St Brigid's Parish

Stuart - Wulguru - Woodstock

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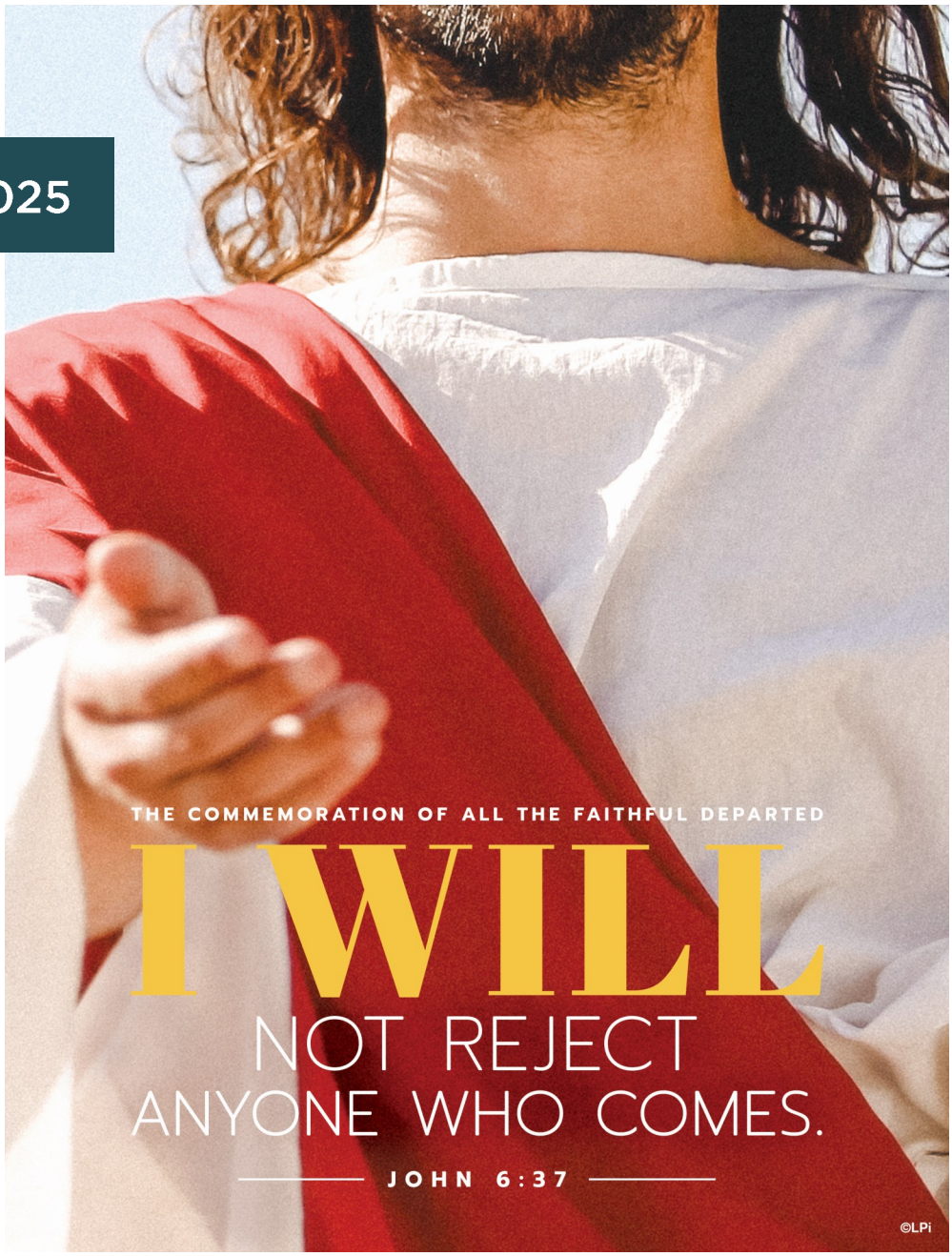

On behalf of St Brigid's Parish, our Parish Priest and Parishioners,
We welcome any new members to be part of our community. "All Members are a gift from God", so a very warm "Welcome" to you.

Get in Touch!

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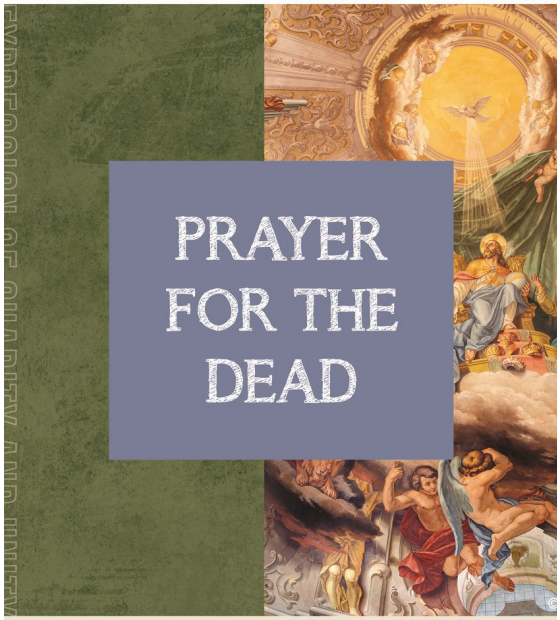
Through our Baptism we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Through the love of Jesus Christ, we live and share the Good news with all.

