



Sunday Bulletin

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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Pentecost Sunday/Holy Trinity

May 28th/June 4th 2023



Acknowledgement of Country

The Lutheran Church of Australia acknowledges God the Father, creator of all, who in His sovereignty entrusted the care and protection of the land on which the church members worship to the Traditional Custodians of this nation. The church recognises the continuing connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to the land, sea, sky and waterways. They pay their respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



Prayers

- ✚ Dean Hausler as he begins a new round of treatment. May he feel the love of God, and of his fellow Christians at Trinity, wrap around him.
- ✚ For those of our members who are currently struggling with their health, whether it be physical or mental. May they find peace as they turn to the Lord for his help and guidance.
- ✚ Pastor Adam who will be on Long Service Leave from June 5 to Aug 6.
- ✚ For the 67 pastors + 90 or so others (LCAQD employees and volunteers) who will be gathering ahead of Synod for the **Grounded in Grace** Conference
- ✚ For the pastors, LCAQD employees and Congregational Synod representatives as they are **Called according to God's purpose** in the LCAQD.



Containers for Change

Collect small drink containers and bring them to church where two tubs are provided for collection. Alternatively, take them directly to a collection point. **\$81 has been raised by the efforts of a few people so far this year.**

Our code is: **C10162743**



Ways of Giving:

1. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) with LLL - visit the [LCA website](#).
2. [Home | LCA Donations & Payments](#) To donate, click on Parishes & congregations; then Cairns Lutheran Parish.
3. Deposits into the Trinity's NAB Account -
 - National Australia Bank
BSB 084472

Date Claimer -Sunday June 11

Trinity Service at Peace College at 9:30am

There will be **no service at Trinity Church** in Severin Street on this day. Instead, we will join those who worship at Peace College at 9:30am.

Many of you have questions about the proposal from Peace College for Trinity services to be moved to the Peace Centre. Discussion at a meeting held on Tuesday May 9th led to a suggestion for members to be able to visit the Peace Centre to experience it as a place of worship and to ask any questions that are yet unanswered. What better way to do this than to attend one of the 9:30am services at the Peace Centre!

The Principal, Shane Jurecky, will lead the service as Pastor Adam will be on leave, and Pastor Greg has the service at Our Saviour. After the service Shane will walk us through the facilities of the Peace Centre. There will be time to ask any questions of Shane and the Church Council.

All who attend will then be better informed and have time to consider all aspects of the proposal before the meeting in August.

PNG Contemporary Art Exhibition



Hailed as the 'greatest exhibition of contemporary art from PNG ever to be seen in Australia', the PNG Contemporary Art Exhibition will be officially opened on 26 May 2023 at the Tanks Art Centre, 46 Collins Street, Edge Hill, Cairns. All welcome. So if you live in Cairns, please come

along and support the PNG artists. The exhibition will continue until 16 June 2023. Opening hours are from 8.30am to 4.30pm daily and admission is free.

National Reconciliation Week – 27th May to June 3rd

National Reconciliation Week begins on May 27. The theme for 2023 is **Be a Voice for Generations**, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives - where we live, work and socialise. National Reconciliation Week first started as the **Week of Prayer for Reconciliation** in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

26th May - National Sorry Day provides an opportunity for people to come together and share the journey towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

27th May - 1967 Referendum was a landmark achievement following decades of activism by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people, where more than 90 percent of Australians voted in favour of amending two sections of the Australian Constitution

27th May - 3 June National Reconciliation Day celebrations commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey-the anniversaries of the successful 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo Decision.

3 June Mabo Day On 3 June 1992, the High Court of Australia overturned the principle of "terra nullius" or "nobody's land" as claimed by the British when they first arrived in this country. The decision has paved the way for Native Title legislation.

This prayer was written by Joshua Lane, Kanolu and Lardil man, and shared as part of Common Grace's National Reconciliation Week 2023 resources.

Our Father, Our Creator,

We humbly come before you today acknowledging the weight of our shared history in Australia. We acknowledge that we are all made in your image and called to live in harmony with one another. Yet, as a nation we have fallen short of this calling, and ask for your guidance and wisdom to enable us to become agents of change in the pursuit of reconciliation with one another.

We pray for the courage to speak up for the marginalized and oppressed, and to be a voice for the generations that have suffered under the weight of racism and discrimination.

May your love and grace inspire us to take action towards healing and reconciliation, and to work towards a future where all are treated with dignity and respect.

Help us to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced for too long, and to work together to see restoration and healing.

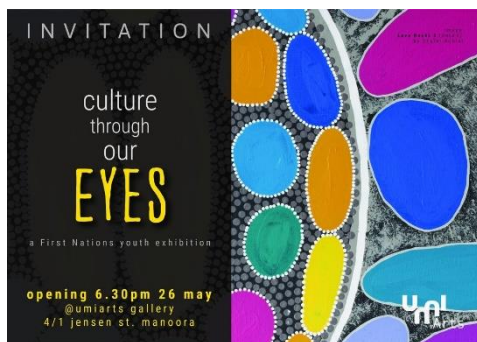
May we be guided by your love and grace, and may our actions be a reflection of your goodness.

May your Holy Spirit guide us towards a future where love, mercy, and compassion reign. We pray for your hand to be

upon us as we work towards reconciliation, and we entrust our efforts into your hands.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.



