

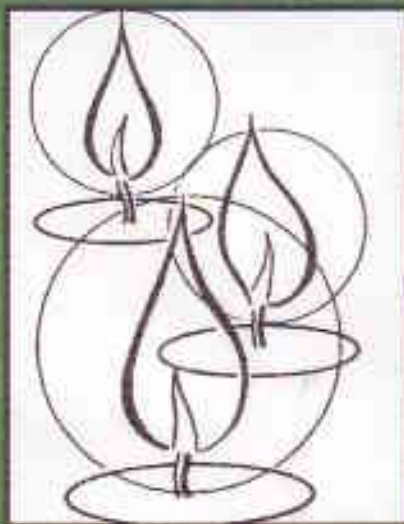
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Ascension



Pentecost



Trinity



His Strength

Parish Groups & Activities

Mothers' Union - contact Gwynne Clarke -
4th Wednesday, 10.00am Gwynne Clarke's

Women's Guild - Coolangatta - contact
Eunice Gook - 1st Wednesday, 9.00am

Women's Guild - Palm Beach - contact
Doreen Madden - 2nd Wednesday, 10.00am

Study Groups - contact - Fr. Ken - 5534 2115
Tuesday 10.30am - St. Paul's
2.30pm - Fr. Ben Clarke's home
Thursday 7.00pm - St Paul's

Christianity Explained - contact Mary Adams

Bethel Study - contact Jean Durrant

Singing Groups - St. Peter's - Thursday 3.00pm
contact - Coral Cogzell - 5534 5941
St. Paul's - Thursday 2.00pm
contact - Mary Adams - 5533 9421 or
Les Bailey - 5535 361115

Parish Councillors:

Wardens	Adrian Rogers Bill Whale Betty Nissen
Minute Secretary	Brian Cullum
Treasurer	Ron Pyle
Councillors	Jonathon Adams Betty Bell Fr. Ben Clarke Brian Cullum Frank Davies Robert Lowe
Synod Reps	Doreen Madden Robert Nowland Geoff Olney Corrie Pike Geoff Richards Di Smith
Parish Nominators	Adrian Rogers Betty Nissen Ray Gibbons
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9.00 am - 12 noon - Monday to Wednesday
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Admin Secretary:

Mrs Margaret Noske
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Monday 9.00am - 12noon

Services:

St. Peter's Coolangatta
- Holy Communion:
Sunday - 7.00 am
Wednesday - 7.00 am - not 3rd
3rd Wednesday - 10.00 am

St. Paul's Palm Beach

- Holy Communion:
Sunday - 8.45 am
Wednesday - 9.00 am

Wedding, Baptisms and Funerals by appointment

Contact Fr. Ken: 5534 2115

Friendship

There's a "Miracle called Friendship"
That dwells within the heart,
And you don't know how it happens

Or when it gets its start
But the happiness it brings
you

Always gives a special lift
And you realise that
"Friendship"

Is God's most precious gift.
[Contributed by Les Bailey]



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From Fr. Ken

that day. It was even more wonderful that over 230 people were there to witness this event. I recently had a thank you note from that

bitumening of the car park at St Paul's and obtain a Parish Car (so many have instantly recognized my ute during the past few years. How shall I make the new Parish car stand out in the crowd?)

If you think we have finished with the fabric of the Parish buildings - not so. The roof of the hall at St Paul's is leaking, it needs painting, more light and curtains as well as finding more storage space. We will find a way. God has been gracious in his giving us as much as he did for the house, so now we must look at all that is left of that and decide how to spend or save it wisely.

It is encouraging to see so many now attending the Border Council of Churches Ecumenical services - the last two being at St Cuthbert's Tweed Heads and the Uniting Church at Banora Point. I continue to encourage you all to take part in these, as a small step towards drawing all of God's people together.

On Sunday 22nd June, as many as possible of the Parish Council, spent a day together at the little Uniting Church up the Currumbin Creek road, to get us closer together, We prayed as a group, together, shared a meal, sang together and shared our stories. I hope others found it as helpful as I did, and will be happy to try a similar day next year - with, of course some extra activities.

