Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend, Archbishop Mark Coleridge’s Lenten Pastoral Letter will be played at all Masses. As it is the Year of Mercy the focus of the Letter is the Mercy of God. Copies of the Letter are available at all the churches this weekend and on our Facebook page.

This coming Monday is the Parent meeting for the Sacrament of Penance. The meeting is for new parents who are entering the Programme and starts at 6.30pm at Tewantin Catholic Church. Also this coming week is the first Anointing Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Cooroy on Tuesday 8.30am. On Sunday 21st February at 2.30pm is the annual Commissioning of SU chaplains and RE teachers at the Anglican Church Tewantin.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Mark Franklin

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Lenten Reflection**

Today’s collect prayer invites us to ‘grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ’. This is at the heart of our Lenten ‘campaign of service’. The Gospel invites us to go into the desert – the place within us where we contemplate in quiet reflection. It is here we come to selflessness and openness to Christ that can only be found in reflection and prayer. If we empty ourselves in prayer and almsgiving, our eyes will be open to see the hidden riches of Christ in the many faces of our global neighbours.

During the Lenten season we also fast from excessive food and drink, and give alms to those without access to sufficient basic needs. By turning our minds to the needs of others through Project Compassion, our prayer and contemplation reaches out to others. Our giving can enable our brothers and sisters in Malawi, featured in this year’s Project Compassion, to create paths towards a better future.

During this Lenten season, the Church invites us to be more loving and generous with our time, our talents and our material possessions. When we go into our own desert we discover that it is God’s abundant love that motivates us, that invites us to reach out in love to others, our family and friends, our neighbours, and those who need our compassionate love.

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**In the company of Mary during the Extraordinary Jubilee “Holy Year of Mercy”**

Praying with Mary for a month with Mother of Mercy Book.

This delightful publication brings together Bible texts, reflections and prayers, with icons, beckoning us to pray and meditate with Mary, mother of mercy. Praying with Mary for a month with Mother of Mercy Book. The author, a nun of the order of the Benedictine of Our Lady of Calvary, has been writing icons since 1962. Sr Marie-Paul Farran was born in Egypt, of Palestinian and Italian descent. She paints in the Byzantine style, following faithfully the ancient patterns and colours. She is the author of the Icon of the Holy Family known and distributed worldwide.

*These books will be available on the First Sunday of Lent from the Tewantin and Sunshine Beach Piety Stalls and from the Cooroy and Pomona Churches for $10 a copy.*
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon Mark Worthington, Beryl Ivatt, Betty McKeown, Tyrone Saxton, Wal Finch, Wendy Wareing, Archbishop 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, Renouo Pinnell, Cath Robinson, John Lipscomb, Des Manning, David Glasscock, Neville Graham, Nola Horrigan, Harry Goodfellow, Max Shearer, Gavin Menkins, Michael Kelly, Kath Colbran, Maria Kolesaric, Arlette Pitot and all the sick of the Parish.

DECEASED: Remember in your prayers Louis Jacquier all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Margaret Davies, Peter Schuurmans- Stekhoven, and Tony Tesoriero.

RITUE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM
We welcome into our faith community Archer Sydney Oliver Shepherd, son of Oliver and Elizabeth, who received the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Tewantin on 13th February, Ethan Jay Badger and Kai Avalon Badger, children of Jason and Nicole and Grace Iris Roser, daughter of Gary and Lee, who receive the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Tewantin on 14th February. May the spirit of God always live in their life.

RITUE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE
Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Daniel Brian Tilleysort and Nicolle Pacanowski who were married at Pomona Church on 13th February. May God’s blessing be with them during their life.

This weekend Ruth, Daniel and Lizzie will receive their 2nd Blessing - Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer at the 8.30am Sunshine Beach Mass. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they journey towards full initiation.

WELCOME CUPPA
Tewantin: 2nd Sunday of each Month after 10am Mass
Sunshine Beach: 1st Sunday of each Month after 8.30am Mass
Pomona: Weekly after 8am Mass Sunday
Cooroy: Every Tuesday after 8.30am Mass

Parish Lenten Program 2016 Being Lost… Being Found
The readings are from the Gospel of Luke; the ‘gospel of mercy’. Cost $10 per person.
To join a group, contact the Parish office 5447 1188
□ Hinterland Group 1 meets Friday afternoons at 1.30pm.
□ Hinterland Group 2 meets Sundays after Mass at the Pomona Church at 9am.
□ Tewantin Group 1 meets Monday evenings at 7.30pm
□ Tewantin Group 2 meets Tuesdays at the Tewantin Chapel at 10am.

Next Meeting of the Parish Women’s Group will be on Thursday 25th February at 10am Parish hall Tewantin starting with morning tea. Discussion about a half day Retreat, Women’s Breakfast with a speaker and fundraising for the Canossa Health and Social Centre (CHSC) Tondo, Philippines.