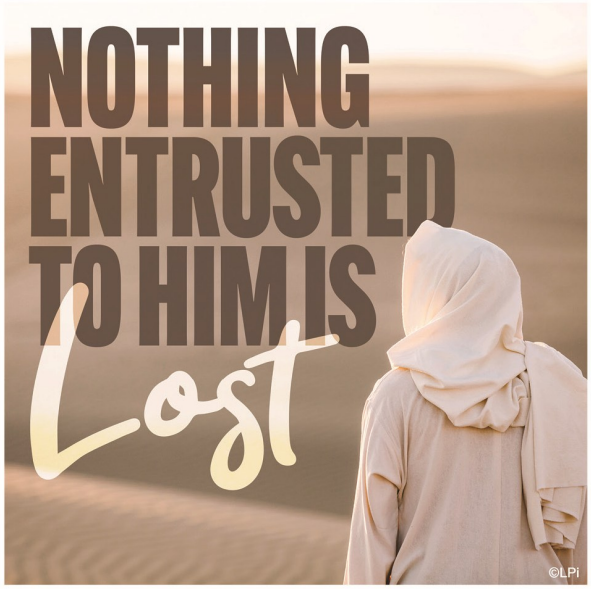


Devotions, *Explained!*

God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity which exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer during Loss

O God,
In the midst of my grief, be with me.
Cover this season with Your comfort and consolation,
help me to know Your presence and Your grace.
Bring comfort to my affliction, and hope to my heart.
Amen.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37–40), he says, **"This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me."** Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir

Rosters Weekend of 8/9 November		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
	Readers	1. Teresa O'Connor 2. Laurie Adcock	1. Paul Mason 2. Anne Mason
	Special Ministers	John Nuss & Volunteer	Katie Beutel & Jaye Beutel
	Children's Liturgy	Dom	
	Cleaning	Team G	
	Counting	Patsy/Jo-Anne (1/2 Nov) - Lucy/Dell (15/16 Nov)	

The Pastor's Pen!

A big thanks to Fr Rod for assisting us with Masses this weekend. Also, thanks to Fr Mobin for helping out with some of our weekday Masses.

This weekend is the beautiful Solemnity of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). It is a powerful opportunity to bring to mind the very many people who have shared with us the road of life and have finished their earthly journeys. We remember them to God and pray that God in his mercy will purify their human imperfections and heal them of the wounds caused by sin so that they may be rendered worthy to stand before his eternal throne. This prayer for the Faithful Departed is an act of love and a continuing expression of our love for those who are no longer with us. Death stretches the bond of love but does not break it, as this beautiful Feast testifies.

Next weekend is the annual Seminary Appeal. You will find envelopes on the seats. Tax deductible contributions which assist with buildings and maintenance are available (fill out your credit card details on the envelope or scan the QR code there). If you make a non-tax-deductible contribution, this directly reduces the cost that is billed to the Diocese for day to day expenses. You can make a non tax deductible donation by visiting this link tsvcath.au/seminary.

After writing last weekend's column, but before actually taking my leave, I fielded another serious enquiry about the seminary from a young lad from one of our regional parishes. Whether this ultimately leads to the seminary is well and truly in God's hands. But, it is so encouraging that this year I have been in contact with six young men discerning the priesthood. Everything that I see tells me that God is powerfully at work within our Diocese. Each contact or conversation increases my sense of hope for the future.

I encourage you to keep vocations in your prayers and to encourage any committed young men you know to consider whether God is calling them to ordained ministry.

Fr D.

Mass Times

This Weekend

Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am

This Week

Monday	Wulguru 5.30
Tuesday	**No Mass or Adoration**
Wednesday	Wulguru 5.30
Thursday	Wulguru 5.30

Next Weekend

Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am
St Brigid's	9 November

Confessions

No confessions October 25 and November 1

Our Parish

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Notices and Events

November Mass Offerings

The month of November each year is a time when we especially remember in our prayers all those who have died. Masses celebrated during November are offered for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

There are envelopes in the Church if you would like the names of deceased loved ones included in these prayers. You can also visit stbrigids.au/novembermasses to complete a form online. You can email names to the parish office and direct deposit your contribution. The names of those on the All Souls List will be placed on the Altar throughout the month as they are remembered in Mass.

