

Link



Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- ◆ Garry and Teresa would like to thank all who have been praying for him and for all the messages of support. Garry' knee operation happened today and he has come out of surgery. Next stage is recovery and recuperation
- ◆ Robyn was at Property & Insurance Workshop in Brisbane on Tuesday
- ◆ Craig Mischewski representing Garry at PSI and Placements meetings this week
- ◆ Christy will be in Mt Isa from this Sat-Tues
- ◆ Glenn Louttit's induction service on 29 Mar at 9am at Aitkenvale PCYC. Glenn and Collette welcomed a grand daughter on 16th Mar – Hazel Joy

Carpentaria Link Weekly Reflection

Sign Up and Share Your Reflection

Here is your opportunity to contribute to Carpentaria Link by offering a reflection. You can choose the date from the calendar found at

https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/link_roster/link_roster_calendar.php

We would love to hear how God is working in and through you all.

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Carpentaria News...

Prayer Requests for March

Lifeline

- ➔ This month we give thanks for 60 years of faithful service by staff and volunteers.
- ➔ Phone counsellors - for wisdom, listening ear and self care about what they hear.
- ➔ Callers - they may know the peace of God and that others care about them and their circumstances.
- ➔ Retail outlets - pray for wisdom and patience to interact with customers in this time of growing economic hardship.

Christine Herman, Cairns Region Community Chaplain

Date Claimers

March 2023

Wednesday 29th – Glenn Louttit Induction Service at 9am at Aitkenvale PCYC

Wednesday 29th – SMC Audit for all Carpentaria congregations due (extended from 15th Mar)

May 2023

Thursday 4th – Calvary Zone meeting in Cairns

Fri-Sun 5th-7 – Presbytery meeting at Mission Beach

Sun-Wed 7th-10th – Ministry Agent and spouse retreat at Cardwell

Carpentaria Presbytery Meeting - 5th to 7th May 2023

Our next Presbytery meeting to be held **5th to 7th May 2023**, is fast approaching. It will be great to be together again! A reminder that this meeting is for both Ministry Agents and lay reps from each congregation along with Ministry Agents who are in placements in other roles e.g.: chaplaincy (**2 per congregation, including Ministry Agent**). It would be wonderful to have more lay people join our meetings.

The Presbytery meeting will be held at the Mission Beach Resort and **will begin at 2.30pm on Friday afternoon** for all Ministry Agents who are required to attend the compulsory Safe Ministry with Children training. For all other delegates, please arrive by no later than **5:00pm** as a BBQ buffet dinner will be served at **5:30pm Friday night** for all Presbytery attendees, with our opening worship and first session to follow at 7:00pm. **Registrations for Presbytery must be finalised by Friday, 21 April.**

Register here: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1515.php>

More information will be sent out before the Presbytery meeting, so keep a look out for it but remember to register. As in recent times each congregation & agency will be invoiced \$120 for Travel equalisation per entity. If you have any queries, please contact Ana at the Presbytery Office.

Robyn & Ana

From The Word for Today...

When your best isn't good enough

“Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say ...” Luke 5:5 NASB

You say: ‘What happened to the verse in Galatians 6 that promises whatever you sow you will also reap? I gave it my best shot. I trusted, sacrificed, did the right things, yet reaped nothing.’

