Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

Little Flower Bribie Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Safeguarding Sunday

12th / 13th September 2026

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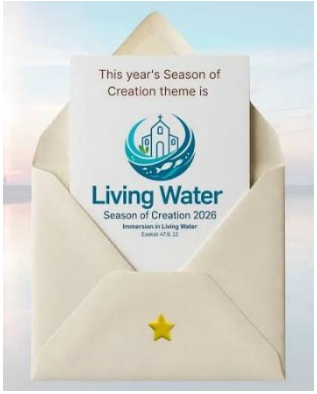
Ministry Matters

I was struck by one of the Prayers we shared last Weekend through the Prayers of Intercession. There had been so much to pray for through those prayers, and our prayer before God was indeed somewhat comprehensive. We prayed for the safety of children in the world. We prayed for our dads who would be models of life and love for us. We prayed for those who struggle with life at this time and we prayed, as we always do for our deceased relatives and friends.
But the one prayer that stood out for me through all that we addressed was the prayer dealing with **'The Season of Creation'.**
It was for our common home, this place and this land where we call home, and the importance of endeavouring to be careful stewards of all that God has given to us. I think this idea of care for the earth, care for creation, flows from all that Pope Francis had instigated when he sat in the Chair of St Peter.
No doubt, it has been a part of our human condition from the earliest days when our ancestors endeavoured to care for the environment in which they lived.
Certainly, our indigenous brothers and sisters, had developed a sense of care for the world to which they belonged, and this showed in the way they managed the world that has been their home for more than 60,000 years.
Today, following the instructions from Pope Francis, it is now up to us to somehow care for our world as best as we are able.
We have used that phrase 'The Season of Creation' and it can be a great slogan to direct us into action. But this call is so much more than just a quick fix, because every day, every week and every year is all part of this Season of Creation. As we live and breathe, each of us is also an integral part of this season of Creation and we are meant to abide by this call to care for our world. We are the only ones who can achieve this outcome, because God has gifted us with life and with this world in which we live. What a challenge for all of us to accept.

God Bless, Fr John.



How will you respond to the invitation?

This weekend we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday with the theme 'Love Protects'. Genuine Christian love is never passive. It notices, listens, responds, and seeks the wellbeing of others, especially the vulnerable. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of God's boundless mercy. True mercy does not ignore harm but seeks healing, justice, and protection. Safeguarding is more than a policy; it is a lived expression of the Gospel. Together, we are called to ensure our parish is a place of safety, dignity, welcome, and belonging for all.

As our Parish Safeguarding Officer, I am privileged to support our parish's commitment to providing a safe environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults. While I have a particular responsibility in this area, safeguarding is a shared commitment, and I thank all of you who contribute to this important ministry. I encourage everyone to continue fostering a culture of care, respect, and accountability, so that our parish remains a place of trust, welcome, and safety for everyone.

In friendship & faith. *Sharron*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome to our parish family

Stella Caberte & Arcus Guminang.

Some Priestly Information!

Fr John will be away on retreat this week and we wish him a quiet and prayerful time with his God. **Please be reminded that the only weekday Mass this week will be at Little Flower on Thursday at 9.15am.**

Fr Akesh returns from India this week and will celebrate the Masses at St Peter's next weekend, including our 10am Multi-Cultural Mass, before taking up ministry in Kingaroy for the remainder of the year. While we will miss his presence among us, the Kingaroy Parish will be greatly blessed by his ministry. We are also grateful to Fr John, who has kindly agreed to swap weekends and travel to Kingaroy to make this possible.

Priests Commitments

Sunday 13th September – 24th Sunday in Ord Time

8:00am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Tom)*
8:00am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr John)*
10:00am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Wrex)*
11.00am Baptism St Peter's	*(Fr Wrex)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's	*(Fr John)*
11.00am Baptism St Michael's	*(Fr John)*

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Thursday 17th September

9.15am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Wrex)*

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Saturday Vigil – 19th Sept 25th Sunday in Ord Time

6.00pm Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Tom)*
6.00pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Akesh)*

Reconciliation Times

St Peter's ~ 4.45pm – 5.30pm

Little Flower Church ~ 5pm – 5.30pm

St Peter's Multi-Cultural Mass is Here!