Catholic Women's League final mass for the year:

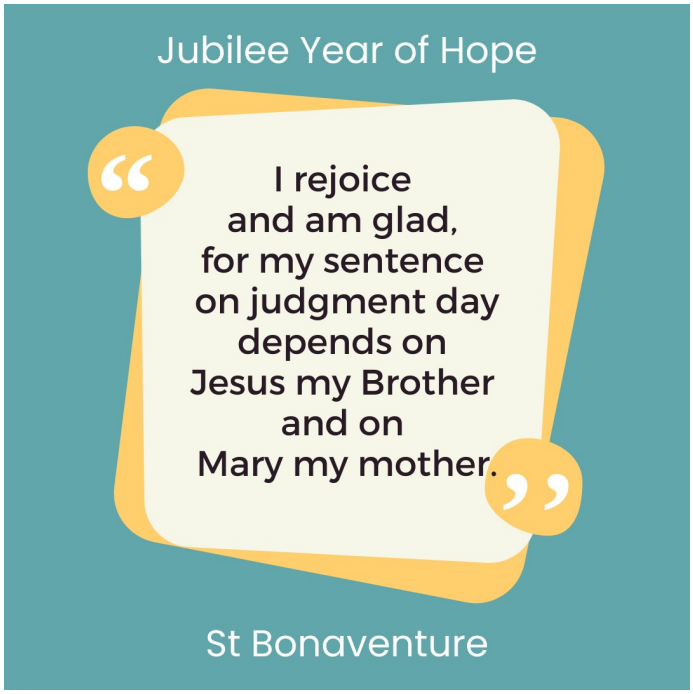
The CWL Townsville Branch invites all ladies in our Diocese to our final Mass and meeting for the year which will be held on Tuesday 11th November from 9am at Holy Spirit Church, Cranbrook. We pray you will be able to join us. "For the honour and glory of God".

Caritas Australia

Purchasing global gift Christmas cards can help to build a brighter future for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. You can donate now via www.globalgifts.org.au or calling 1800 024 413.

Vocation View

"Young man, I tell you to get up." Find new life in Christ by faithfully following His call today.



Synod2026

What do you think God is asking us at this time?

Over the next six months, our Diocese will enter a time of deep listening — a sacred opportunity to hear from one another and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us next. Together, we will reflect on where there is life within our Diocese and where unmet needs still remain. You are invited to share your voice: submit a personal reflection or host your own listening session, and send your responses through our Online Listening Portal. Visit https://tsvcath.au/Synod26.

Living Our Mission with Integrity

All Church personnel exercising pastoral ministry have a responsibility to conduct themselves with professionalism and integrity. Our life in Christ is both a gift and a responsibility. Integrity in our Common Mission is a national code of conduct for all those exercising pastoral ministry across the Catholic Church of Australia. This code can be accessed by asking your Parish Priest/ Administrator or visiting: acsltd.org.au/our-common-mission/

To report a concern about abuse or misconduct concerning church personnel: contact the Diocese of Townsville directly P: 4726 3264 or E: diocese@tsv.catholic.org.au; or make a disclosure to the Professional Standards Office Queensland (PSOQ) by downloading a disclosure form at psoqld.catholic.net.au and send to PO Box 3264 Brisbane Q 4001 or E: psoqld@catholic.net.au. Alternatively, contact PSOQ on 3324 3070 or 1800 337 928 (free call).

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you simply curious about our faith?

Know someone interested in becoming Catholic?

Want to increase your knowledge of Catholicism?

Each year, the Catholic Church welcomes a number of new adults into the faith family. All it takes to begin the journey is a phone call: 4778 1219

Please keep in your prayers:

Prayers FOR Healing

Patricia Pollard, Peter Dangerfield, May Williamson, Anne-Maree Cashin, Debra Craig, Maureen Milchem, Linda Sibley, Laura Farquhar, Lisa Haines, Michael Robertson, Margaret Catchpole, Matilda Lee, Genevieve Cochrane, Amelia Cart, Henri & Hansel Bekiesch, Toni Evans, Anne Burgess, and all in need of our prayers.

May the Lord's healing hand rest upon them

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills my grave. The dust from which I was created.

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words *she died* but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

Through your kind support, you ensure the future of our faith through ordained leadership. You remind our seminarians in formation that they have a congregation of the faithful carrying them in prayer as they discern God's calling in their lives.

Please know that you are always included in the daily prayers of seminarians and staff at Holy Spirit Seminary. We are so grateful for your continued support, and we pray that God will bless you abundantly for your generosity.

To make your tax-deductible gift: scan the QR code, call us on (07) 3324 3200, or go to catholicfoundation.org.au/provincialseminary

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Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Psalm

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life . Alleluia!

Gospel

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down'. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

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