



Childers Catholic Parish

Embracing the worshipping communities of
Childers ~ Biggenden ~ Gin Gin ~ Mt Perry ~ Woodgate Beach

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.

Feast Days this week

11th July - St Benedict

8TH OF JULY, 2018

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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Office times

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Mass Times

SACRED HEART CHILDERS

MON, WED & FRI - 9.00am

SATURDAY VIGIL - 6.00pm

SUNDAY - 6.30am

Adoration & Rosary:

Wednesday 8.00am-9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday-5.00pm

ST MICHAEL'S GIN GIN

SUNDAY - 8.30am

TUESDAY - 5.00pm

Rosary - Friday 9.00am

ST PETER'S BIGGENDEN

SUNDAY 10.30 am

Rosary before Mass 10.05am

1st Sunday of the month

Liturgy of the word and

Communion

ST PATRICK'S MT. PERRY

1st Sunday of the month 10.30 am

WOODGATE BEACH

SUNDAY 6.15PM

As a caring community we pray for family members, parishioners and friends who are ill especially: **Colin Saroglia, Matteo Di Pasqantonio, Paul Neville, Sheree Goode, Dawn Player, Bill Rough, Pam Bell, Desia Wakarua, Veronica Mary Saunders, , Gordon Reynolds, Cath Muckert and Denise Althaus.** Please pray for the recently deceased **Vilma Theodore and Dorothy Harth** and for our brothers and sisters who have died, we remember at this time: **Fiona French, Janet Caughey, Burnie Nord, Rosario La Rocca and Madge Williams.** **May they rest in peace.**

God's Love and Power

A computer or a machine can be programmed to respond at our command and by conditioning an animal with rewards and punishments we can teach it to obey. But every parent knows, children are not so easily taught. People have wills and must choose to submit, to follow the instructions of their parents, teachers and leaders. Surely discipline is part of the process, children should know the consequences of disobedience, and there is a choice to be made, because they are not machines or animals. God's children must learn to obey and have faith in their heavenly Father. Prophet Ezekiel was a man who chose to obey God and have faith in God. He served as a Jewish preacher for 22 years in Babylon, when the Jews were in captivity in Babylonia, telling everyone about God's judgment and salvation and calling them to repent, obey and have faith in God.

The book of Ezekiel chronicles the prophet's life and ministry; beginning with his call as a prophet and commissioning as a watchman for the house of Israel, he immediately began to preach and demonstrate God's truth as he predicted the approaching siege and distraction of Jerusalem and Ezekiel challenged them to turn from their wicked ways. As we read this exciting record, watch Ezekiel fearlessly preach the word of God to the exiled Jews in the streets of Babylon and hear the timeless truth of God's love and power. He preached; think about each person's responsibility to trust and have faith in God, and about the inevitability of God's judgment against idolatry, rebellion and indifference.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching effectively and wisely, but the people of his hometown saw him as only a carpenter and they said, 'he is no better than we are, he's just a common labourer like us'. They were offended about his teaching and power but others could be impressed by Jesus' teaching and followed him. Jesus' hometown people rejected his authority and power because he was one of their peers and they knew the members of his family. They thought they knew him, but their preconceived notions about who he was made it impossible for them to accept his message and healing power. That's why Jesus said, a prophet is never honoured in his hometown; but that doesn't make his work any less important. Jesus could have done greater miracles in his hometown Nazareth, but he chose not to because of the people's pride, unbelief and lack of faith in him. The miracles he did had little effect on the people because they did not accept his power, message or believe that he was from God. Therefore, Jesus looked elsewhere, seeking those who would respond to his miracles, message and power of God. Let us fix our eyes on Him.

May God Bless Us All, Fr Sunny

Date Claimers

- **Anointing Mass**
Wednesday 11th of July, 9.00am Childers
- **CWL Meeting**
Wednesday 11th July following Mass in St Joseph's Meeting Room
Contact: Sonia Jones 4126 1447
- **Safeguarding Children Training**
29th August 2018
12.30pm – 2.30pm, Hervey Bay
Contact: Denise Rapkins 0409 721 865
- **St Patricks Church Cent Sale**
Saturday 1st September, 9.30am
Contact: Cheryl Cowan 4156 3252
- **CWL Cent Sale**
Saturday 20th October
St Joseph's School Hall
Contact: Sonia Jones 4126 1447

Forest View Mass—9th July 2018

This Monday 9th July Mass will be held at Forest View commencing at 9.30am.
There is no Mass at Church.

Peter's Pence

Following Mass this weekend there will be a third collection for Peters Pence.

The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Next Week's Roster ~ 14th & 15th July

Childers - Saturday

Greeters/Offertory: A Fresta, D La Rocca

Readers: P Hass, L Hass, D Rapkins

Min. of Communion: T Clutterbuck, S Freeman

Monitor: M & B Cochrane

Childers - Sunday

Greeters/Offertory: G Peters, B McKenzie

Readers: S Jones, D French, M Polikarpus

Min. of Communion: D Russo, J Russo

Monitor: M Martins

July Linen: Margaret Cochrane

Gin Gin – Sunday

Greeters/Offertory: Lindy & Ellena

Readers: Galea Family

Prayer of the Faithful: Gail

Min. of Communion: Lawrence & Rudy

Cleaners & Flowers:

Music: Margaret

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are
saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Dates

- Childers – Saturday 28th July 6:00pm
- Gin Gin – Sunday 29th July 8:30am

All preparation materials will be provided by the Parish. There are no costs to families associated with preparing and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents are requested to attend the first class and are encouraged to stay and be a part of the other preparation classes.

Please begin discussing with your child the following two topics:

1. Someone that you may consider to be their sponsor for confirmation. Sponsors should be: at least 16 years old, not the child's parent, a Catholic who has received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
2. Choosing a Confirmation name named after a Saint in the Catholic Church. If a child's name given at Baptism is also the name of a Saint, the child may choose his/her baptismal name. If a saint's name is chosen, it should be a name of a saint that inspires the child (e.g. Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Peter, Maria, Paul, Teresa, Dominic, Maximilian, Angela, Thomas, Clare, Francis, Patrick, John-Paul and many more). Choosing a Confirmation name helps put us in contact with our greater Christian story. There are books in the library of Saints or you can use the web to find information about Saints and their life stories. Please be aware that this is a choice, not a requirement.