



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

CHILDERS | GIN GIN | BIGGENDEN | MT PERRY | WOODGATE | ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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**Sacred Heart Church** 42 Churchill St, Childers  
**St Michael's Church** 21 May St, Gin Gin  
**St Peter's Church** 17 Victoria St, Biggenden  
**St Patrick's Church** 18 Pearson St, Mt Perry  
**Community Hall** The Esplanade, Woodgate

## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

**Saturday 28 September**  
 5:00pm Reconciliation - Gin Gin  
 5:30pm Vigil Mass - Gin Gin

**Sunday 29 September - Ordinary Time 26**  
 8:00am Mass - Childers  
 11:00am Mass (Ad Orientem) - Mt Perry  
 5:00pm Mass - Woodgate

**Monday 30 September - St Jerome**

**Tuesday 1 October - St Therese of Lisieux**  
 4:00pm Prayer Group - Childers  
 5:00pm Mass - Childers

**Wednesday 2 October - Guardian Angels**  
 4:00pm Prayer Group - Childers

**Thursday 3 October**  
 8:00am Rosary - Childers  
 8:30am Mass - Childers

**Friday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi**  
 8:30am Adoration & Reconciliation - Childers  
 9:00am Healing Mass/Animal Blessing - Childers

**Saturday 5 October - St Faustina Kowalska**  
 9:00am Parish Retreat - Biggenden  
 9:00am Marian Mass - Biggenden  
 5:00pm Reconciliation - Gin Gin  
 5:30pm Vigil Mass/Animal Blessing - Gin Gin  
 6:30pm Community Supper - Gin Gin

**Sunday 6 October - Ordinary Time 27**  
 8:00am Mass/Animal Blessing - Childers  
 9:00am Morning Tea - Childers  
 5:00pm Mass/Animal Blessing - Woodgate

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B/2

29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

This Week's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-12

## Parish Retreat 2024

*"I Am Making All Things New" (Rev 21:5)*

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual Parish Retreat is happening next Saturday, 5 October, in St Peter's Church in Biggenden, and I warmly invite you to join us for this day of spiritual renewal. This year, our theme is *"I Am Making All Things New"* (Revelation 21:5), a beautiful reminder that God is continually working to bring new life and hope into our hearts and our parish.

In line with the theme of the Archdiocese Synod we are journeying through, this retreat offers us a chance to not only deepen our faith and spend quiet time in contemplation, but also to dream of a future where our parish can flourish in new and meaningful ways. Together, we will reflect on how God is calling us to embrace fresh opportunities in our faith and community.



Here is what the day will look like:

8:30am Arrive & Mingle  
 9:00am Marian Mass (First Saturday)  
 10:00am Morning Tea  
 11:00am Keynote Sharing  
 12:00pm BYO Shared Lunch  
 1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Private Prayer Time  
 Individual Spiritual Conversations  
 2:30pm Group Sharing  
 3:00pm Close

Whether you are seeking spiritual growth, renewal, or simply a moment of stillness, this retreat will provide the space for prayer, reflection, and sharing with fellow parishioners. Let us come together, open to the newness God is creating, and envision a future filled with faith and hope.

I look forward to sharing this special day with you!

*Blessings, Fr Jack*

## SUNDAY MASSES IN BIGGENDEN & MT PERRY

11:00am Mass - Biggenden (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

11:00am Mass - Mt Perry (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

\*Unless otherwise advertised.



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Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive.

Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can. Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn't matter whether others approve of it, or it's related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour then, 'whoever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us'.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern.

And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not.

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## Go out and proclaim God's name

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Try to find these words:

disciples  
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 John  
 miracles  
 Moses  
 name  
 prophets  
 rewarded  
 rich  
 Spirit  
 water  
 workers



## Have you thought? Jealousy

*The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behavior at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.*

## MASS THIS SUNDAY

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

## DON'T FORGET

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Every Friday from 8:30am till 8:55am in Sacred Heart Church, Childers.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (Vinnies)** – Please contact (07) 5459 5230 or for welfare needs please call 0457 183 360.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** – For enquiries, please contact Sonia Jones on 4126 1447.

