



# St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

*Year C*  
*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*13th & 14th August 2022*

## SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

### Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/the-20th-Sunday-in-Ordinary-Time/Cycle-C/Sunday-connection/>



### **The Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday 15th August - Mass 5.30pm**



**We acknowledge the Gayiri People,  
Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today,  
and pay respects for their Elders, past and present.**

**We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples here today.**

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through  
*Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

**Please Especially Pray For**

**Sick:** Myra Stanton, Peter Finch, Vinita Allix, Mike Burns, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Dolour Yore, Mary Hornery, Lawrence McNamee.

**Deceased:** Bryan (Les) McConnell, Allan Mansfield, Darrell Beveridge, John Crossan,

**Anniversaries:** John Braitting, Robert Bell, Martin Depaah Yeboah, Denise Kirby, Digger Daniels, Phillipa Aupouri, Ken Vale, John McCosker, Courtney Smith, Patricia Hooper, Godfrey Turich, Aileen Turich, Ellinor Bourne.

**Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support.**

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**Week Day Mass Times:**

Monday 5.30pm

Tuesday 12noon

Wednesday 7am

Thursday 8am

Friday 9am

**Weekend Mass Times:**

Emerald: Saturday 6pm | Sunday 8am

Gemfields: 2nd & 4th Sunday monthly

10.30am | Anakie Community Hall

All Welcome

The Diocesan Ministry Appeal is being held this weekend. This is an opportunity for us to contribute financially to various ministries that support those in need or on the margins within our Diocese. The needs that you can support are:

- ◆ Woorabinda Ministry
- ◆ Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre
- ◆ Catholic Prison Ministry
- ◆ Parishes of Central West

Please pick up a brochure to learn more about the good works being done on behalf of us all and offer your financial support where you can.

**2022 Fundraising Raffle****Mitre 10**

**Rescheduled to  
Sunday 17th - September  
9am - 1pm**

**2022 Fundraising Raffle****1st Prize**

7 x 4 Trailer filled  
with Family Gifts

**2nd Prize**

2.4m x 2.4m  
Child's Cubbyhouse

**3rd Prize \$500**

The Christmas trailer raffle is here and tickets are being sorted. We now hope to fill the trailer with items that any family would find joy in opening for Christmas. Can you help?

We are looking for donations of toys, home ware items, items for the bar, bbq or may be simply cash donations, allowing us to buy items for the trailer.

**Now receiving donations of all sorts for the Fair.**

- Books
- Trash and Treasure
- Cent Sale Items
- Wheelbarrow
- Lollies, Chocolates, Soft drink for prizes for children's activities
- Items for the Multidraw

**Items We Cant Sell**

- ⇒ Electrical goods
- ⇒ Clothing & Shoes
- ⇒ Torn, rusted or out of date items
- ⇒ Broken Toys

Donation can be left on Parish back verandah or leave in the church for our attention. Parish contact 4982 1066

Hello families,

Our Catholic Community FAIR is just over 100 days away!

We would love your help in prepping preserves.

Our Preserve stall is always very popular and sells all types of chutney, relish, jams and marmalades.

If you would like to help please make contact with either:

Allie Towler - St Brigid's contact

Laura Clarke - St Pats/Marist contact or

Francie Hartley - Parish contact

**We have jars available on the kitchen bench at the church.**

Much thanks. Laura Clarke,  
Fair Co-Ordinator. 0408 553185

Dear young people and parents,

**Re: Diocesan Ignite Conference Group 2022****What is Ignite Conference?**

Ignite Conference is an annual Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane and run by Ignite Youth. It's a four-day event featuring real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship. You can find out more about Ignite Conference here:

<https://igniteconference.com.au/about> and you can see their promo video here:

[https://youtu.be/l81C\\_L4lgRU](https://youtu.be/l81C_L4lgRU). Last year we took a group of around 40 from our diocese who had lots of fun and grew in their experience and understanding of the Catholic faith.

**Details for 2022**

Ignite Conference is taking place from the 22nd to the 25th of September, however for those from Mackay, Blackwater, Emerald or further west, your journey will go from the 21st to the 26th of September. Ignite Conference is open to people of all ages however only adults and high school students will be able to travel and stay with our diocesan group. Families are welcome to register and arrange their own transport and accommodation. Depending on interest we aim to offer bus transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin.

**How to Register**

To register with our group, you will need to use the following codes:

For adult participants the code is **RockyAdult**

For high school students, the code is **RockyHigh**

Neither of the codes are case sensitive. To register go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22bne>. Enter the code in the coupon code field at the top of the page. Fill out the appropriate registration details which will be *Rocky Diocese - Ignite High* for high school students or *Rocky Diocese - Ignite Adults* for young adult participants or leaders. Then select the 'place order' button at the bottom of the page to complete your order.

**Church August Roster**

**Ground Maintenance:** Lachlan Boyle, Tony

Caffery, John Millard

**Church Linen:** Marsha Krawczyk

**Church Cleaning:**

19th: Lyn O'Neil, Cathy Bedford

26th: Susan McCosker, Juliana McCosker

**THIS WEEKEND 13/14 AUGUST****Sacristan:**

6pm: John Millard

8am: Peter Agius

**Commentators:**

6pm: Cherrie Nurser

8am: Janice Moriarty

**Readers:**

6pm: Morag Hyslop, Margaret Smith

8am: Jackie McGavin, Marissa Ryan

**Communion Ministers:**

6pm: Kevin Bickhoff, Evelyn Walker

8am: Peter Agius, Grainne Cullivan

**Altar Servers:**

6pm: Zoey McKenzie, Mackenzie Tucker

8am: Augustine & Edmund Chang

**Children's Liturgy:**

6pm: Anna Pitkanen, Dana Hall

8am: Natalie McCosker, volunteer please

**Holy Goods:**

6pm: Elma Devlin

8am: Juliana McCosker

**Musicians:**

6pm: Noel, Lorraine M, Lorraine W, Cathy

8am: Peggy, Monica

**August Emergency Weekend Relief -  
Salvation Army M: 0422 500 412  
Weekday support  
The Neighbourhood Centre P: 4982 1896**