I am also continually encouraged by the ideas coming from Parish members for activities in Fellowship - Ron Pyle's sausage sizzles, for example, and the work of the Social Committee. As God's people in this place, it is good to spend time together, but it is good also to spend time in the world, showing our Christian values to others. As Jesus himself reminded us - we are in the world but not of the world.

Peace and Blessings to you all,



What a wonderful Easter celebration we had! The Maundy Thursday agape meal and foot washing was attended by over 70 people. I still wonder how we fitted them all into the back of St Paul's. Thank you to those who participated in the foot washing and then, to have the whole service interspersed by the Choral and Drama items was a real spiritual bonus. It was a time of celebration and rejoicing, a time of feeling humble, a time of feeling that devastation of the crucifixion of our Lord. As we left the Church in silence, with the sanctuary stripped bare and those few kneeling in prayer at the "Garden", so many have said how spiritually moving it was.

Once again we celebrated the early services on Good Friday and then, with more uplifting music, we added a new dimension to our "Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday afternoon at St Peter's.

The lighting of the Pascal candle at midnight is always, to me, a wonderful reminder of Christ risen, as the light of the world, and despite the midnight hour, numbers at this service were up on last year. Those who have not yet experienced this service, and can stay awake until it starts at 11.30 p. m. do not realize the depth that it has.

Yet again, the choral group enhanced the Easter Day Services. In the ancient Church, Easter was one of the three occasions when Baptisms took place so it was most appropriate that there was a Baptism at St Paul's on

family, and they said how much they still remember the Choral rendition of "Mary, there's no need to cry".

May I thank Coral Cogzell and the music/drama group for their work at this time. I have had many comments of appreciation. I would also like to thank those who helped with the Agape meal and those who spent time at the Maundy Thursday vigil. We had a full watch - at every moment of every hour from 8 p.m to 9 a. m. one or more people were spending time remembering Jesus' words, "Can you not keep watch for even one hour?"

Then we outdid ourselves with preparing the Churches for Pentecost. Thank you to Carole Knowles and Rob & Margaret Nowland, especially, but also those who assisted in preparing and putting up the symbols. These people will be happy to know that others have expressed their appreciation of the work done.

The big question that has been hanging over us for years is the "repairs" to St Peter's. With 73 Palm Beach Avenue sold (for more than we thought it would bring) we expect work to begin on St Peter's very soon. Following the AGM, Parish Council believed that that was an expression of the people of the Parish that we should go ahead with the work, and so we shall be restoring St Peter's to as good a condition as we possibly can. We expect the cost to be in the vicinity of \$100 000.

We will be able to remove the debt we incurred for the

"Sing unto the Lord a new song"



"Thank you for taking a risk in inviting such a relatively unknown singer...". This was the comment Mike Rayson made to me at the Rectory after his presentation at St Paul's on Sunday, 22nd June. Yes, it was a risk, but what a night it turned out to be. Mike entertained a disappointingly small group of about 75 to a magnificent 90 minutes of song, humour and Christian message. He sang serious songs, fun songs, songs he had written himself, well known songs we all joined in, he sang Parodies and even a rather uncouth song that he said kids loved and adults hated - the "sort of song that has had me thrown out of Churches" (he was right, but we did not throw him out). He made us laugh and cry, he made us relax and think. He gave a few gentle "serves" to me and even to Richard Short. He had the audience totally spell-bound for each of his 45 minute sessions. The whole performance ended with an extremely powerful rendition of "Peace like a River", and we all joined in "How great thou art".

All this was in the cause of publicizing "Compassion" Ministries. This resembles "World Vision" but each child sponsored must be attending a Christian Church, and they can only be sponsored by Christians, for \$36 a month. Further information on this, with the opportunity to sponsor may be obtained by phoning 1800 224 453 or (02) 4935 5000.

Fr. Ken

Some comments from those who attended are:

- *Just so mind boggling for a young chap to stand up there and sing traditional hymns, some new ones to get us all spell bound - amazing, terrific!! - Pat Gunton*
- *Very nice - a lot of people missed out on a good thing. - Betty Nissen*
- *Fab -u - lous. Excellent performance, great sense of wit, thoroughly enjoyed by all. - Bill Whale*
- *Very good night and the people who missed out, missed out on a wonderful musical program.*
- *- Doreen Madden*



Some of the congregation enjoying the music.



