



GOODIES FOR GOODNA

Goodna Parish has updated what they need to best support their local community, so please see if you can donate some of the following items:

Shampoo, deodorant, dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, tissues, kids snacks, UHT milk, or money to purchase eggs on the day the goods are delivered to Goodna. Please **do not** donate the eggs themselves as donations are delivered monthly.



DONATIONS FOR MISSION TO SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS BAGS

Mission to Seafarers Brisbane is again preparing Christmas gift bags for isolated seafarers and would greatly appreciate donations of small items that would be worthy of a Christmas bag gift, or financial donations towards the purchase of these items. Please use the bank details below. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided (please add name to the payment for receipts).

Mission to Seafarers Brisbane
BSB: 704 901 Account: 0000 3660
Contact Captain Ross Nicholls on 0408 189 519 or presmtsbrisbane@gmail.com for further details.



FR QUINN'S PRIESTLY ORDINATION

It's official! Fr Quinn will be ordained into the household of Priests by the Bishop Administrator, Bishop Cameron Venerables at 10am on Saturday 2nd December, 2023, at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane. Woo Hoo!



A big thank you to the Social Committee for the fun and frivolity had by all at the family trivia night! Oh, we can't forget about the snacks! Mmmm snacks, yummy yummy! Without your hard work the night of fun and fellowship would not have been possible! We are all looking forward to the next event!

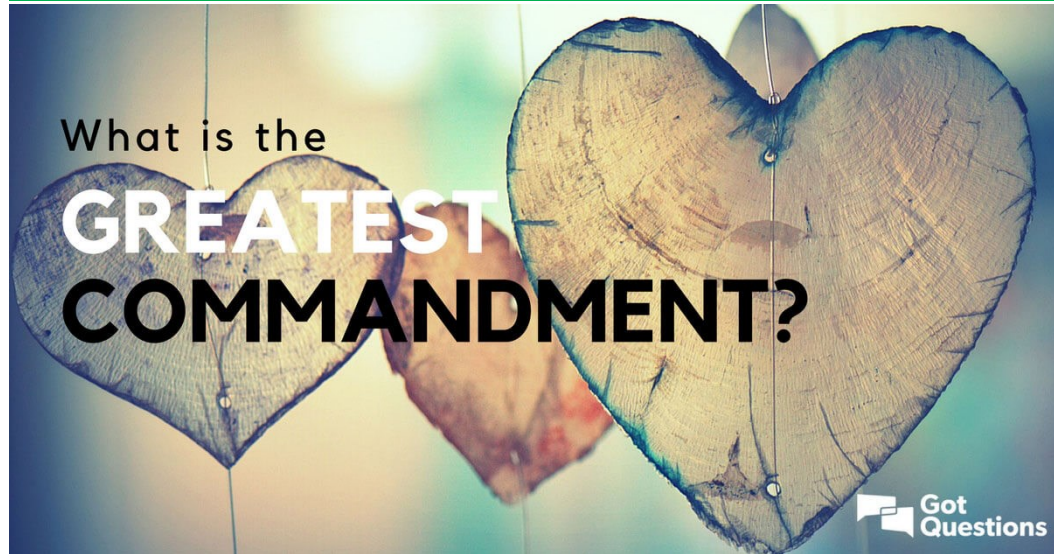
29th October 2023

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7.30AM - EUCHARIST

9.00AM - FAMILY EUCHARIST

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
EST. 1888
ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE HEART OF BULIMBA



THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT - BY LEW DUFFEY

These are the words of Christ, who is the son of the living God the carrier of truth for us to find.

The greatest command is to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind.

The second greatest commandment I give to you is for you to keep.

Love thy neighbor as thyself for as you sow so shall you reap.

These two commandments are the basis of all the laws of the prophets.

You cannot claim to be a child of God if you cannot keep these commandments.

Therefore, my brother let love be your goal when any man or woman you meet.

Never let this love fade, grow dim or in any way retreat.

For God loved us all so much he gave us his Son who died on the cross.

It is our calling to pass the love on.... To fail is our greatest loss.

Love him and love one another

For he has made every woman our sister and each man our brother.

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DEVASTATING NEWS. HUNDREDS KILLED IN STRIKE ON THE AL-AHLI HOSPITAL IN GAZA.

UPDATE: 24TH OCTOBER 2023

Ahli Hospital continues to provide urgent care for injured and all who need medical attention Thank you to all who have generously given to our appeal for the Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Your gifts are much needed and greatly appreciated. AID has already sent the first tranche of funds to our partner, the Diocese of Jerusalem, but much, much more is needed. The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum, has today issued a statement jointly with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justine Welby. Archbishop Hosam writes: "As you have probably seen, massive rocket blast exploded in the midst of our own Ahli Hospital in the heart of Gaza City, tragically killing or seriously wounding hundreds of refugees who had gathered there because they had no other place of shelter in which to go. "Although the Ahli's buildings were heavily damaged, two nights later our devoted staff partially re-opened the hospital. In doing this, they demonstrated the determination we have in the Diocese of Jerusalem to persevere in our Christian mission to serve others as though we were serving Christ himself (Matt 25:31-46). And this is the case not just for Gaza, but throughout all the Holy Land. Yet in order to accomplish this mission in the midst of a devastating war, we need to draw upon the strength of the larger Body of Christ. For we understand that when one member of the Body suffers, all parts suffer (1 Cor 12:26). "And so, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I appeal to you first of all to pray for our mission here, as well for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa 122:6). Secondly, advocate with your representatives for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land, so that all who dwell within these lands can live in security. Finally, if you are able, support our ministries in Gaza, Palestine and Israel, and throughout the diocese of Jerusalem by contributing financially through one of our international partners." Archbishop Justin's statement concluded with the words: I urge everyone, if they are able, to support the Al Ahli Hospital's work caring for the wounded body of Jesus Christ and contribute to the Gaza appeal." Although food, medicines and water are in very short supply, limited aid has now begun to filter in through the southern Gazan border at Rafah.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN GAZA AND ISRAEL:

Almighty and Everlasting God: Our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; we pray also that you would soften the hearts of all those involved in the recent conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people; these things we ask in his Holy Name. Amen.

Donations: www.abmission.org/appeals/emergency-appeals/al-ahli-hospital-emergency-appeal/



OUR RECTOR ELECT THE REVEREND CANON PAUL MITCHELL

The Reverend Canon Paul Mitchell is currently the Rector of St Luke's Toowoomba and has served there since July 2017. He came from South Australia, having been ordained in 1989 and served in the Diocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Perth in Western Australia. He has also served the church in ministry in South Sudan and France.

In 2021 Paul was appointed a Residentiary Canon of St John's Cathedral in Brisbane. He is married to the Reverend Sharon Mitchell

who is currently the Chaplain of the Glennie School in Toowoomba. Reverend Sharon will take up the appointment of Senior Chaplain at Churchie in the new year, beginning at the start of Term

1. **Fr Paul's last service at St Luke's Toowoomba will be on Sunday 3rd December 2023.** His commencement date among us here at St John's is yet to be finalised. Hold this space. He and Reverend Sharon are very much looking forward to ministering amongst us, and getting to know us in the new year. If you would like to connect with Fr Paul, he suggests you check out the Mass recordings on the St Luke's Toowoomba YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@stluketoowoomba5206/streams and their Facebook at: www.facebook.com/StLukesParish We look forward to welcoming Fr Paul and Reverend Sharon here amongst us in the new year.



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matt 22:36-40