**SICK OR IN HOSPITAL?** – Please contact the Parish Office so we could organise either the priest or a care & concern minister to visit you. Remember, we can only visit if we know!

**PLANNED GIVING** – Thank you for your generosity and support. Details for electronic banking are as follows: BSB: 064 786; A/C No: 100012991. Reference: PG/Surname.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

For the Sick: **Alfio Bonanno, John Buckley, Irene Reilly, Allan Jones, Pat Higgins, Kevin Murphy, Terry McDonnell, Elaine Carpenter, Petrina Coomer, Elena McDonnell, Meg O'Malley, Peter O'Malley, Fred Connellan.**

*(Names will remain for one month – contact Parish Office to extend)*

For the recently deceased, and for our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries occur at this time, **Isadore "Sid" Strano, Bob Ellis, Geoff McAvaney, Norma Almario and Jane Tunny.**

### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GIN GIN FAMILY REUNION CELEBRATION

Reuniting and joyfully celebrating all families past and present at St Michael's Church in Gin Gin, who have shared many special occasions, sacraments and the Holy Eucharist together as one family. This special celebration will take place on Sunday 3 November at 11:00am. Luncheon (catered) will follow Mass with BYO alcoholic beverages. Please contact Petra on [petra@premiumturf.com.au](mailto:petra@premiumturf.com.au) to RSVP or for more details.



### ADVENT PROGRAM 2024 –

The year is moving very fast and we're three months away from the season of Advent! As always, our parish will be running an Advent Reflection Program as we prepare for the coming of Christmas. The cost to the program will be \$15 per person – which covers two different Lenten Reflection Books as well as light refreshments at the session each week. Please contact the parish office if you wish to register for the program.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** – Friday 4 October is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. There is a great tradition in the Catholic Church to bless animals around this time. All animals great and small can be blessed whether by bringing them to church or by Fr Jack visiting your home. You are welcome to bring your pets to any of the Masses next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Otherwise, Fr Jack will be only too happy to visit your home to bless your pets!



**ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT** – Our annual retreat is coming up on NEXT SATURDAY 5 October from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Biggenden at the Parish Hall. This one-day event will include time for personal prayer and reflection such as Adoration and the Rosary, faith story sharing, communal meal and Mass. All members of the parish and visitors are most welcome to join us as we spend a day responding to our Lord's invitation to "Come and see" (John 1:35-39).



## 2024 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

9:00am

Saturday, 12 October 2024

Sacred Heart Church, Childers

Join us for a nation-wide rosary chain!

Please contact Angelo for enquiries:  
**0488 266 193**

Come and spend a morning in  
prayer for our community and  
for our country.



### ST PETER'S CHURCH BIGGENDEN 85<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Following our celebration of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Patrick's in Mt Perry earlier in the year, we will soon celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Peter's in Biggenden. Everyone is invited to Mass at 11:00am on Sunday 27 October, followed by the Blessing of the Community Centre and luncheon.



### ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER EVENING

– This is a space for Christians of all Denominations and Traditions in Childers and surrounds to come together once a month to share in an evening of fellowship and prayer. The next gathering will be on Tuesday 22 October with dinner at 6:00pm at the Isis Club, followed by prayers in Sacred Heart Church at 7:00pm. All are welcome to come and share the evening.

### FLOCKNOTE DATABASE FOR PARISHES

– For the past 3 years, the archdiocese has been working with parishes to develop more efficient and contemporary ways to reach parishioners and visitors. ALL PARISHIONERS and visitors are invited to use the QR code to signup and register with the parish. Please note that this will be absolutely crucial for the parish to maintain contact with you. If you have any questions, please see Fr Jack, or speak with the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can go to the following link: <https://childerscatholic.flocknote.com/register>





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