

I once bought a dog
off a blacksmith.

As soon as I got him
home, he made a
bolt for the door.



The Maroochydore Herald



Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice

July 9th
Pentecost 6

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

Leadership Team

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	Margaret Holmes		Rev Jan Rossow

Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available. Our Church Banking Details: UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church - St George Bank.BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church
Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>
For links and information to Synod Resources and Activities.
National Assembly News - <https://assembly.uca.org>

Items and notifications for inclusion in the Herald are gratefully received.

Please send any notices for the 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



5 DEADLY TERMS USED BY A WOMAN

#1 Fine

This is the word women use to end an argument when she knows she is right and you need to stop talking.

#2 Nothing

Means something and you should be worried.

#3 Go Ahead

Do NOT confuse this with permission! It's a dare and don't even think about it.

#4 Whatever

A woman's way of calling you an idiot.

#5 That's OK

She is thinking long and hard on how and when you will pay for your mistake.

BONUS WORD: WOW!

This is not a compliment. She is amazed that one person could be so clueless.

St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
SLEEPWALKING NUN?
A ROAM'N CATHOLIC

Lectionary Bible Readings

July 9 Pentecost 6 Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Ps 45:10-17 or Song of Sol 2:8-13 Rom 7:15-25a Mt 11:16-19, 25-30	July 16 Pentecost 7 Gn 25:19-34 Ps 119:105-112 Rom 8:1-11 Mt 13:1-9, 18-23
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<u>Sunday 9th July</u>	Rev Keith Turpin
<u>Thursday 13th July</u>	Fellowship morning tea at Em Jays 10 am
<u>Saturday 15th July</u>	11 am. Indonesian Worship followed by fellowship lunch
<u>Sunday 16th July</u>	8.30 am Rev Jan Rossow

Presbytery Office is now at Maroochydore Uniting Church 6 Millwell Rd Maroochydore Office hours Mon - Thurs* 9am - 4pm Drop in for a cuppa *Except - SC & PRC meeting days	Presbytery Postal Address! Mary Burnett Presbytery PO Box 1635 Sunshine Plaza 4558
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Mooloolaba Op Shop

The Presbytery is keen to ensure the Mooloolaba Op Shop continues to support the local community. Presbytery is looking for volunteers to assist with this outreach. If you're able to volunteer in any way, (or you know of anyone who may be able to help), please email Kylie Aalbers . Open days are yet to be determined but potentially Mon, Wed, Fri (or maybe only 2 of those days to start with?)
Email: admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

Embracing Vulnerability: A Pathway to Spiritual

Awakening and Transformation in [Opinion](#) 04/07/2023

By **Nicole Gregory** – Principal of The Lakes College.

In this earthly life, we walk around blind to much of the world. While many of us are blessed to have all our senses, it isn't until one or more of them are compromised that we become more in tune with both the light and the darkness surrounding us.

When I imagine standing in Saul's shoes on the road to Damascus, blinded to the world he's known, I feel an overwhelming sense of vulnerability, a lack of control, and totally disorientated. I can imagine a sense of fear of the unknown consuming me. Yet when we hear stories of people who have lost different senses, it appears that their remaining senses are heightened, assisting them to navigate life in a different and sometimes more productive way.

In this scripture of transformational change, Saul's initial deficit becomes an opportunity for what appears to be a spiritual awakening. Having his sight removed challenged his bias, causing him to rest in senses not quite as honed. Saul's undernourished spiritual self was forced into action as Jesus challenged his current paradigm. Physical sight is removed for inner sight to evolve.

God knows that sometimes revelation only comes to us when our world is turned upside down. Disoriented, vulnerable and lacking control becomes the place where Jesus is waiting for us to find him. Our own Damascus moment, where God's paradigm shift happens, because our vulnerability meets the work of the Holy Spirit. Saul transformed into Paul through God's Grace.

¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ Instantly, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ Afterward, he ate some food and regained his strength.

Acts 9:17-19 (NLT)

We need to ask ourselves daily, where is the place of vulnerability God is trying to meet me at today.