The MU Australia Report

Eight ladies set off this past week to visit St. James' Church, Biggera Waters for a Mothers Union Deanery Day where we mingled with members from Southport, Surfers Paradise, Robina and Burleigh Heads.

Our day commenced with the celebration of Holy Communion by Fr. Gary Smith who is Rector of St. James and also a M.U. member. He later spoke of his joy in belonging to our organisation.

The guest speaker, Mrs Marilyn Ouldo, from M.U. Development and Promotional Department came

from Brisbane and enlightened us further about "Participant Membership", invites all who have been baptised in the Holy Trinity to fellowship in our branches. Enrolment into the World Wide M.U. may or may not follow. We also learnt that membership has just reached three million, with branches now in U.S.A. and in Peru.

It was good to have a new intending member, Pat Bailey, with us to share the day, and we are looking forward to her enrolment.

We shall be hosting the next Deanery Day at St. Peter's Coolangatta on Wednesday 26th November when a panel of speakers will discuss "Why Marry".

All will be welcome.

*Gwynne Clarke
President.*

St. Paul's Sunday School

The Sunday School is held in the Hall. As we enter our Church we turn left and go through the morning tea room and up a few stairs and then into the hall.



Everyone is most welcome even if you are only here on holiday for the one day. I would like to say a big "Thankyou" to our regular children who come each week.

We start at 8.45am and then go into the church during the Greeting of the Peace taking our activities that we have been doing up to the altar as an offering. The children then join their parents so that they can come up and receive a "Blessing" with them as they make communion, and then stay with them until the end of the service.

Your Sunday School Teacher,

Margaret Barnes

Meditation and Prayer Group Friday 9am. St Paul's.

Our group is small but growing. What are we trying to achieve? To offer a different perspective to what you have already been taught to enhance your Sunday or Wednesday worship through meditation. What is meditation? The ability at will to relax, to remove the clutter that builds up day by day so that our mind is still, at peace, and calm, we are then able to receive guidance from our spiritual roots. That is why we have five minutes quiet time before our services begin. Meditation is a powerful tool, let me give you an example: -

You ask God this question.

If I pray and ask for what I want, will I receive it, or will it be pushed away from me?

Answer. This is a question which has been asked through the ages and has been answered whenever it has been asked. Yet you have not heard the answer, or will not believe it. The question is answered again, in today's terms and today's language, thusly: You will not have that which you ask, nor can you have anything you want. This is because your very request is a statement of lack, and your saying you want a thing only works to produce that precise experience – wanting – in your reality.

The correct prayer therefore is never a prayer of supplication, but a prayer of gratitude. When you thank God in advance for that which you choose to experience in your reality, you, in effect, acknowledge that it is there... *in effect*. Thankfulness is thus the most powerful statement to God; an affirmation that even before you ask, I have answered. Therefore never supplicate, *Appreciate*.

So how do we interpret this message? Simple... Do not pray and ask God to stop the wars or remove the conflict around the world or feed the starving or heal the sick. Instead view it as if you are about to eat a meal that is in front of you, Thank God for what He has already provided... Do not wait for an outcome, the outcome is there before you even ask. Hold strong your faith and Know.

Richard Short
Lay Ministry Assistant.

Comment from Fr Ken: I totally agree with what Richard says above, both of Meditation and Thanksgiving. However, I cannot agree with his assertion that we are not to ask for anything. In the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus himself said we were to use, there are three distinct requests - daily bread, forgiveness of sins, and deliverance from evil. I will not use my words, but the words of Jesus. He said:

"_ how much more will your father in Heaven give good gifts to those who ask him (Matt 7:11) and

"If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven". (Matt 18:22) and the real crux of the matter...

"if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (Matt 21:22)

You may also like to read Mark 11:24, Luke 11:23, John 11:22, John 14:14, John 15:7 &16, John 16:23

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