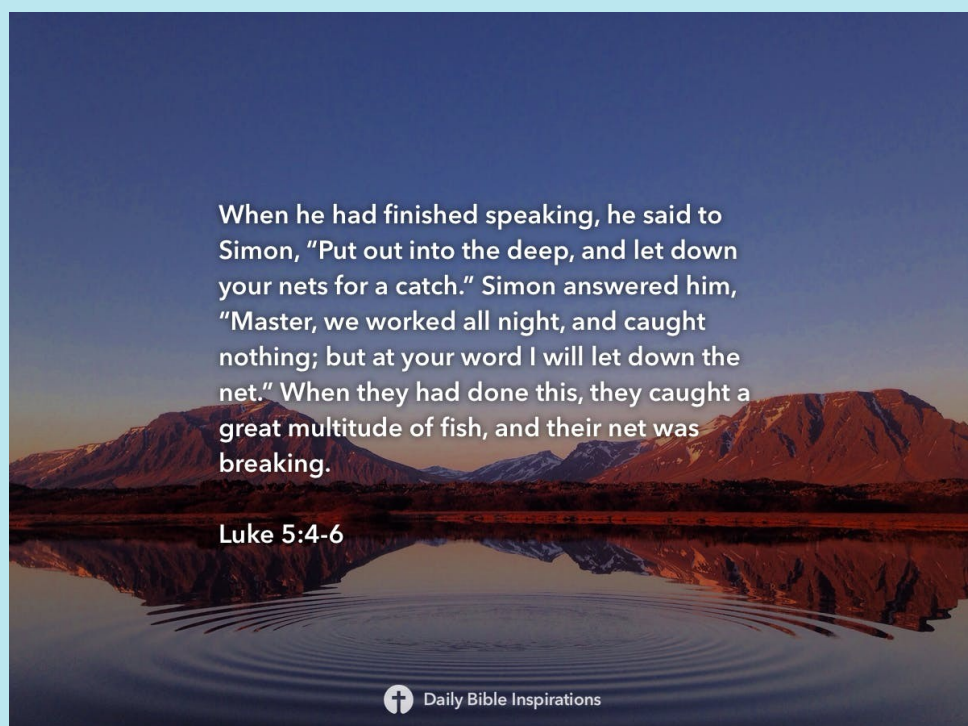
Whether it's a lack of reaping in your finances, job, marriage, children, or ministry, it's discouraging and sometimes makes you feel like giving up. The disciples were experienced fishermen. But they had fished all night and caught nothing, so now they were discouraged. And that's when Jesus showed up! When they thought there was nothing more that could be done, He stepped into their boat. And He still works that way.

As long as you think you can handle the situation yourself, Jesus knows you will keep trying to. So, He waits until you have exhausted your resources and acknowledged that you are out of options, and then He gets involved. ‘Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch,’ He instructed (Luke 5:4 NIV). Peter replied, ‘We have already tried that and the fish just aren't biting.’

Maybe Peter was thinking, ‘Lord, you're the preacher, but I'm a professional fisherman. If there was anything out there, I would have caught it.’ Jesus was saying, ‘This time, try it my way!’ Peter replied, ‘Master ... because you say so, I will.’ And that's when the miracle happened.

Whatever Peter thought or felt, he obeyed Jesus anyway. That, too, is when your situation begins to change. When you're clueless and helpless, thinking there is no way out, just get quiet and listen, and Jesus will tell you what to do. And when He does, even though you have questions, say, ‘Master, because you say so, I will obey.’ Then, prepare for results only God can give.

(Reflection from vision.org.au website – The Word for Today reading, 15 March 2023) The Word for Today is authored by Bob and Debby Gass



Synod News & Info.

Resources / Training / Workshops / Camps / Celebrations / Appeals

Vanuatu March 2023 cyclones and earthquake Emergency Appeal

Multiple disasters in quick succession have struck the Pacific nation of Vanuatu. Over half the population has been affected, and the Government of Vanuatu declared an emergency. You can help get critical aid to people in affected communities.

[Click here](#) to Donate.

Stand Up Speak Out

Uluru Statement from the Heart

Listen to Professor Megan Davis, a member of the Referendum Council, as she reads out the Uluru Statement from the Heart for the first time in history on the floor of the First Nations Constitutional Convention. [Click here](#) to listen and watch.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Tuesday, March 21, is the United Nations International Day for Eliminating Racial Discrimination (IDERD). It is also the beginning of Harmony Week in Australia. The 2023 theme of International Day focuses on the urgency of combatting racism and racial discrimination.

Prayer Service Template

Rev Dr Paul Goh from the Synod of Australia and Panel Member of the Being a Multicultural Church Circle has offered a template to help you hold a prayer service to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. [Download the PowerPoint here](#).

Australian Human Rights Commission: Racism. It Stops With Me

The campaign invites us to ask ourselves important questions about the role of racism in shaping society, the way we see ourselves and how we interact with one another. **To explore these questions and find more information, [click here](#).**