Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I would like to inform parishioners that Br Paul Creevey will conclude his term as Principal of St Teresa’s Catholic College at the end of Term 2, 2016.

Br Paul has been in consultation with the Provincial Leader of the Marist Brothers in Australia, Br Peter Carroll, who has given his approval for Br Paul to commence his Masters and Doctoral Studies at the Catholic University Leuven in Belgium commencing in September 2016.

Br Paul has been Principal at St Teresa’s Catholic College for seven years and leaves the College with a strong spiritual, academic, cultural and sporting legacy, which he so lovingly built on during those seven years. We thank him most sincerely for his witness, his time and energy and his outstanding commitment to Catholic Education in the Parish and the Archdioceses and acknowledge the contribution he has made to Brisbane Catholic Education through his leadership of St Teresa’s College during this time.

As Parish Priest, I look forward to continuing to work with Brisbane Catholic Education and the Marist Brothers in delivering quality Catholic education at St Teresa’s, as the College serves the Catholic community of Noosa into the future.

Brisbane Catholic Education will commence a selection process for a new Principal of St Teresa’s College and will welcome the participation of the Marist Brothers and Parish community in this important process. Let us keep in our prayers St Teresa’s College during this time of transition of leadership. We pray too for Br Paul as he begins a new chapter in his life of service as a Marist Brother.

I would personally like to thank Br Paul for his friendship, advice and commitment to the Parish Community during his 7 years in the Marist Community at Sunshine beach. I know that many will miss his wisdom and his love of the Church and education. There will be an opportunity for the Parish community to say farewell to Br Paul some time before he leaves in June.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Mark Franklin

First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghumnarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.
Rite of Christian Baptism
Welcome into our faith community
William James Wheatley, son of Scott and Kriste, and
Lucy Claire Barker, daughter of Richard and Kelly
who receive the Sacrament of Baptism at
St Thomas More Church, on 6th March.
May the spirit of God always live in their life.

Rite of Christian Marriage
Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to
John Franklin Carswell and Consuelo do Campo
who were married at St Patrick’s Church, Pomona on 5th March.
May God’s blessing be with them during their life.

Rest In Peace: Please remember in your prayers Walter Finch, the father of Michael Finch, our Parish Manager who died after a short illness last Tuesday. This family sadness comes after Michael’s sister Lynette suddenly passed away on the 11th January this year. Michael will be on bereavement leave for a period of time. If there are any administration or financial issues in the Parish please refer them to the Parish Priest until further notice.

Anointing Mass
Thursday 10th March 9.30am OLPS Church Tewantin
Followed by Morning Tea
Year 6 students from St Thomas More will be leading us.

Women’s Half Day Retreat
Saturday 23rd April
St Patrick’s Church, Pomona 9am - 12noon.
(led by Sr Helen Dyson OSU on the Year of Mercy)
There will be time for communal private prayer.
Morning tea will be available. To Book call 5447 1188.

RUGFEST 2016
Saturday 16th July Pomona Memorial Hall
WANTED
Time to deep into the cupboards for any vintage napery or clothing items eg tablecloths, bed linen, serviettes, handkerchiefs, doilies, etc suitable for sale on the Vintage Stall to be held at Rugfest in July.
We will accept worn items and ones with aging marks.
Please drop off at any of our Churches or Parish Office, marked for Rugfest.

Please pray for the sick: Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon Scott Fraser, Katarina Nighbour, Michael Boyle, Mark Worthington, Beryl Ivatt, Betty McKeeown, Tyrone Saxton, Archibald Anthony Fisher, Brian Galloway, John Ian Hall, Thelma Conway, Dianne Warren, Jasmine Lamb, Monica Carroll, Isaac Stearn, Gab Carter, Claire Taylor, Don Noone, Ingrid Valk, Dr. Blacius Fernando, Betty Hargreaves, Bob Burgess, Ken Kipping, Glenn Coleman, Trish Goossens, Renoo Pinnell, Cath Robinson, John Lipscomb, David Glassock, Nev Graham, Nola Horrigan, Harry Goodfellow, Max Shearer, Gavin Menkins, Michael Kelly, Kath Colbhan, Maria Kolesaric, Arlette Pitt and all the sick of the Parish.

Deceased: Remember in your prayers Wal Finch, Wendy Wareing and Ivy Little who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Elizabeth McCourt, Denise Townley-Jones, Barbara Howard, John Begg and Ermila Capiaghi. Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of Anna Tjandraingsih, Anton Tandiono, Eddy Tandiono, Djauw Mei Ling, Jack R. Goossens, Renoo Pinnell, Cath Robinson, John Lipscomb, Des Manning, David Glassock, Nev Graham, Nola Horrigan, Harry Goodfellow, Max Shearer, Gavin Menkins, Michael Kelly, Kath Colbhan, Maria Kolesaric, Arlette Pitt and all the sick of the Parish.