'Culture Through our Eyes' is the second annual First Nations youth exhibition @ UMI Arts Gallery, showcasing the talent and creativity of the young people of the region. 15 young artists have created a colourful collection of works on canvas, inspired by their own homelands, culture and experience. Come and support tomorrow's artists and creators! Official Opening: Friday 26 May 2023 Doors open 6.30pm

Image: Love Rocks 1 (detail), Chyler Kohler.

Pastor Greg's Farewell at Trinity

Pastor Greg's final services in the Cairns Parish occur on July 9th. As Pastor leaves immediately after service on this day for the service in Atherton, the Trinity Congregation will farewell Pastor Greg at a combined service on July 2, followed by a shared morning tea. If you would like to contribute to a momento for Pastor Greg of his time in Cairns please leave your donation in the box provided on the table at the entrance to church.



Nepalese Pastor Rabindra Das Visits Australia

by Terry Schuster

While the number of professed Christians in western nations is in decline, many churches in Asian countries are experiencing consistent growth as the Gospel is preached to the poor and marginalised. For over 20 years Asia Focus Australia (AFA), a not-for-profit volunteer mission society founded by Pastor August Fricke, has supported churches in many Asian countries who share God's love in their local communities - often in situations where open evangelisation is outlawed or made difficult.

Pre-COVID, AFA conducted mission tours to churches which received financial support, strengthening connections and understanding between donors and recipients. Until these tours resume, the AFA organising committee decided to bring key recipients to Australia, to share their passion for mission and how God is working in their community. AFA has been generously supported in this current venture by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Tuggeranong (Canberra) and Creative Word Fellowship (Adelaide).

During March, Pastor Rabindra Das spent four weeks visiting Lutheran churches and schools in Queensland, Canberra, and Adelaide, sharing how God is working to build His church in Nepal; a mostly Hindu country which has anti-conversion laws targeting only Christians in order to stop the growth of Christianity.

Pastor Rabindra was born into a Hindu family, a member of the lowest caste (Dalits) with little prospect of advancing himself in a caste-centred, mostly Hindu society. His parents were manual workers with minimal income and he experienced hunger many times in his childhood. His father and mother effectively gave their lives to support their children and help give them an education.

When Rabindra was about 14 years old, he found a discarded pamphlet based on the book of Matthew. Subsequently, he received a book named "Message of Love" from a friend, although he did not know it was the Bible. This led him to attend a Christian church where he accepted Jesus as his Saviour.

Amazingly, after two months of attending Church, he started sharing the Gospel with groups of people and there felt the power of Holy Spirit moving in him as he shared God's Word - even though the Bible was new to him; the audience being "amazed with the truth".

At that time, he was challenged as to whether Jesus could heal. He accepted the challenge which led him to the house of a person waiting to die from Leprosy. After three days of prayer and a reading of the Bible at the man's bedside morning and night, he was able to get up; fully healed.

Some years later after various roles in the church and in aid agencies, he gave up his dream of studying medicine as he felt called by God to become a Pastor. From small beginnings holding church in his own home, he is now Mission Director of Livingstone Ministry Nepal (LMN), with oversight of 94 Nepalese churches. These churches are characterised by

- A long experience in church ministry and mission outreach

- Active and motivated pastors and missionaries
- Different gifts of Spirit
- A vision to reach out to more unreached people and groups in Nepal
- A vision to reach out to neighbouring countries and also across continents

Pastor Rabindra's shared experiences were inspirational and an example of how God's love can be shared via an holistic ministry, where serving the needs of others opens the door for the reception of God's grace in Jesus Christ. Churches in the western world can learn a lot about ministry from our brothers and sisters in places such as Nepal, and we thank God for Pastor Rabindra's visit.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 5:3

Rosters

Please arrange a swap if you cannot help on your allocated day.

	May 28 th	June 4 th	June 11 th	June 18 th
Lesson Reader	Emma Pullar	Di Remilton	Audrey Gardiner	Bernie MacKenzie
Ushers	Rod & Elaine Krenske	Andrew Schelberg	G Wiencke/ Peace College	G Wiencke
Powerpoint	Elaine Krenske	Richard Lehmann	Peace College	Bernie Wiedner
Church Cleaning	Eime family	Shared areas ????	Sayaka Pitt	Shared areas Elaine K
Mowing	P Schmidt/J Fenske	M Henselheit/M Fraser	M Henselheit/ M Fraser	M Henselheit/ M Fraser

Calendar

Sun 28 th Pentecost Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Service of the Word Service with Holy Communion Service with Holy Communion	Trinity Peace College Our Saviour
Sun June 4 th	8:00am 10:00am 11:00am	Service with Holy Communion Service with Holy Communion Service of the Word - lay led	Trinity Trinity Our Saviour
Mon 5 th	5:00pm	Pastoral Assistants Meeting	Trinity
Sun 11th	9:30am 11:00am	Service of the Word - led by Shane Jurecky. NO SERVICE AT TRINITY Service with Holy Communion	Peace College Our Saviour
Mon 12 th	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting	Trinity
Sun 18 th	8:00am 10:00am 11:00am	Service with Holy Communion Service with Holy Communion Service of the Word - lay led	Trinity Trinity Our Saviour