



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 Coordinator

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Office Hours

Tue & Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm

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Mass Times

Sacred Heart Childers

Friday - 9.00am with

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

Or 4th Monday 11:30am

Woodgate Beach

5.00pm Sundays

Weekly

Childrens Liturgy

2nd & 4th Sundays 8am

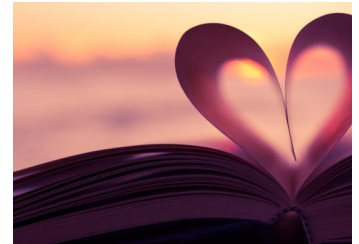
St Joseph's School Hall

24th September 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A

The Generous Love of the Lord

Today we go on developing the notions of forgiveness and divine love that are the hallmarks of God's personality and his kingdom. When the ancient Israelites returned from exile, they hoped for the restoration of their kingdom, and the punishment of their enemies. But the



Lord had other plans. He was for mercy not vengeance, forgiveness not retribution (for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways). They were not to reclaim an earthly kingdom, but to be the witnesses of God's love, his saving ways in the world. The parable of the labourer in the vineyard illustrates something of the mercy of God's ways. In terms of economics, this seems a very strange arrangement; one might even feel it to be contrary to the standards of fairness we would expect as decent people. Everyone should be paid according to how much the work. But the point being made is that all are equally loved in God's kingdom. His love cannot be earned; human standards cannot be used to measure God's generosity.

God's ways are indeed above our ways, we demand justice, calculated giving, we prefer charity. The Lord is for boundless mercy, generosity, and infinite love. It seems wasteful and foolish in human terms, but this is how he is, in his creative and saving actions, loving and just in all his deeds.

By earthly standard it is a paradox; whether we live or die, both are equally for the Lord. This divine love is a mystery and it challenges human standards. We see it reflected in the lives of the great saints who have gone before us. God's justice, his care and respect for life and freedom, manifested in his law and prophets, and supremely in the life and teachings of Jesus, could never conform to a human program. *They are a sign of contradiction and transformation in the world.*

Blessings of Peace,

Fr Onyema

Changes to Upcoming Mass Services

The following are changes to upcoming services , all set mass times and venues remain the same

- *Woodgate 1st Oct 5pm - Venue change only to SES Acacia room on Acacia Street*
- ***Holy Hour** adoration 7th Oct is **cancelled***



Season of Creation

Season of Creation 2023 theme is
"Let Justice and Peace flow" with
the symbol being the Mighty River.

(Amos 5:24)

(seasonofcreation.org for info - ends Oct 4)



Reflection Booklets

**Please get your orders in for
Advent Reflection Booklets**

They will be \$5 each

(the parish will pay for postage fees)



Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Weekday Readings

Mon: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tue: Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wed: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thu: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Fri: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
Sat: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Luke 9:43-45

Next: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Biggenden Retreat

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Feast Day: Oct. 7



Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Invites you to

Parish Retreat

St Peter's Biggenden - Saturday, 7 October
"Role Of Mary In Our Lives"

8:30 - 9:00am	Arrive & mingle
9:00am	Public Square Rosary
9:30 - 10:30am	Adoration & Psalms
10:30 - 11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00 - 12:30pm	Faith Journeys Break Open The Word One on One Interactions Sharing
12:30 - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:15pm	Mass

Pray For Us O Holy Mother Of God

Childers Morning Tea Roster



October - Doug and Marg Harm

Childers Linen Roster



September - Pam Dutton
October - Del Styles



Prayers for the sick of our Parish

As a caring community we pray for family members, parishioners and friends who are ill especially: **Brian Larter, Elaine Carpenter, Olive Begley, Loretta Elder, Petrina Coomer, Elena McDonnell, Primitiva Sandalo, Eden Lazar.**

(Names to be removed in 1 month - please contact office to extend)

Prayers for Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Pray for the recently deceased, **Lucy Smith** and for our brothers and sisters who have died, **Melissa-Ann Coco, Norman Warmington, Catherine Cook, Laurie Conaghan and Grahame Davis**, who we remember at this time.



May they rest in peace.