

WELCOMING CLINT AS LECTOR  
16th Sunday in Ordinary time ~ 19 July 2020



### WELCOME

Welcome to Bishop Ken Howell today for the *Institution into the Ministry of Lector* of Clint McGoldrick.

Clint is a descendant of the Worimi people of Forster Tuncurry.  
His Aboriginal family are the Leons, Simons, and Mirandas.

Bishop Ken presented the Lectionary to Clint after the Opening Prayer today,  
and Clint then proclaimed the First Reading.

### AS A LECTOR

As a Lector and bearer of God's Word, Clint will  
*"proclaim that word in the liturgical assembly,  
instruct children and adults in faith,  
and prepare them to receive the sacraments worthily."*

He will bring the message of Jesus "to those who have not yet received it."

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Uncle David Miller, Queensland National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Representative led us in the Acknowledgement of Country.

Included in the celebration today are

- Clint's wife Karley and two sons, and Clint's mother Aunty Noelene,
- Murri Ministry – Uncle David Miller and Ravina Deen
- Elwyn Henaway
- Quandamooka representatives – Bernice and Margaret
- Archdiocese of Brisbane Reconciliation Action Plan Officer - Cynthia Rowan
- Staff from St Patrick's College Shorncliffe - Tim Kenny, Helen Righetti and Luke Royce
- Diaconate Companion – Grace Harwood
- St Joseph and St Anthony Parish, Bracken Ridge Pastoral Council Members
- St Joseph's School Principal Gary Creevey

- St John Fisher College Chaplain Emma Beach who brings this message

*“The community of St John Fisher College joins the Parish of St Joseph and St Anthony, in congratulating Clint on this significant step in his life, and in the life of the Catholic Church in Queensland.*

*We pray for his work with all people, particularly the Indigenous people of this region, and hope that this first step in his journey towards diaconate will be blessed and fruitful.”*

#### **JOURNEYING WITH CLINT IN PRAYER**

Messages of prayer and support have been received from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) and from Bishop Timothy J Harris in the Catholic Diocese of Townsville.

There are messages for you Clint from people who could not be here today.

#### **QUANDAMOOKA ELDERS FROM AUNTY ROSE AND AUNTY EVELYN**

*“Clint on behalf of our mother Rose Borey and the Quandamooka Catholic Community may the blessings of the Lord be upon you as you follow in His way on your journey to become a Deacon.*

*Congratulations on the first step as a Lector and how ‘deadly’ it is that your installation is on the 46th Anniversary of Deacon Boniface Perdjert’s ordination as a Deacon.*

*We believe that this is a sign of the strength of our spiritual connection as First Nations People all united as one on our Faith Journey.’*

From Bernice and Margaret.’

*“Psalm 63 v 8. ‘But you are our father, Lord, we are like clay, and you are like the potter. You created us.’ May the Father continue to shape and mould you Clint. May he bless you on this joyful day. God bless.”*

From Aunty Evelyn Parkin and Family.”

#### **DEACON RALPH MADIGAN, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CAIRNS**

*“Clint our best wishes”*

#### **NORTHERN TERRITORY FR LEO WEARDEN MSC (OLSH PARISH WADEYE)**

*“Great news. Special day for you all. I will be saying Mass at Nganmariyanga around that time but I will put a note in our Bulletin and remember him in our Masses over the weekend.”*

#### **ECUMENICAL GREETING FROM FR BRUCE (ANGLICAN ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE)**

*“I have always found Clint to be a pleasant, approachable and dedicated person of God. Please give my blessing and regards to Clint on this day.*

*We really need more Murri clergy. Love and Blessings.”*

## ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY, MELBOURNE

*Dear Clint,*

*I write to you today with hope in our spirit's and love in our hearts.*

*We are with you as you begin your journey towards becoming a Deacon.*

*The Creator Spirit send's the right people at the right time*

*Your path will not be easy but know that the support of the*

*Aboriginal Catholic community in Melbourne, Victoria are beside you in all your endeavours.*

*Our Ancestors will raise you up and walk with you into the future,*

*they will give you courage and the strength you will need to complete the journey ahead.*

*We at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria are so proud of you and your*

*accomplishments today and for what the future may hold for you and those that follow you.*

*Look boldly to the future and be confident that all of us are walking with you.*

*We send congratulations and all of our Blessings.*

*With love and respect*

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Sherry Balcombe & Team

And sharing this blessing:

*May you always stand tall as a tree,*

*Be as strong as the rock Uluru,*

*As gentle and still as the morning mist,*

*Hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart,*

*And may the Creator Spirit always walk with you.*

Elizabeth Pike 1997

## SR KAY MCPADDEN

*'Blessings on you at this time on your step towards Ordination of Deacons. May you be blessed with Wisdom, Fortitude and Gratitude for the present time to carry you on.'*

## PRAYER

Let us now pray for Clint in your ministry as Lector,  
and we pray for your continued formation  
towards ordination as a deacon at some future time.

**[WE PAUSE TO PRAY]**

## GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 13:24-43

Clint, in your ministry, you know that life can be unclear at times,  
as we try to discern between the wheat and the darnel.

We hear from scriptures scholars that the weeds might be darnel. This is important.

Wheat and darnel in the early stages of growth look similar.  
In your ministry as Lector, you will help people prayerfully and honestly  
in discerning between the wheat and the darnel.

Let us listen to the Gospel passage from Jesus:

*'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone  
who sowed good seed in his field;  
but while everybody was asleep,  
an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat,  
and then went away.  
So when the plants came up and bore grain,  
then the weeds appeared as well.  
And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,  
"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?  
Where, then, did these weeds come from?"  
He answered, "An enemy has done this."  
The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"  
But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds  
you would uproot the wheat along with them.  
Let both of them grow together until the harvest;  
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,  
Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned,  
but gather the wheat into my barn."'*

The wheat and darnel can grow side by side within us,  
and within our communities that we serve.

In prayer and stillness before God, we take time to reflect  
and review not only what we do, but also who we are before God.

Clint, you will invite people to prayer.  
You will invite children, youth and adults to ask God to help them.  
You will journey with people and grow together with them.  
You will prepare people for 'ceremony"  
– in the sacraments and times and seasons of communal prayer.

As we have seen from the sharing above,  
the Catholic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders are praying for you and wishing  
you well.

They look forward to working with you.  
The next NATSICC Assembly will be a special time for you,  
with you meeting First Peoples around Australia who have been praying for you.

## HOPE

The Gospel continues today with the word of Jesus

***'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'***

The parable of the mustard seed invites us into the unknown and into hope. Jesus brings hope, Jesus uplifts us so that we are not paralysed or depressed by this struggle within.

Jesus continues with parables of hope: the yeast, the treasure in a field, a fine pearl, the fish net.

We thank God for this goodness symbolised by the wheat. We take time to pray and review ourselves in the light of God's love.

We ask God to help us to overcome any complacency in our faith and prayer, in our families, in our faith communities.

We ask God to sustain us always in hope.

## PARABLE OF YEAST

The Gospel relates:

He told them another parable:

***'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'***

Clint, we pray that your faith may continue to grow and leaven the lives of your Archdiocese, and Parish, and First Peoples, leaven the lives of St Pat's College and the neighbouring schools, leaven the lives of your co-workers ecumenically.

And know that Murri Ministry is always a home for you.

Thank you, Karley, for sharing Clint with all of us.  
Thank you boys for sharing your Dad with us.

Let us pray.

Fr Gerry

[readings <https://universalis.com/Australia/20200719/mass.htm>]