2016 Columban Art Calendars for sale at $9 each.
On sale from the Piety Stalls and the other Churches. Only a few left.

WOMEN’S group

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 15th February
Monday of the 1st week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
• 8.30am MASS, OLPS, Tewantin
• 9.00am Holy Hour for Vocations, Tewantin Church Chapel
• 10.30am Oxcart Communion Service
• 6.30pm 1st Reconciliation Meeting (new parents only), Tewantin Church
• 7.30pm Lenten Group, Noosa Valley

Tuesday 16th February
Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
• 8.00am Rosary, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
• 8.30am Anointing MASS, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
• 9.00am Confessions, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
• 10.00am Tewantin Lenten Group, Tewantin Chapel
• 4.30pm SVDP Conference Meeting, Noosa Valley

Wednesday 17th February
Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
• 8.45am Kabara Home visit
• 9.45am Carramar Comm Service
• 10.30am Christian Meditation, Tewantin
• 12 Noon Ministers’ Meeting, River Deck Restaurant
• 5.30pm MASS, St Patrick’s Pomona
• 7.00pm RCIA Meeting Parish Office, Tewantin

Thursday 18th February
Thursday of the 1st week of Lent
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
• 8.00am Rosary, OLPS, Tewantin
• 8.30am MASS, OLPS, Tewantin
• 9.00am Confessions, OLPS
• 9.00am Divine Mercy, OLPS

Friday 19th February
Friday of the 1st 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 NCC, Comm Service
• 1.30pm Hinterland Lenten Group 1

Saturday 20th February
Saturday of the 1st week of Lent
Confessions 4.30pm - 5.00pm, Tewantin
5.00pm Vigil Mass, Tewantin
* New Time for Tewantin Vigil Mass
Confessions 5.00pm - 7.00pm, Cooroy
5.30pm Vigil Mass, Cooroy

Sunday 21st February
Second 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
10.00am Mass, Tewantin
• 11.15am Baptism, OLPS
• 2.30pm Commissioning SU chaplains and RE teachers, Anglican Church, Tewantin
5.30pm Mass, Sunshine Beach
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.

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

This particular Extraordinary Jubilee, the Jubilee of Mercy, coincides with the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. The start and end dates of the jubilee also are significant as December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and November 20 is the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The Jubilee of Mercy is a special time for the Church in which the faithful are to become more merciful in our own lives and bring God’s mercy to others. When we show mercy to others, we are serving as witnesses of the mercy that God constantly extends to all of us. This is why the motto for the Jubilee of Mercy is Merciful like the Father.

At this time, significance should also be placed on the spiritual journey we can make within our hearts and at our own parishes. Mercy can be found in prayer and unity with our brothers and sisters and our parish family of faith.

During the jubilee year, we are to more effectively live mercy, to recognize the many signs of God’s mercy and to give witness to it as a reflection of the Father’s mercy. Through the celebration of the sacraments, in particular the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayers, practicing or carrying out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and making a pilgrimage, we are able to change our hearts and our lives so we can live God’s mercy in everything we say and do.

During this Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis envisions a year when people will become more merciful in their own lives and bring God’s mercy to others. In the Bull of Indiction Misericordiae Vultus, the pope discusses the need for the Church to “consolation to the poor…liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern slavery in our modern society,” spiritual sight to those who have lost touch with God, and human dignity to those from whom it has been taken.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**
- To instruct the ignorant
- To counsel the doubtful
- To admonish sinners
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To forgive offenses willingly
- To comfort the afflicted
- To pray for the living and the dead

**Corporal Works of Mercy**
- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To harbour the harbourless
- To visit the sick
- To ransom the captive
- To bury the dead

**TIGER PRAWN TOURS**

8th March 2016

$55.00 per person

*(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)*

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**To book your seat please call the Parish Office on 5447 1188**

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Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney’s community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Doney’s story – learning more, creating change

‘Education is an act of hope’ Pope Francis.

Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney (pronounced door-nee) and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat.

Yet, when Caritas Australia and the local Caritas, CADECOM (the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi), began working in Doney’s remote village, they saw beyond the community’s challenges. Together they identified the community’s strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.

CADECOM worked with Doney’s community to harness their natural resources. Families were trained in new farming techniques, and already they’re producing more plentiful crops. “The problem of malnutrition in my household is an old song now,” says Doney. CADECOM also worked with the community to install a borehole so Doney and her family now have access to clean water, dramatically improving their health.

Doney’s passion for education was recognised as a strength of the community, so she received training as an Adult Literacy Facilitator through the CADECOM program, and is now teaching adults in her village.

These days, the people of Doney’s village have access to clean drinking water, flourishing crops and are building their knowledge to create a better future. "My life has been transformed,” smiles Doney.