



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

### Saturday 14 September - Holy Cross

8:30am Rosary - Childers  
 9:00am Mass - Childers  
 5:00pm Reconciliation - Gin Gin  
 5:30pm Mass - Gin Gin

### Sunday 15 September - Ordinary Time 24

8:00am Mass - Childers  
 5:00pm Mass - Woodgate

### Monday 16 September - St Cornelius & Cyprian

### Tuesday 17 September - St Hildegard of Bingen

4:00pm Prayer Group - Childers  
 5:00pm Mass - Childers

### Wednesday 18 September

4:00pm Prayer Group - Childers

### Thursday 19 September - St Januarius

10:00am Parish Coffee Morning - Childers

### Friday 20 September - Korean Martyrs

8:30am Adoration - Childers  
 9:00am Lay-Led Communion Liturgy - Childers

### Saturday 21 September - St Matthew

5:30pm Virtual Mass - Gin Gin

### Sunday 22 September - Ordinary Time 25

8:00am Virtual Mass - Childers  
 11:00am Liturgy of the Word - Biggenden  
 5:00pm Virtual Mass - Woodgate

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

Year B/2

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

## Archdiocese of Brisbane Synod24 - Reflection on the First Session

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, Petra Galea from our Pastoral Council and I attended the first session of the Archdiocesan Synod, which took place over two full days in Brisbane. It was an intense period of discernment and deliberation as we considered many proposals presented by the Synod Engagement and Writing Teams, who have spent months gathering insights through listening and consultation.

To be honest, I approached the Synod with a certain level of apprehension. After years of consultations and document writing, it often felt like little action followed. I was also uncertain about how we would navigate the challenging task of embracing the diverse cultures and traditions within our Church while walking the *Via Media*—the middle road. However, the experience left me filled with hope and joy. The Holy Spirit was clearly at work, guiding the hearts and minds of Synod members as we engaged in meaningful conversations.



Reflecting on our shared experience, Petra observed, "We really found a community spirit, and the sense of bonding as a family has been a lovely experience." This spirit of family is a crucial aspect of the Synodal journey, as it allows us to engage in deep, respectful conversations, even when they are challenging. Through these discussions, our minds and hearts open to the broader vision of the Church and its role in the world, fostering growth and, when necessary, change.

The Synod discussions took place within the framework of 'Conversation in the Spirit.' Each member of the group had uninterrupted time to speak, share, and even challenge one another. These conversations were interwoven with moments of prayer and communal reflection, creating space for genuine engagement.

At the conclusion of the First Session of Synod24 (with another session to take place in October), though my mind felt exhausted, my heart was filled with hope for the future of our Church. From the Archdiocese to our parishes, let us work together to build a more optimistic, collaborative, and hopeful Church—where everyone, young and old, new and experienced, finds a rightful place. Together, we grow. And where necessary, we embrace change.

*Blessings, Fr Jack*

## PETER'S MONOLOGUE – GET BEHIND ME SATAN!

What does he expect of me? One moment my word is law, in heaven and on earth. The underworld cannot stand up against me. The next, I'm Satan and I am getting in his way. Then to get anywhere we all have to die. I simply don't understand.

Things have been going fine, up 'til now. The people have been really responding to what he says and does. There have been miracles of course, but it's been what the people see in him that really makes you think. They have so much hope. In him, they see God reaching out to them; in their poverty, in their disbelief, in their sinfulness. And so do I.

So when he asked us, 'Who do people say I am?' we gave him the standard answers: Elijah, Jeremiah, one of the prophets, even John the Baptist.

When he asked us who we thought he was, the answer was clear. He was the hope of the poor, forgiveness for sinners, justice for all people. He is the Christ. He is the Son of the living God. I was only saying what everyone else was thinking. You couldn't travel with him and share his life, like we did, and not come to really know him.



He seemed happy at first. I don't really understand what he said next, but it was pretty full on. The Father revealing; me being a rock, changing my name, the power to bind and loose... He was very excited. But then suddenly his mood changed.

He said he was planning to go to Jerusalem. I could not believe it. The people loved him. But because of this the Chief Priest, Scribes and most of Pharisees saw him as a threat. Jerusalem. The Roman are bad enough, but with all the others, Jerusalem is the last place he needs to be. He knows that, we know that, so why do it? It makes no sense.

So took him aside and I told him: He can't let this happen! We were sitting by the road a little further along than the others. He was looking tired and worried.

