

Catholic Parish of the Valleys Region

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Parish communities:

St Joseph's, Biloela

Mass Times

Friday 9.00am
Sunday 8.00am

St Therese's, Monto

Mass Time

Monday 9.00am
Sunday 6.00pm

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Mass Times

Saturday (1st & 3rd)
6.00pm
Lay-Led Liturgy (2nd & 4th)
6.00pm

St Michael's, Moura

Mass Times

Saturday (2nd & 4th)
6.00pm

St Patrick's, Baralaba

Mass Times

Friday
(3rd - by arrangement)
6.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

Biloela

St. Joseph's Catholic
School
Phone: 4992 2353
Principal: Nicole Rutten

Monto

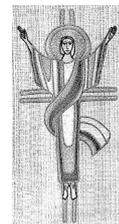
St Therese's Catholic
School
Phone: 4166 1654
Principal: Monica White

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 27th October 2019

"As we celebrate the Extraordinary Missionary Month, we ask the Holy Spirit to enable us to open the doors of the Gospel to all peoples and to be authentic witnesses of divine love."

Pope Francis

**"COME
FOLLOW
ME"**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Pope at Audience: Church must always be open, expansive, welcoming

In his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on how the first Christians resolve their differences at the "Council of Jerusalem", under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis began his catechesis by saying that the Book of Acts recounts the long journey of the Word of God. "This journey", said the Pope, began after a "strong persecution". During this persecution, Christians were forced to flee taking the Word with them, rather than being discouraged from evangelising.

Amongst those fleeing persecution were Paul and Barnabas, who took the Word of the Gospel to the Jewish community of Antioch in Syria.

"The Book of Acts reveals the nature of the Church," said the Pope. He explained that she is "not a stronghold, but a tent, capable of widening her space" so that all may enter.

The Church is "outgoing", continued the Pope. She is either walking and expanding "or she is not Church".

The Pope then used the example of certain churches he has seen both in Rome and in Buenos Aires in Argentina with their doors closed, describing it as a "bad sign", because the Church's doors must be always open.

Pope Francis then went on to explain that these "open doors" are the cause of some controversy, because many people ask themselves 'open to whom?'

The Pope recalled that some of the Jews who had converted stressed the necessity to perform ancient Jewish rituals, such as circumcision, before baptism "in order to be saved".

Therefore, Paul goes to Jerusalem to consult with Peter and James, who were considered the "columns" of the early Christian Church. At the "Council of Jerusalem", the Apostles find a middle way, saying that non-Jewish members are not required to be circumcised but must reject idolatry and all its expressions.

Pope Francis said this way of addressing differences offers us a key to resolving conflict. "It reminds us that the ecclesial method of resolving conflicts is based on dialogue through careful and patient listening and discernment in the light of the Spirit", said the Pope.

Finally, Pope Francis invited the faithful gathered to live in dialogue, listening and encounter in faith, with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Francesca Merlo © Vatican News

Reconciliation: St Joseph's, Biloela - Sunday 7.00am to 7.30am

By appointment with Father Thadayoose

St. Therese's, Monto - Before Sunday Mass

Baptisms: Bookings are made through the Parish Office in Biloela.

Advance notice and preparation are required.

Weddings: By appointment and after preparation.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

31st Sunday
in Ordinary Time
3rd November 2019
Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2 Thessalonians 1-11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10

Prayers for the sick: Rose Ryan, Frank Vogels,
Henny Hay, Katryn Hay, Coleman family, John de Git,
Chris Barron, Mark Lonsdale, Shirley Matheson,
Alan Roberts, Michael Stoddart, Gail Harrison,
Lorraine Stockley

Recently deceased: Marianne Roe, Angelo Moretti,
Brian Sharpe

VALLEYS REGION PARISH NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING

Last week's contributions amounted to:

Biloela: \$1,331.70, Monto: \$270.00

Dawson Valley: \$110.00

Payment options for Planned Giving: Credit Card, Direct Debit or Envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

VALLEYS' MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

26th-27th Catholic Mission Appeal

27th St Joseph's Fair meeting after Mass

27th St Therese's (Monto) Anointing Mass

November:

1st St Joseph's School Mass - All Saints Day - 9.00am

St Vincent de Paul meets fortnightly
Biloela 5.30pm on Monday 28th October
Monto 11.30am on Monday 28th October

ST THERESE'S, MONTO

Needed: someone who would like to help Sr Anne or Sr Marie with setting up for funerals, in the event that one of them is away. Please talk to the Sisters if you are able to help.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAIR - Friday 1st November

Tickets for the giant Christmas Stocking are now on sale. We are seeking donations of food items, drinks, toys, or anything suitable for this Christmas hamper. Art Union ticket books are available from the Holy Goods Shop. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the office by next Thursday.

There will be a Fair meeting after Mass this morning.

St Vincent de Paul Melbourne Cup High Tea

Tuesday 5th November - 11.30am till 2.30pm
at Vinnies Function Centre - Admission \$20.00
Includes one complimentary wine and mystery bet
Fashion Parade - Finger Food Lunch - High Tea
Table bookings must be made at Vinnies Shop

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Michael invites all those in the Diocese who are celebrating significant anniversaries of their marriage (eg. 10, 20, 25 years etc.) and other special anniversaries that hold significance for you to join him in celebration. You are invited to Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral at 9.30am on Sunday 10th November.

This will be an opportunity for a prayerful event to affirm your commitment and receive blessings on your marriage and families.

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

menALIVE – Last Chance to Register The menALIVE weekend for men is happening NEXT WEEKEND (2/3 November) in Rockhampton. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running the weekend. For last minute registration or inquiries, phone Michael (0433897973), Kevin (0407589674), Shaun (0400041428) or email menaliverocky@rok.catholic.net.au

The **Catholic Bishops of Australia** have announced a **National Prayer Campaign for Drought** to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so the response should be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Diocesan Vocations Prayer

God of creation and mercy,
bless men and women to respond to your call with courage.
May the Holy Spirit kindle their hearts
and Jesus be their role model to discern priesthood
and consecrated life.
Henceforth, they can use their given talents
to lead a life of holiness, make Jesus real to all people,
bring hope to despair,
safeguard the mother earth and proclaim the gospel
with precision. Amen

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing. The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints. Contact the Professional Standards and Safeguarding office: **Response Line on m: 1800 830 113** (free call) or email: pssso@rok.catholic.net.au
Diocesan Website for more information: w.rok.catholic.net.au
To view the Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy:
<http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>
Queensland Professional Standards Office:
www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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PRAYER FOR RAIN

God our creator and Father,
you created our earth to nourish us
and give us life.
Jesus told us to ask and it would be given to us.
We ask now in faith and hope that you look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
our starving animals and failing produce.
Sustain and strengthen our farmers
and all those affected by this drought.
In your loving mercy send abundant rain soon,
and renew the faith of your people
and the face of our land.
Amen