

Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to start traveling



When you're grocery shopping and see someone you knew from high school



The Maroochydore Herald



Uniting in Christ  
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June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Sunday

*We seek to be a prayerful and listening church  
Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church*

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**Birthdays this week: Jeanette Hanna (7<sup>th</sup>)**

## Lectionary Bible Readings

<b>Jun 4 2023 Trinity Sunday</b> Gen 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20	<b>June 11 2023 Pentecost 2</b> Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:1-12 Rom 4:13-25 Mt 9:9-13, 18-26
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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** 8.30 am Rev Jan Rossow (Communion)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** Fellowship Morning Tea at Em Jays

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** Rev Brian Nagel

### NO ARGUMENTS

From "You Can Count on God" by Max Lucado (30 May)

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"* Mat 28:18

Some years ago, I played basketball against David Robinson, the NBA all star and 3-time Olympian. We were at a Bible retreat, and David had agreed to a game with us fellows who hadn't dribbled a ball since middle-school.

When the game began, he held back. We could tell. Even so, he played basketball at a level we could only dream about. Then, at one point- just for the fun of it-he let loose. The same guy who had slam-dunked basketballs over Michael Jordan, and Charles Barkley, let it go. With 3 strides he roared from half court to the hoop.

We gulped. David smiled.

We got the message. That's how the game is meant to be played. We may have shared the same court, but we didn't share the same power. I'm thinking the followers of Jesus might have had a similar thought when Jesus commanded the demons to leave the possessed man, told the storm to be quiet, or instructed the dead man to rise.

No wonder no-one argued when he declared "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me".

## **Embracing the Unknown: Traveling Towards the Divine**

By Fernando Torres, Activate Coordinator – Trinity College.

Jonah's journey is also my journey. No, I wasn't called to travel and preach in Nineveh, nor did I arrive in Australia in the belly of a fish – it would have been way cheaper, though! ...but the more I "read my own life", the more I realise that the stories in the Bible are all about our human condition, and God's inaugurating, sustaining, and renewing love. By sailing away from Nineveh, Jonah was running away from his calling, God, and the people he was commissioned to preach to. But above all, he was running away from himself. He seemed to believe that the further away from Nineveh, the more inaccessible he would be to his inner challenges. But ironically, the further he ran, the closer he got to his issues.

When I honestly look back at my life journey, I feel confident that my journey resembles Jonah's. Yes, I naively believed that I could avoid the deep questions in my heart by going far away. Against my false self and in favour of my true self, Divine Grace sent some big fish so that I could experience the "belly process" and thus be brought back to reality. We live in a world that, in general, is shamelessly illiterate in the grammar of emotions and feelings. Jonah was still able to name some of his issues, but I have profound difficulty identifying, naming, confessing, and letting the wisdom of my body process my inner world. However, even when we are adrift at sea, we have the illusion that we are making conscious choices. I've been learning the hard way that the less I see my inner issues, the more I am hostage to them. After all, what is not confessed cannot be healed.

Further, like Jonah, I tend to believe that I am in control of my own life and that being autonomous and free means choosing every street, road, and destination on my journey. However, I hope I am starting to leave this provisional truth behind to accept a greater one: that the best way to live is to say to God: here am I, send me. More than controlling the helm, I find true freedom in letting the Winds of Mystery blow over my sails. Reading Jonah's story and my own, I also have begun to grasp that the path to freedom lies in obedience. Jonah's struggle with the divine order to go to Nineveh created a path for him not only to see, confess and process his feelings and emotions but also to review his truths and face the possibility of conversion. Yes, obedience is a journey of humanisation. Blessings.