



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

19th March - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

18TH OF MARCH, 2018

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

Parish Priest

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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: **Dawn Player, Russell Sibson, Bill Rough, Pam Bell, Desia Wakarua, Veronica Mary Saunders, Vilma Theodore, Gordon Reynolds, Cath Muckert, Denise Althaus and Glenys Byrne.** Please pray for the recently deceased **Mark Da Costa and Bridie Lee** and for our brothers and sisters who have died, who we remember at this time: **Guilio Rossato and John (Jack) O'Brien.** **May they rest in peace.**

Lose and Gain; New Wisdom

"You Greeks will never rest yourselves; nor will you ever let anyone else rest" an ancient saying. The Greeks always had a desire to see new places and taste new ideas. That may be the part of their life. The Greeks were always searching for new wisdoms and truths for which they travelled different places and had dialogue with the teachers and leaders of the religions. Remember the great philosophers Socrates and Plato and they lived before Christ.

There were many Greeks there for the Passover feast and they may have seen some miracles worked by Jesus in Jerusalem. They may have witnessed Jesus driving the money changers and merchants out of the Temple. They were interested to know more about Jesus. In today's gospel, we can see some people from Greece approached Jesus through the disciples of Philip and Andrew. When they came to Jesus he said; 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'. He was waiting for that hour to teach his people about the glorification through suffering and death. This may be a very new wisdom for them. Jesus was very clear of his life and mission in the world, and that is why he was telling to them that only by death comes life. The Son of Man is a prophetic title for the Messiah- the Anointed one-recorded in the prophecy of Daniel (7:13-14).

Jesus' death is ahead of him. The hour has come to suffer and die. At that Passover feast the sacrificial lamb will be Jesus himself. He must face the loss of his disciples and people, and the loss of his own life. All these losses troubled him. He was well aware that the pain and the loss cannot be avoided if the Father's name is to be glorified. There is going to be gain from the pain; there is going to be glory from the cross and death. That is why Jesus mentioned the example of the wheat grain. A grain of wheat was unfruitful and unproductive; as long as it was preserved safely, when it was thrown into the soil, it bore fruit. A kind of lose and gain; death and life. Jesus said to the Greeks and his disciples that only by suffering and death comes life; and that only by service comes greatness. That's why St Paul says, 'While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ', (1 Corinthians 1:22). We are in the fifth Sunday of Lent, the final Sunday before the Holy Week. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

May God Bless Us All, Fr Sunny

St Patrick Day Greetings To All



No Mass

There will be no Mass at Gin Gin on the 20th March and no Mass on the 21st and 23rd March at Childers

Stations Of The Cross

Childers: Friday's at 6pm
Gin Gin: Tuesday's after Mass

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The second rite of reconciliation will be held at Gin Gin on Tuesday 27th March at 5.00pm

Good Friday Collection 2018

On Good Friday there will be a collection to promote the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land.

BBQ Party,

When: Saturday March 24
Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Where: Childers Wesleyan Methodist Church (behind Maccas)
Cost: \$10 per head or \$25 per family
Enquiries: Pastor Alan 0438770890

Holy Week Celebrations

Palm Sunday: Blessing of the Palms and Mass

Saturday March 24th - Childers: 6.00pm
Sunday March 25th - Childers: 6.30am
Gin Gin: 8.30am
Biggenden: 10.30am
Woodgate Beach: 6.15pm

Second Rite Of Reconciliation and Individual Confession

Tuesday March 27 - Gin Gin 5.00pm

Holy Thursday: March 29th

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet

Gin Gin 5.00pm
Childers 7.30pm
(Adoration following)

Good Friday: March 30th

Stations of the Cross: Biggenden: 9.00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Gin Gin: 11.00am
Childers: 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: Vigil Mass of Easter Night

Saturday March 31st - Biggenden: 5.30pm
Childers: 7.30pm

Celebration Of Lord's Resurrection:

Sunday April 1 - Childers: 6.30am
Gin Gin: 8.30am
Mt. Perry: 10.30am
Woodgate Beach: 6.15pm

Next Week's Roster ~ 24th & 25th March

Childers - Saturday

Greeters/Offertory: A Fresta, T Mammino
Readers: N Fresta, M Byrne, S Freeman
Min. of Communion: T Clutterbuck, I Fernandes
Monitor: M & B Cochrane

Childers - Sunday

Greeters/Offertory: D Russo, J Russo
Readers: D Rapkins, P Vella, G Peters
Min. of Communion: B McKenzie, M Polikarpus
Monitor: M Martins

April Linen: Del Styles

Gin Gin - Sunday

Greeters/Offertory: Nora & Sonny
Readers: Lorraine & Toni
Prayer of the Faithful: Carlyne
Min. of Communion: Terry & Pat
Cleaners & Flowers: Margaret
Music: Carmel