



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Childers



Embracing the worshipping communities of
Childers ~ Biggenden ~ Gin Gin ~ Mt Perry ~ Woodgate Beach
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Mission & Vision Statement

We are the Catholic Communities of Childers, Gin Gin, Mount Perry, Biggenden and Woodgate beach, loving and welcoming all to faith and fellowship, journeying together in the Spirit towards the heart of Jesus sharing our rich religious traditions and values.

Parish Priest

Fr. Onyema Eloagu

Parish Secretary / Safeguarding Rep

Kelly Ross - 4126 1256

Office Hours

Mon & Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm

Chairperson - Pastoral Council

Brian Larter

Chairperson - Finance Board

Kevin Edwards

St Josephs School Principal

Christina Poletto: 4126 1866

St Vincent de Paul

Ph 4126 1822

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Catholic Women's League

Sonia Jones

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Mass Times

Sacred Heart Childers

Friday - 9.00am &

Confession following

Sunday - 8.00am

Weekly

Holy Hour-9am 1st Sat mthly

St Michaels Gin Gin

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

St Peter's Biggenden

10.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays

Monthly

St Patrick's Mt Perry

5th Sundays Monthly 11am

Flexible weekday Masses

Woodgate Beach

10am 1st & 3rd Sundays

10am 2nd Thursday

Monthly

22th May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year C

Farewell Fr John

We are so grateful Fr John, for the time, faith, service and your caring nature you have shown to all the communities within the parish. You have gone above and beyond to listen, embrace hearts and respond to the needs of our community. Thank you for the dedication you have committed in providing our community with all the extra's that you didn't need to do but took it on and accomplished it wholeheartedly; whether it was a funeral mass, support through difficult events, lifting individual's spirits, giving inspiration and sharing your experiences, you have not disappointed. We hope you continue to enjoy your life adventures, wish you every success in a smooth transition to your next vocation and enjoy the changes that Queensland offers you. *Every ending has a new beginning so farewell Fr John, until we meet again. The Sacred Heart parishioners, Staff and Fr Onyema.*



Vale Childers

All good things come to an end, and it is so for me, your supply priest for these weeks while Fr Onyema is on holiday leave. My time with you seems to have streamed by and I will truly miss the many friends I have been fortunate to have shared time in prayer and serving together with.

The combined parish communities of Childers, Gin Gin, Biggenden and Woodgate have incredible vitality of faith. Yes, we are small as is true of the Church now wherever we are, but it is like the mustard seed or the grain of yeast which preserves the vitality of our lives and that of the communities to which we belong. I am incredibly thankful to the welcome I received from the 'get go' and my prayer is one of gratitude for you all.

Though we are like ships passing in the night, it is incredible how our lives are inspired and strengthened by the good will we have for each other in life. This is God's gift of the Spirit at work in us and may He always invigorate us with his seven fold gifts: Fortitude, Wisdom, knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Piety and Fear of the Lord. And of course Peace and Joy are two of the fruits of the Holy Spirit we all seek for. And we will realise these gifts as we strive together as a family of faith in our various parish communities where we serve one another with humility offering our various talents to the Lord.

My special thanks to Fr Onyema for his invitation to be here and to serve this community of faith on his behalf and I thank him for his gracious invitation. And I also wish to recognise those volunteers who have made my role so stream lined by their many kind deeds of service. Each of the communities is efficient and makes the role of a visiting priest a pleasure to be here with you.

It is true, I like to share a story or two and I am so glad you except my journey as one with your own. May the Lord keep us always in the palm of his hand as we journey together in faith, hope and charity.

*God Bless you & keep you always,
Fr John Fowles*

Wave for Volunteers

As we draw to the end of National Volunteer Week, we wanted to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers in Sacred Heart parish for their efforts, time and dedication that is the backbone of our catholic community and evidence suggests '[essential to Australia's crisis resilience](#)'. This Year's theme is 'Better Together' and I'm sure would love a 'wave' or 'certificate of appreciation' which is free from volunteeringaustralia.org or a personal 'thank you'. Below is a volunteer message from the Archbishop.

These are anxious times. The pandemic, the floods and the Ukrainian war conspire to undermine the hope which is the one thing humans need most.

Yet amidst the anxiety there are still those willing to give what they can from deep within. Hope soars when the hand of help is offered. During National Volunteer Week, we acknowledge the more than 10,000 Archdiocesan volunteers who are helping in all kinds of ways – in parishes or prisons, hospitals, schools, respite services or drop-in centres, or in Care and Concern ministry of communion to aged care services. My deepest thanks to you for so generously serving the community of communities which is the Archdiocese. Through your selfless volunteering, we are changing these communities for the better. We are all Better Together.



+ Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
2nd Reading: Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Weekday Readings

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
Tue: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 3:14-19; Luke 8:19-21
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
Thu: Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28

Next: The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23; Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

What's a RAP?

Reconciliation, one of the seven sacraments of our faith, provides a foundation to guide us in our journey of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. [RAP](#) stands for our [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) which is a strategic document with practical actions that drive an organisation's contribution to reconciliation both internally and in the communities in which it operates. [National Reconciliation Week](#) is 27 May to 3 June and all are invited to read, absorb and share strategies to implement into our parish. It is also [Mabo Day](#) on 3rd June which celebrates the life of [Eddie Mabo](#) and signifies this day in 1992 the High Court ruled his case. What is '[Welcome to Country](#)' and '[Acknowledgement of Country](#)' all about? Click on [links](#) to learn more about that subject.

Date Claimers

- ♦ 21st May - Childers Show Day
- ♦ 22nd May - National Volunteer Day
- ♦ 24th May - Our Lady Help of Christians
- ♦ 26th May - National Sorry Day
- ♦ 26th May - Bundaberg Show Holiday (Show 25th-27th)
- ♦ 29th May - Ascension of The Lord
- ♦ 3rd June - Mabo Day

Sacraments Expression of Interest

Families wishing their children to receive the Sacraments for those who have turned 8 years or older, please contact Margaret on 4126 2081 or Parish office on 4126 1526 to express your interest.

Childers Linen Roster

May—Trish Walker
Marshalls - please check roster and rearrange if need.

Prayers for the sick of our Parish

As a caring community we pray for family members, parishioners and friends who are ill especially: **Phil Angel, Mr Wilcox, Dawn & Douglas Ware, Elaine Graham, Ian Stead, Aileen O'Reilly, Jack Savage, Ellena MacDonald, Mary Goggi, William Phingst and Carita Jones.**

Prayers for Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Pray for the recently deceased, **Peter West, Bill McLean** and for our brothers and sisters who have died, **Arokiasamy Arumanathan, Lorraine Maroney, Donald Begley, Johanna Hawe and Mario Marinucci**, who we remember at this time.

May they rest in peace.