



# Childers Catholic Parish

Embracing the worshipping communities of  
**Childers ~ Biggenden ~ Gin Gin ~ Mt Perry ~ Woodgate Beach**  
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## Mission & Vision Statement

We are the Catholic Communities of Childers, Gin Gin, Mount Perry, Biggenden and Woodgate beach, loving and welcoming all to faith and fellowship, journeying together in the Spirit towards the heart of Jesus sharing our rich religious traditions and values.

### Parish Priest

Fr. Onyema Eloagu

### Parish Secretary

Kelly Ross - 4126 1256

### Chairperson - Pastoral Council

Brian Larter

### Chairperson - Finance Board

Bill Kingston

### St Josephs School Principal

Petrea Hass - Ph: 4126 1866

### St Vincent de Paul

Ph 4126 1822

Welfare: 0457 183 360

### Office Hours

Friday 8.30am – 3.00pm

### Mass Times

#### Sacred Heart Childers

Sunday - 8.00am

#### St Michaels Gin Gin

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

#### St Peter's Biggenden

10.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Monthly

#### St Patrick's Mt Perry

5<sup>th</sup> Sundays monthly 11am  
Flexible weekday Masses

#### Woodgate Beach

10am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Monthly

9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

### *It Is a Mother's Day Celebration: Happy Mother's Day!*

Today we thank our mothers and all those who have played the role of a caring loving mother in our lives. We pray for them, honour them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. Celebrating Mother's Day and gathering to celebrate the Risen Lord are not at odds. Mother's Day provides us with an occasion to celebrate what some have observed as the maternal dimension of the mystery of the Lord.

The origin of "Mother's Day thus," Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948), first suggested the national observance of an annual day honouring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (*her mother's favourite flower*), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honour mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honour departed mothers and red to honour the living, a custom that continues to this day. The Book of **Proverbs 31:10-31** presents us with God's description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother looks like.

On Mother's Day, we also remember in a very special way our Heavenly Mother, Virgin Mary the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. On this Mother's Day, presenting all mothers on the altar, let us sing the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of the Presentation: "**Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.**" We therefore offer this Eucharistic celebration for all the mothers/women in our parish communities, alive here or have gone for their eternal rest.



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### A practical example of mother's care and love thus:

***"Let the boy go home with his mother. A. Lincoln."*** During the Civil War a Confederate Major by the name of Horace Harmon Lurton was taken prisoner by the Union forces. In prison, Major Lurton developed tuberculosis. His mother came to visit him and was alarmed by his condition. She knew her son would die if he stayed behind bars. So, Mrs. Lurton travelled to Washington to beg mercy from the only person she thought could help her, the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was so moved by this mother's concern that he sat down and wrote a note to the Union forces in charge of her son's prison. It simply reads, ***"Let the boy go home with his mother. A. Lincoln."*** Horace Harmon Lurton was released from prison. He recovered from his tuberculosis and became a distinguished lawyer and the chief justice of the Supreme Court of his state. The Mother's Love! Happy Blessed Mother's Day.

With every blessing, have a joyful weekend,

**Fr Onyema**

## Sacrament of Confirmation

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 30th May 2021, please contact the parish office to register your interest ph **41261256**

## Childers Linen Roster

May - Trish Walker

## Sunday Readings

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
2nd Reading: 1 John 4,11-16  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

## Week Readings

Monday: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

## Announcements

We would like to announce Luke and Josh Maroney were presented with decorated wooden crucifixes by Parish Counsellor, Terrance Byrne, in recognition of their many years altar serving at Sacred Heart Church.



Also recognised was Geoff

Parker who has been a Parishioner in Childers for many years and has been a silent worker always available to lend his hand to any maintenance work that is required. Geoff has also served as the President of the Childers chapter of St Vincent De Paul. We wish all the best to Geoff and his wife Ellen on their move to Bundaberg.



## Marshall Roster - Childers

16 May 2021 - Petrea Hass

**Marshall's**

## Parish Social

In preparation for the next parish social we are seeking volunteers to assist with the preparation. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help with this event.

## Prayers for the sick of our Parish

As a caring community we pray for family members, parishioners and friends who are ill especially: **Lauren Hammond, Nell Kelly, Aileen Clark, Mini, Peter-Mary, Elva Polito, Timothy Bunn and Lorraine Neagle.**

## Prayers for Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Pray for the recently deceased **Peter Jones and Glenys Byrne** and for our brothers and sisters who have died, and **Gloria Gibson and Paciencia Mangao**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. **May they rest in peace.**