

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

*Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church*

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## *Let the Little Children Come to Me*



“Do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”  
(Mark10: 14)

Seventy-six children, ranging in age from 8 to 16, are preparing for either the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist or both this year. Each child is unique and different. Each family is unique. All, however, are trying to uphold a promise made at baptism, to follow Jesus Christ more closely and to live as Catholic Christians in the world today.

Many of us remember our childhood and how simple life was, way back when. Many of us have had children of our own and possibly grandchildren. We know that to be “like a little child” is the happiest moments of life. Children have a simple yet honest outlook on life. They don’t ponder the big questions or tackle the big problems of life. As long as they have a parent who loves them, protects them, and gives them security, their life is uncomplicated. Their faith is simple. It is based on an unconditional love given to them by their family (and God) and easily returned by them.

For them to understand the presence of God is easy. Theirs is not a reasoning, rational knowledge but rather an accepted understanding that God is with them. As adults we are at a loss for words to describe this incredible mystery of our faith. We sometimes complicate faith by rigid observances and practices. God is with us and is available to us in every moment of life. We need only to have the trust of a little child.

Children relate very well to God through the person of Jesus Christ. Their faith in Jesus as friend and saviour is real. Having had their eyes and minds opened to the person of Jesus through their families passing on of their own faith, wanting to be like Jesus is something to which they all aspire. To be able to receive Jesus into their lives in a real and present way through Holy Communion is something they are all looking forward to.

So “do not stop them” with your grumblings or glares about how they behave in church, or receive communion, or make noises, for in them God dwells. A smile of encouragement accomplishes more than all the “shushing” in the world. Rejoice and be glad for them! They will soon be able to grow into the person God wants them to be with the help of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit.



**Anne Sheehan**  
*Liturgy, Sacraments & RC/SCA*  
*Coordinator*

# LITURGIES

**Monday 23 May 2022**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 24 May 2022**

**Our Lady, Help of Christians**

9.00am St James' - Mass  
Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 25 May 2022**

8.00am Shalom- LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

7.00pm Holy Rosary-  
Memorial Service

**Thursday 26 May 2022**

**St Philip Neri**

9.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

**Friday 27 May 2022**

**St Augustine**

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

5.30 pm Holy Rosary-  
Malayalam Mass

**Saturday 28 May 2022**

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**29 May 2022 Year C(2)**

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

**SCRIPTURES**

**For next Sunday**

**First Readings**

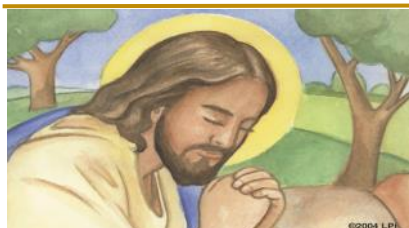
Acts 1:1-11

**Second Reading**

Heb 9:24-28, 10: 19-23

**Gospel**

Luke 24:46-53



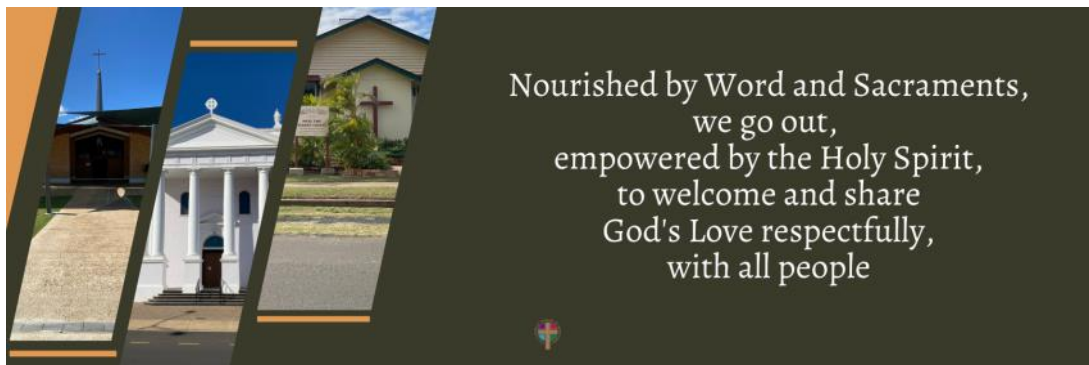
# GOSPEL MEDITATION

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: *"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."*

