserting the truths of the catechism. It’s more than knowing about Jesus – it’s knowing Jesus.

That means that we must get in touch with the kind of human being our God was. It means asking ourselves: How did He live and what did He do, and more than that, what were the values and priorities that underlay his way of life and his actions? If we do this we can discover what our own way of discipleship in the world today should actually be. Following Jesus and imitating Jesus is the journey that all Christians are called to travel. This is not a journey we can undertake inside our heads; it’s a journey we can travel only when we make up our minds to imitate the Jesus of the Scriptures. By doing that we can get in touch with his outlook on life, his mindset, his standards of judgment, and also with the cause for which He lived and died. By imitating Jesus on his journey, we can learn to assimilate these things – we can make them a part of us and make them our own. True discipleship therefore must give us an identity i.e. it must express for us how we understand ourselves as Christians as we walk in companionship with Jesus and share in his mission. It demands that we give this task the first place over all other loyalties and commitments. That may sometimes require sacrifice and suffering.

What are the signposts to discipleship? They are, acceptance of the Cross in our lives, willingness to live a simple lifestyle, cultivating inner freedom so that we are ready to listen to the Spirit, and trying to bring joy to the people whom we live and work. Acceptance of the Cross means that we don’t run away from suffering. We don’t look for it either, but when it comes our way we accept that it can be a way for us to grow spiritually. Discipleship will always involve a struggle between the allurements of a religion of prosperity and a religion of solidarity with the poor; between a Church that looks inward and nourishes its own children, and a Church that brings light and joy to whatever place it happens to occupy. Inner freedom comes through self-discipline and prayer. Those who practice them will be ready to respond generously to the promptings of the Spirit. If we are going to be true disciples then, we must recognise the fact that Jesus calls us away from conventional, cultural wisdom to a life centered on God. That’s what “Follow me” is all about! [A Challenge of the Gospel Fr Joseph A Slattery]

How does your discipleship manifest these qualities? Where are you being called to “follow” again?

Five Ways to follow Jesus

1. Follow with JOY
2. Follow with Humility
3. Follow with Clarity
4. Follow with Courage
5. Follow with Selflessness