He looked up at me and said it. I'll never forget it. 'Get behind me! Satan.'

I must've looked shocked, but he kept on. 'You are an obstacle in my path. Your way of thinking is not God's way.'

I was so angry. He turned and walked back to the others. Slowly I walked back.

He was sitting, eating some bread, and as he ate he began to speak. 'If you want to follow me, forget yourself, your life, your fear, and follow me. Even to death.'

What does he expect of us? We have all given up so much for him. We believe in him. We know him to be the Christ. Yet he wants more! Do we follow him to death in Jerusalem?

What does he expect of me?

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## GOSPEL FOCUS

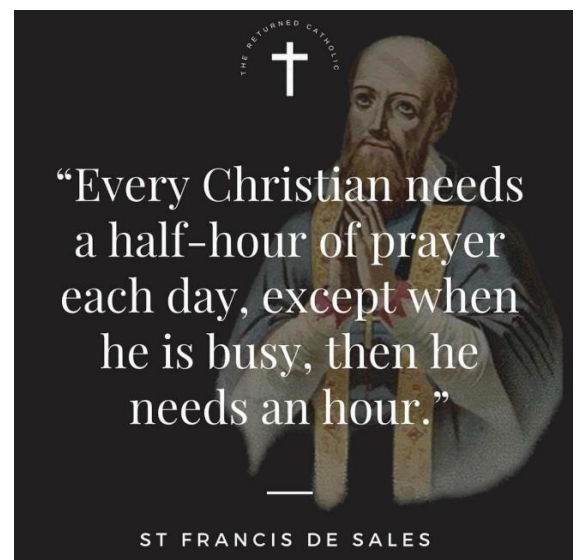
### Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter processes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.



“Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.”

ST FRANCIS DE SALES



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

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.**

*(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, **Frank Kelly, Alfio Mammino, Angelina Scuderi, Attilio Pilla, Dulcie Clutterbuck, Fred Macklin, Juana Astelero and Nita Jones.**

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GIN GIN – FAMILY REUNION CELEBRATION (PLEASE NOTE CHAGE OF DATE)**

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. More details will be provided in the coming week!

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH GIN GIN – WORKING BEE** – Parishioners are invited to a working bee next Saturday 14 September from 8:00am. Thank you in advance to those contributing their time and energy to make our church and surrounds beautiful!



**DURING WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share

the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. We welcome our guest speaker Greg Claire, this weekend, from the Rockhampton Diocese.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER EVENINGS** – 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 prayer and fellowship. We are working on launching the first evening on Tuesday 24 September at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church in Childers. The group will gather on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Thank you to Margaret Harm who will be coordinating this initiative.



**ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT** – Our annual retreat is coming up on 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).



**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.



**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. Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. This QR code will direct to the online registration, so parishioner families and visitors can sign up and stay connected. Alternatively, you can go to the following link: <https://childerscatholic.flocknote.com/register>

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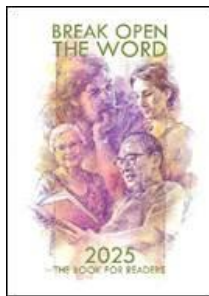
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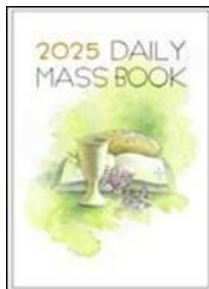
**SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS & PARISH RELATIONSHIPS** – As we continue to reach out into the local community as a parish, we are looking at how we can help to support local businesses and in turn how they can help support our mission. Do you know of any local businesses and services that might be interested in advertising in our newsletter for a small financial contribution? Please let the Parish Office know!

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This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

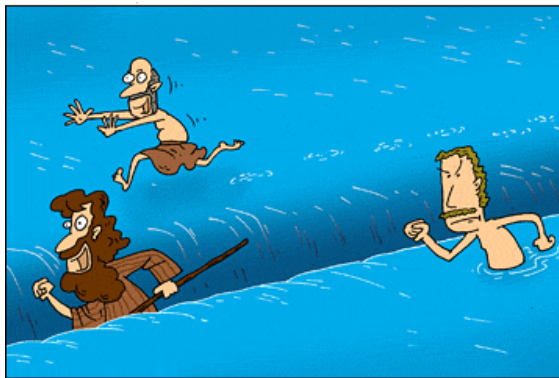
**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

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**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet**

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