Weekly Diary

Monday 7th March
Monday of the 4th week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
✦ 8.30am MASS, OLPS, Tewantin
✦ 9.00am Holy Hour for Vocations, Tew Church Chapel
✦ 10.30am Ozcare Communion Service
✦ 6.30pm Choir practice (Easter), STM
✦ 7.30pm Lenten Group, Noosaville

Tuesday 8th March
Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
✦ 7.00am Daytrippers depart Tewantin for Tiger Prawns Tour
✦ 8.00am Rosary, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
✦ 8.30am MASS, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
✦ 9.00am Confessions, Cooroy
✦ 10.00am Tew Lenten Grp, OLPS
✦ 3.00pm Choir practice, (Easter) OLPS

Wednesday 9th March
Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
✦ 9.45am Carramar Comm Service
✦ 10.00am Penance Service Yr 4, STM
✦ 10.30am Christian Meditation, OLPS
✦ 5.30pm NO MASS today at St Patrick’s Pomona
✦ 7.00pm RCIA Mtg Parish Off, Tew

Thursday 10th March
Thursday of the 4th week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
✦ 9.30am Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea, Tewantin

Friday 11th March
Friday of the 4th week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
✦ 8.00am Stations of the Cross, OLPS
✦ 8.30am MASS at OLPS, Tewantin
✦ 9.00am Novena, OLPS, Tewantin
✦ 9.30am NNC, Comm Service
✦ 1.30pm Hinterland Lenten Group 1

Saturday 12th March
Saturday of the 4th week of Lent
Confessions 4.30pm - 4.50pm, Tewantin
5.00pm Vigil Mass, Tewantin
Confessions 5.00pm - 5.20pm, Cooroy
5.30pm Vigil Mass, Cooroy

Sunday 13th March
Fifth Sunday of Lent
7.00am MASS, Tewantin
Confessions 7.30am - 7.45am Pomona
8.00am MASS, Pomona
Hinterland Lenten Group 2 after Morning Tea
8.30am MASS, Sunshine Beach
Confessions after 8.30am Mass STM
✦ 9.45am Final Preparation
Reconciliation, STM
10.00am MASS, Tewantin
(RCIA - 3rd Blessing - Presentation of the Creed)
5.30pm MASS, Sunshine Beach
TIGERPRAWN TOURS

8th March 2016
Bus departs Tewantin 7am
Pick up at Cooroy
(includes Morning Tea, Guided Tour of Prawn Farm, two course Lunch at Harrigan’s Pub, Jacob’s Well, short stop at Yatala Pie Shop en route home)

Daytrippers will be able to purchase prawns and will need to advise when booking if they will be purchasing snap frozen prawns at $16 per kilo or fresh prawns at $32 per two kilo box.

Payment for prawns are to be made on the day at the Prawn Farm - CASH ONLY

Positioned half-way between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, the tour is set amongst Queensland sugar cane fields and fringes the beautiful southern Moreton Bay.

EASTER CAPERS
Thursday 31st March, 2016
(please note this is the FIRST WEEK of the holidays)
9.00am – 3.00pm
St Thomas More Centre/Church – Sunshine beach
All primary school aged children are invited!
Morning tea and drinks will be provided by the parish.
BYO Lunch
Parent contribution : $10.00 per child, $20.00 per family
(to help with expenses)
All bookings will be finalised on Monday 21st March.
Parents must register their own children’s names
Apply for a permission form by contacting the Noosa Parish Office on 5447 1188 or email admin@noosacatholic.com

Care Ministry Easter Raffle
Tickets are for sale for $1 each for the Care Ministry Raffle at Tewantin Masses and at the Parish Office.
Hamper Valued $150. Drawn 21st March, 11am Parish Office.

REMINDER FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Confirmation Enrolments close 18th April 4pm.
There are 7 Sundays till enrolments close.
Please continue to watch and discuss the 10 presentations and fill in the Sacramental Passport.
All enquiries call 5447 1188 the Parish Office.

6th March 2016 Fourth Sunday of Lent
“Being all fashioned of the self-same dust,
Let us be merciful as well as just.”
--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Tales of a Wayside Inn)
Help to Make the Most of Today!

We are all unique individuals with different needs and wants. What might make you happy might not necessarily make your neighbour happy. You might find happiness in being able to live independently at home or perhaps you prefer the security of a retirement village, it may be that you want more help and more social interaction with others so an aged care facility is right for you.

No matter what it is that makes you happy, Ozcare can work with you to help you get the most out of each day. Ozcare services the Sunshine Coast with aged care facilities in Noosa and Currimundi, a retirement village in Currimundi and a wide range of in-home care services including personal care assistance, meal preparation, domestic assistance, transportation, social support, respite care, allied health, nursing and dementia services to all areas of the Sunshine Coast.

Ozcare’s professional, warm and caring staff can make a positive impact on your life today. Find out how by calling 1800 Ozcare (1800 692 273) to speak with a helpful staff member or visit www.ozcare.org.au

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, when the church invites us to take a ‘break’ from the austerity of Lent and add to our liturgy instrumental music, rose coloured vestments, and even flowers to adorn the church. But this is not a time for lessening our vigilance. In the collect prayer Christians are reminded to continue the ‘Lenten Campaign’ with the assurance that we are coming closer to the solemn celebrations of Easter.

Our Gospel today is John’s account of the blind man’s encounter with Jesus. In John the blind man doesn’t ask for healing. Rather the evangelist uses the man born blind to teach about God’s goodness. The Pharisees believed that sickness and physical disabilities were God’s punishment for sin. Jesus teaches rather that illness offers the possibility of God’s graciousness.

This is a powerful message for our own times where many people in the world suffer from some kind of hardship, be it physical, mental or material. It would be simple to blame God for their misfortunes, but as Christians we know that their wellbeing depends not on God, but ourselves, who are disciples of Christ.

In Australia many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have become separated from their culture and struggle to find their identity. They are often ignored and marginalised in conversations and policies which affect their well-being It is our responsibility to give back to our first peoples what our forebears have taken from them - land, dignity and freedom

In remote Aboriginal communities, such as the one featured in Project Compassion this week, art, storytelling and ritual are important ways to preserve culture and so uphold the dignity and self-worth that is a basic human right.

Jesus invites us to live the message of today’s Gospel, to be the missionaries of the word who reflect the goodness of God. We who have much, have the means to uphold the dignity of our first peoples by our generous giving of our resources.