



St Mary's Catholic Community

Serving Charleville, Morven and Augathella

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 14th – 15th September, 2019

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

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Spiritual Reflection

Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the gospel for this third Sunday of the Season of Creation. These evoke the eighth work of mercy with its call to contemplate God's creation with gratitude and to engage in simple daily gestures that have the power to transform our world. There is joy in living this way. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, of a woman's means of survival, of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost and who rejoices big time when the lost are found.

The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness and no capacity to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations. "What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?" asks Jesus of his critics, who would eschew any identification with "unclean" shepherds. The lost sheep is found and ultimately embraced by the community. The ensuing celebration is likened to the heavenly banquet where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repentance may seem a strange choice of words since all the action is taken by the shepherd. The lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold.

"Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?" is Jesus' second question to his critics. The pattern is repeated. The drachma is lost, sought, found and the community rejoices. Occasionally in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is not only the good male shepherd as in the first parable or the good male parent as in the third parable. God is also the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost here and now, not simply in the afterlife. *Veronica Lawson rm*



Mass Times

21st – 22nd September, 2019

Charleville: Sunday, 9.00am Mass

Augathella: Saturday, 6.00pm Mass

Morven: No Mass

Cunnamulla: Saturday, 5.30pm Mass

Eulo: Sunday, 9.00am Mass

Quilpie: Sunday, 6.00pm Mass

Daily Mass this week

Tuesday: 5.30pm

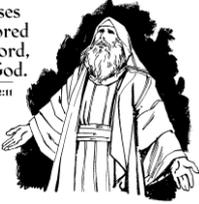
Friday: 5.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please arrange a time to suit with Fr Peter

Planned Giving: We encourage all Parishioners to be in the Planned Giving Programme through a weekly envelope contribution. We thank all Parishioners who have supported the Parish financially through the Planned Giving Programme

Moses
implored
the Lord,
his God.
Ex 32:11



PARISH NEWS

Horizons Magazine: Pick up you free copy of the latest edition.

New Mass Times Sheets are now available.

The Annual Collection for Retired Priests is our way of expressing deep gratitude for the ministry of the Priests of the Diocese who are now retired after many years of faithful service.

The Season of Creation is celebrated between September 1 and October 4 – the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis said in his message, “Christians or not, as people of faith and goodwill, we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.” Some resources for your information are on the table.

On International World Day of Pregnancy and Infant Loss, Tuesday, 15th October, 2019 All are invited to a Memorial Service led by Rev Pauline Harley, in conjunction with Toowoomba Hospital Pastoral Care Service, and Our Lady of Lourdes Ecumenism Group. We welcome all parents, siblings, grandparents & others affected by the loss of a baby regardless of whether it is a recent event, or long ago. Time: 7.00pm Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 2 Goodwood St, Toowoomba Contact: Parish Office on 4634 1453 or email: olol.pastoralcoordinator@gmail.com

Family Fun Day: Thank you to all those who gave so generously of their time and goods for our stall. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Rumble & Tumble Playgroup: Thursdays from 9.00am – 11.00am outside the Performing Arts Building at St Mary’s School. Entrance via Parry Street. All welcome.

Church Cleaning: First Saturday of the month commencing at 7-7.30am. Come along and enjoy the company.

Used Stamps for the Missions in Peru: Please place them in the box on the table.

ST MARY’S SCHOOL NEWS

St Mary’s School Website:

<http://charleville.catholic.edu.au>

Please take a copy of the School Newsletter and catch up with all the activities of our School community. The newsletter can also be read on the school website.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES.

Please pray for: Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop William Brennan and Frs Sydney Kattie, Myles Patrick Smith, Francis Burke, Clarence Leahy, Neil O’Donoghue and Tony O’Brien MSC and for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Ivy Taylor, William Duggan, Walter Whelan, Rebecca O’Connor, Ellen Byrne, Fred Sheppard, James Crick, Martin Williamson, Murray Adams, Ada Perkins, Bev Gaulton, May Lynch, George Flash, Tom Vetter, Sam Delforce, Barry Elmes (jnr), Ann Morrissey, Cecil Spencer, Nicholas Marsh, Iris Collins, Rita Stewart, Ian Sheppard, Dudley Fraser, Elizabeth Davidson, Joseph Maher, Allan Johnstone, Harold Heinemann, Maureen Webster, Desley Malone, Rosie Guest, John O’Brien, Les Baker, Vicki Adams, Joan Dover, Allan Anderson, Mabel Laphorn, Michael Webster, Charlie Russell, Ivy Morriss, Bernadette Roach, Phillip Colgan, Colin Steer, Norman Pfingst, Norman Thomson, Elsie James, Martin Lockhart, Lois Neuman, Robert Angel, Biddy Fraser, Michael Clare, Tony Watt, Terry Ball, Meg Bently, John Spence, Kathleen Lomas, Douglas McConnell, Charles Menzie, Kevin Williams, Jean Pierre Koscielnek, Mavis Creevey, Thanh Vu, Betty Fraser, George Kirby, Thelma Newby, Vern Scott, Neville Taylor, Kathy Hindmarch Fr Mervyn Ziesing, Leona Akers, Karen Frost, Ivy Guymer

Recently deceased: Eileen Anderson

Our Parish Bulletin can now be viewed on the school website under Quick Links

Collection: 7th – 8th September, 2019

Thank-you for your generous support. Our Parish needs \$1200 per week to continue to operate financially. Please consider increasing your contribution to enable us to continue our Pastoral Ministry.

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| Planned Giving | \$145.00 |
| Loose | \$214.90 |
| Priest’s Retirement Fund | \$5.00 |
| Family Fun Day Stall | \$643.00 |
| Total | \$1007.90 |