After months of anticipation, our Multi-Cultural Mass has finally arrived! Join us **next Sunday at the 10.00am Mass at St Peter's** as we celebrate the rich diversity of cultures, traditions, and gifts that make our St Peter's community so special. This will be a joyful morning of prayer, unity, music, and fellowship as we gather around the Lord's table as one family in Christ.

Following Mass, everyone is invited to stay and share in a festive morning tea. We encourage you to bring a plate of finger food that reflects your cultural heritage. So come along, bring your family and friends, and help us make this a vibrant celebration of faith, friendship, and community. **All are welcome!**

Please note: 'Growing St Peter's will not meet this September. The next meeting will be held the last Monday in October at 4pm in Mary McKillop Hall

Across the Parish during September

12th /13th Sept 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th September SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

14th Sept Rosary 9.30am St Peter's

14th Sept Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

14th Sept Woodford Vinnies Meeting 10am St Mary's Hall

16th Sept Christian Meditation 8.45am *Little Flower Church*

17th Sept KSC General Meeting *6pm Mary McKillop Hall*

17th Sept Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*

18th Sept St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*

18th Sept LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM

19th / 20th Sept 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st Sept Rosary 9.30am St Peter's

23rd Sept Christian Meditation 8.45am *Little Flower Church*

24th Sept Mother's Prayer Group *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*

25th Sept St Peter's Craft Group *9.30am Mary McKillop Hall*

25th Sept St Vinnies 4th Friday morning Tea *St Mary's Hall*

26th / 27th Sept 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th Sept 112th World Day of Refugees and Migrants

Our Schools Leadership Team

St Peter's Primary School
Principal: *Mr Russell Davey*
APRE: *Miss Catherine Meiklejohn*

St Columban's College
Principal: *Mr Michael Connelly*
APRE: *Mrs Ange Woodriff*

Shhh...Don't Tell Anyone! We have a little parish secret to share... and we're counting on you to keep it under wraps

It has come to our attention that someone in our parish is turning 70 on 3rd October.
Now, according to reliable sources, this particular person has a habit of disappearing on holidays every October so they can celebrate quietly and avoid any unnecessary fuss. Well... not this year! **We would love you to join us for a special birthday celebration during and after the 6.00pm Mass at St Peter's on Saturday 3rd October.** Unfortunately, we can't celebrate across all Parish Masses as our mystery birthday boy will be heading off on leave immediately afterwards. Now, we're not saying who it is... But if you've guessed that the birthday boy occasionally wears white, says Mass, and calls you 'Mother' when you say hello "Father", you're probably on the right track!
To assist with catering, attendance sheets are available at the rear of the church. We will be providing a sausage sizzle and would appreciate any contributions of salads. Please add your name to the salad list and let us know what you are able to bring. We look forward to celebrating this milestone occasion together and wishing him a wonderful birthday, so put it in your calendars and join us in celebrating with him.

Many Gifts – One Parish Family Parish.

Our **Ministry Weekend** has been brought forward and will now take place on the **last weekend of September.**

You will have noticed a Ministry Response Sheet included with this newsletter. Over the coming weeks, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on how God may be calling you to serve within our parish, whether by joining a new ministry or continuing in your current one.

Please bring your completed form back on the weekend of 26/27 September.

Our parish is blessed with many and varied ministries, and there is truly a place for everyone. Some ministries require a Blue Card and/or Police Check, and most involve training and ongoing support. What every ministry shares, however, is a willingness to serve, a generous spirit, and a commitment to using your gifts to help build a vibrant and welcoming parish community.

We are taking orders for **God's Word 2027**. Last year we ran out and unfortunately people missed out, so get in early and let us know if you'd like one so that we can hold a copy for you.

Rosary at St Mary's will be on hold while there is no Monday Mass being celebrated. Both these will resume in November.

