Ministers of Word Update: Thanks to everyone who attended the training session recently. For the benefit of those who were unable to be present, brochures will be emailed out or left in the church for you to collect. In a couple of weeks, some changes will be introduced and we ask for your co-operation in this regard. Please read the brochure to become familiar with the procedure to be adopted. Thank you for your continued ministry. Two more volunteers have come forward - Cecilia Antony and Omena Ibe - who we welcome with open arms.

Annual Catholic Campaign: At this weekend's Masses, we will hear from the Archbishop about the need for funds to support the growing costs of *training future Priests *caring for Priests in retirement *helping struggling families access a Catholic education *providing necessary care for those physically and emotionally impaired. **Envelopes are available at the church doors specifically for this purpose so please take the time to fill out the details after Mass or take one home and return it during the week or next weekend by placing in the donation boxes or on the collection plate.**

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4. Tickets: These should be picked up as soon as possible and all the conditions noted (Jn 5,24)
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Frances Guerin extends her heartfelt gratitude to the many people who offered prayerful and practical support to herself and her family and those who attended Keith's funeral service. With family living in the southern states, Frances is especially grateful for the love and care shown by her many friends here especially at this time. May Keith rest in peace.

On the Lookout: If you notice anyone acting suspiciously, anything out of place, damaged or broken around the church precinct please report to the office so that we may have the matter investigated. Both the Mary statues have been vandalised on two separate occasions in recent weeks and one of the concrete posts at the entry to the car park has taken a hit and may have to be removed for safety purposes. Fr Lucius has noticed a lot of activity in the grounds between midnight and 2am since he has been in residence and will be pushing for a fence to be erected to allow for no entry into the grounds after daylight hours. Previous quotes received have been ridiculously expensive but we will endeavour to obtain others. If you can recommend a business we haven't thought of please let us know. We also have to seriously look at better security in the area where the Columbarium is situated. These items will be a priority for the Finance Council to address.

What a special sight this was. Our two schools gathering for a liturgy on the Feast of the Assumption last Monday. Thanks to staff, and students, parents and parishioners for your participation and to Alleca for the photo.

Entrance Hymn: How Shall I Call You

Robin Mann © 1977 Robin Mann

How shall I call You? Maker of Heaven,
Poet of sunset and painter of sky;
Father Almighty Who's running to find us.
Giving His Son Who must suffer and die.

Refrain:
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
Let's sing it again and again.
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit,
For ever and ever. Amen.

How shall I call You? Lover of children,
Shepherd and teacher and brother and friend;
Healer of blind man and healer of leper:
You are beginning and middle and end.

How shall I call You? Spirit of comfort,
Cloud in the daytime and fire in the night;
Guide as we wander, protector in danger,
List'ner and helper and giver of sight. **R/.**

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Communion Hymn: Table Of Plenty

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Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

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Thanksgiving Hymn: Spirit, Come, Transform Us

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Refrain: Spirit, come, transform us. Come, be our breath, be our hope. Spirit, come, transform us. Come, be our breath, be our hope. *(repeat)*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (said 3 times)

O Sacrament Most Holy
O Sacrament Divine
All Praise and all Thanksgiving
be every moment thine.

Recessional Hymn: Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

Revelation 5:9; William Dix and R H Pritchard

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Hath redeem'd us by His blood.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own.
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, Heav'n Thy throne:
Thou within the veil has entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high.
Alleluia, to the Saviour
Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Font of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia
To the triune majesty.

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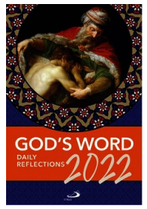

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

23/08/2021	Monday	8.30am
24/08/2021	Tuesday	8.30am
26/08/2021	Thursday	12 noon
27/08/2021	Friday	8.30am
28/08/2021	Saturday Maryborough	6.00pm
29/08/2021	Sunday Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Responsorial Psalm
Response (all): Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. You have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamation:
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Next weekend's Readings
22nd Sunday Ord Time Year B:
1st - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
Psalm 14: 2-5. Resp v.1
2nd - James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Gospel - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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Lord, to whom shall we go!

A story was told about one fearless Pastor Chris who was preaching to his congregation on a "hard" bible topic and was warning his congregation about the eternal damnation. "On the day of Judgment," he said, "there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." A 100 year old woman sitting in the front pew had a problem with that, saying sharply "Look preacher, but I got no teeth!" "Never mind, woman" says the preacher, "teeth will be provided."

We see in today's gospel what was supposed to be a simple teaching about the Eucharist became difficult and unacceptable to some of his disciples that some of them had to give up their faith and walk away. But rather than compromise on the "hard" teaching, Jesus turns to the Twelve, those who were to make up the foundations of the Church: "What about you, do you want to walk away too?" he asks them pointedly.

Indeed, this was a moment of suspense, reminiscent of the Annunciation when the angel told Mary that she was to be the mother of the Son of God. Mary did not fully understand what it all meant but in faith she gave her fiat: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." (Lk. 1:38) Mary's was a great plunge of faith. Similarly, the Apostles did not understand the teaching on the Eucharist any more than the many who left, but their faith in Jesus made the difference.

Peter, speaking up for the Twelve, does not mean, "we understand this teaching", but rather says to Jesus: "You have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God." From this statement we see that faith comes before understanding – "we believe, we know." This is at the heart of the famous statement by St Anselm of Canterbury: "Credo ut Intelligam" (I believe in order that I may understand).

Finally, dear friends, like the disciples, by consciously exercising our faith in the midst of confusion and crisis and not just depending on our own limited understanding, we are certainly growing in our personal knowledge of Jesus who alone has the words of eternal life.

Peace be with you!

Fr Lucius