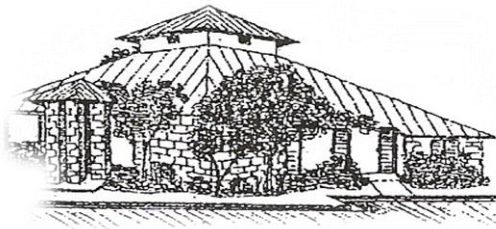


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME! *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.*

Please stay and share morning tea with us after the Service.

Kirwan's Mission Statement

To be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

8th September, 2019,

Worship Leaders for Today –

Preacher: Pastor Richard Lance

Reader: Bill Green

Lectionary readings

Pent 13 (23)

Jer 18: 1-11

Ps 139: 1-6; 13-18

Phlm 1: 21

Lk 14: 25-33

Richard's Ramblings.

I was at a Prayer Breakfast this morning with members of the Queensland Parliament who are meeting in Townsville, who identify as Christian. It was held at the delightfully situated Fish Inn at the bottom of Jezzine Barracks Hill on the Strand. From the restaurant, diners look straight over the Rock Pool to Maggie. A couple of helicopters were buzzing around, with Surf Lifesaver inflatables and a larger rescue vessel manoeuvring beneath them. It was an exercise, not a real emergency.

We churchy folk sometimes view our evangelisation efforts (or "Mission", as is the buzzword du jour) like that, darting around in the ocean of life looking for lost souls to save. And if we think that we haven't met our mission KPIs (measured by new

bottoms on pews divided by outreach activities), we become disheartened and conclude that we're doing it all wrong at best, or are unfruitful servants at worst. But an Anglican priest friend recently quoted Anne Lamott in this very context:

"Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining." How does Jesus put it in Matthew 5? "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." And, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Look, many folk have come to faith in Christ because someone took the trouble to go out to them, to look for them. But others of us have found Christ by observing the life of a mentor, or a work colleague, or a parent, a teacher, a neighbour, whoever, who just stood in place beaming out unconditional love to us as we encountered them in our own stormy emotional waters. So go on, hum to yourself, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine".

This Week's Calendar

Mon 9th: 9.30am Pastoral Care
10.30am: House of Jonah
7.30pm: COM Meeting
Tues 10th: 9.30am: Craft, Coffee & Chat
Wed. 11th: 5.30pm: Music Group
7.30pm: Bible Study Group

Roster for 15th September, 2019

Preacher: Peter Ireland
Reader: John Short
Greeters: Michael Maclaren
Door Steward: Sally & John Sands
Offering: Trevor Nuss; Heather Reid
Announcement: Kathy Reid
Morning Tea: June George; Sharon Elvins; Joy Rendall
Flowers: Pam Kennedy

Christmas Boxes

Please take a box (or two) from the foyer and fill it in preparation for our Blessing Service in October.



Flyers showing contents required will be available shortly. Cost of sending each box is now \$10



Evening Service
Next Evening Service will be **5.30pm, 8th September at Kirwan Church.**
Communion will be

celebrated.



**WORLD
DAY OF
PRAYER MID-
YEAR
MORNING TEA
Wednesday 18th
September, 2019
Holy Trinity
Catholic church**

**43 Ross River
Road, Mundingburra. @ 10.00am
Country: Zimbabwe
Theme: "Rise, Take you Mat and
Walk" John 5 2-9a.
RSVP for catering purposes by 10th
September to
Lorraine phne 0415098305**

VINNIES REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Vinnies Refugee Assistance Program (VRAP) is an excellent service that offers in-house tutoring for families recently settled in Australia. Often this includes assistance with English and homework, but tutors may assist with practical help such as teaching families to cook, helping with shopping and other household tasks. Many develop strong bonds with their tutoring family, often becoming the families' first Australian friends. I've been volunteering with this invaluable program since February this year and I'm loving it.

The coordinators allocate 2 people per family and they are in desperate need for extra volunteers.

If you have 1 hour a week to give to refugees and a heart for welcoming new families coming to Australia, then please contact either Kate Mills (millsmob@gmail.com; 0449 182 126 or Aura attraining.vrap@svdpqld.org.au.