This Weekend's Readings
~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 27: 30-28:7

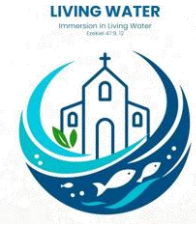
Psalm: ***The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.***

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Father's Day Crossword Solution



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Thank you for your support of our Parish. May your generosity be blessed.

Pope Leo's September prayer intention - For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. Amen.

LIVING WATER'S PARISH WH&S POLICY STATEMENT

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all who worship, work, volunteer, or visit. We will identify hazards, manage risks, comply with legislation, and foster a culture of care consistent with our Catholic values.
Archdiocesan Northern Rivers Deanery Work Health & Safety Representative: Mr Michael Alcorn.

~ Please Remember in Your Prayers ~

Our Recently Deceased ~ Michael MacGinley, Robert Lord, Judy Byrnes, Rebecca Devitt, Linda Watt, Lillian Poole, Patricia Twinchek, Pam Grealy, Margaret Turnbull, Boyce Morgan, Barbara Masterton, Gary Peterson,

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Virginia Elemani, Thelma McSweeney, Giovanni Serra, Ann Brock, Teresa Fais, John Wood, Terry Hamlin, Irene Edwards, Eileen Gray, Alan Nuss, Eileen Martin, Kevin McMahon, Jessie Cannon, John Bush, Liam Ryan, Jaimie Fairey, Joan McCafferty, Raymond Gilbert, Elizabeth Swinfield, Harry Wrench, Vojtech Lasek, Glen Standfast, Ryan Bliss, Ross Gabriel, Don Stewart, Ken Cross, John Brady, Iris Hickey, Allan Corbett, Elizabeth Brown, Nell Dunne.

Our Sick ~ Redmond Gurney, Isla Glover, Barbara Bateman, Eden McGovern, Helen Owen, Ailsa O'Shea, Rhonda Keane, Frank Del Rossso, Joel Campbell, Rita Jacobs, Theresa Vaugn, Horrie Hunt, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Sergio Spigariol, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, Kathryn Sotiriadis-Mobley, Peter Brown, David Stott, Mary Loveday, Kira Wojtowicv, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Jayden Lowe, Ron Jones, Xander Ferguson, Marlene Albert, Jeanette Herd, Don Joiner, Sheila Musarra, Helen Johnson, Tricia Fischer, Joshua & Myra Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Gerard Brown.

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Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commitment

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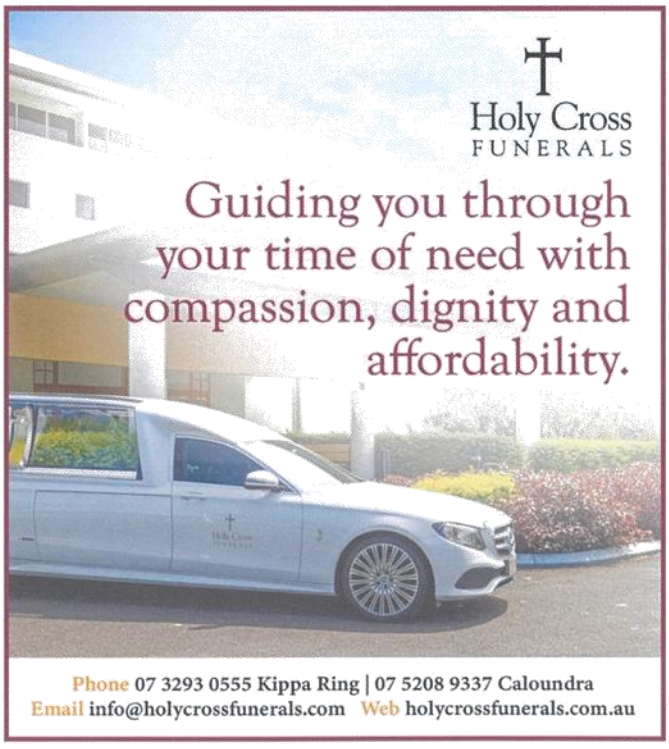

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