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

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**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:** Pope Francis has encouraged all dioceses to host a local celebration of the World Meeting of Families this year! Our diocese is pleased to be hosting a weekend retreat on **24th - 26th June at Coolwaters Discovery Park, Yeppoon**. This event is open to everyone, and we would love for you to join us. This event will be a chance to connect with other Catholics from around the diocese, to have fun and socialise, to be formed in our faith, pray together, and grow in our vocation to holiness.

To register go to [app.tickets.org.au/](http://app.tickets.org.au/) **CDOR/WMoF** or scan the QR code. For any questions or more information contact [michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au)



**RECENT APPEALS**

A **BIG thank you** to all who contributed to the recent appeals.

Project Compassion  
\$17,175.00

Holy Land Good Friday  
\$2,750.00

Ukraine Caritas  
\$2,350.00

SVdP Flood appeal  
\$ 2,930.00

Donations have been forwarded from the Parish.



## PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFIRMATION** for children will be celebrated in our parish on **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May** and **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, Holy Rosary, **6.00pm**. Bishop Michael presiding.

The children will receive their first Holy Communion at a Mass of their choice on the weekends of 4/5<sup>th</sup> June at St Patrick's and St James', and 12<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Rosary. These are public celebrations of our faith to which all in our faith communities are invited.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** A Family Activity Afternoon will be held on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.00-5.00pm**, beginning in Holy Rosary Church. This afternoon includes a rehearsal.

**BISHOP'S VISIT:** The Bishop will be here to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the children, **Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>** and **Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. During his visit he will also meet with the Parish Stewardship and Finance Councils and visit our four schools. We look forward to having the Bishop in our parish.

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL:** On **Sunday 22 May**, Bishop McCarthy invites the people of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton to remember in prayer the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of St Joseph's Cathedral. He will celebrate the occasion at the 9.30 am Mass in the Cathedral. You are most welcome to attend.

Although our Cathedral building was begun in 1894 and was officially Opened in 1899, it was not actually dedicated until its completion in 1982.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY:** An Ecumenical gathering for Christian Unity will be held **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am** in Holy Rosary Church with fellowship to follow. All are welcome.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** will be held **Wednesday, May 25th** in Holy Rosary Church at **7.00pm** followed by light refreshments. We welcome all those who wish to commemorate loved ones.

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING:** Will be held on Friday May 27th at 11.15am in the Parish Office.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – CHURCH CRAWL:** The Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church communities will hold this event on the **5<sup>th</sup> June** commencing at 2.00pm at the Uniting Church Barolin Street. The walk (crawl) will move to the Holy Rosary Church and conclude at 4.00pm approximately with afternoon tea in the grounds of the Anglican Church. All are welcome to attend to celebrate this occasion of Christian Unity.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT:** The "Life in the Spirit" Seminar continues each Sunday for the next 3 weeks @ the Parish Office Conference Room **7.00pm - 8.30pm**.

**ROSTERS:** Ministry rosters are being compiled now for Term 3, beginning **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** for 3 months. Could you please contact Sarah, [wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) if you wish to be taken off a roster, will be away for a certain period, or have changed contact details. Those who recently indicated interest in becoming a minister will be contacted before then.

### HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY MORNING TEA:

Will be held Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> after 8.00am Mass. All parishioners are welcome to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Baptised:** Sylvia Agnes Baker, Grace Marion Campbell, Elizabeth Hope Roberts and Havarna Rose Kempes.

**Recently Deceased:** Erlinda Catublas, Violet Naicker, Norma Brosnan, Hannah O'Brien (Oakey), Br Anthony James White, Br Alan Moss, Kerry Jones, Patricia Nielsen.

### PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**

Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**

Associate Pastor

**Br Ted Magee**

Executive Officer & Stewardship

**Mrs Anne Sheehan**

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**

Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

**Mrs Marcia Sharp**

Visitation Co-ordinator

**Miss Elizabeth Kelly**

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

**Mrs Jan Aplin**

Safeguarding Representative & Bereavement Co-ordinator

**Mr Norm Whyte**

Property Officer

**Mrs Sandra Fox**

Reception

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

**Dr Presly Varghese**

Chair

**Mrs Kaye Beston**

Deputy-Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**

Secretary

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begea**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Mrs Maryanne Taylor**

**Mr Michael Walker**

**Rev Fr Peter Tonti**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's**

Principal: **Mrs Monica White**

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**St Mary's**

Principal: **Mr Bill Goodwin**

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**St Patrick's**

Principal: **Mr Mark Fox**

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**Shalom College**

Principal: **Mr Dan McMahon**

[shalomcollege.com](http://shalomcollege.com)

Ph: 4155 8111

### CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**

Corner Barolin & Woongarra Street

**St Patrick's Church**

14 Powers Street

**St James' Church**

38 See Street Bargara

## PRAYER GROUPS

**ROSARY GROUP:** The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

**ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

**CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP:** Takes place every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month **7.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre.

Monthly prayer groups will be advertised in the bulletin the week prior

## The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults. For further information or support please contact the **Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:**

**Response Line: 1800 830 113**  
(free call)

Email: [pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net)

Diocesan website for more information:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

[www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Mrs Judy Pidcock:** 4887 3080  
Diocesan Safeguarding

**Centacare:** 1300 523 985

**St Vincent de Paul:** 4151 5455

**Ozcare:** 1800 692 273

**Mater Hospital:** 4153 9539

**Towards Healing:** 1800 337 928

## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick  
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This column will appear on a regular basis with news of the Parish and follow-up from meetings of various Parish bodies.

Some notes from the **Parish Finance Council's monthly meeting** (May 12).

- The April Financial Statements saw the balance better than predicted in the 21/22 Budget
- The Finance Council examined the first draft of the 22/23 Budget. After the June meeting the Budget will be presented to the Parish Priest for approval.
- The contract for the sale of St Mary's precinct to SVDP is now serving its 90 days due diligence. Once all formalities near conclusion, we will invite Parishioners to a conversation about lasting memorials and closure.
- Following a review of the Parish Office and Staff, the Diocese has approved the proposed renovation of the Office area in Rossolini Place.
- Council members have made an exciting proposal to the Stewardship Council to support outreach in our community. (More detail soon)
- A draft proposal for reimagining the Catholic Cemetery has been supported by the Finance Council.

### Friends of the Catholic Cemetery.

*Proposal: The Bundaberg Catholic Cemetery will be a quiet, calming, contemplative haven which is accessible, reflective, nurturing, and inspirational.*

*Open to the public during daylight hours.*

1. Restoration of Former Church as "Chapel of Ease".
2. Purpose-build a reflective covered pergola or two and strategically placed seating.
3. Enclose the cemetery with a fence like the one erected in part recently.
4. Continue to establish gardens with the support of Shalom College.
5. Promote the founding of a group of people (ministers) who will be of a mind to dream how the Bundaberg Catholic Cemetery could become a haven of reflection and contemplation for all who visit the sacred site.

These Friends will give of their time to minister in the following as examples:

- a. keeping the graves free of grass and tidying the older graves in the cemetery
- b. conduct historic "tours" of the cemetery once per month
- c. lead a monthly prayer of remembrance at the cemetery
- d. and, in November lead weekly prayer rituals at the cemetery.

**All interested in being a member of this new ministry, please contact me personally or the office** (4151 6666) and we will arrange a conversation as soon as possible.

### Prayer Groups and Devotional Practices

Following the recent meeting, a booklet will be produced and made available to all Parishioners. It will contain a brief description, time and venues as well as a contact phone number of each group/devotion in our Parish. We are truly blessed to have such a wealth of opportunity to nurture our spiritual life.

### Stewardship Renewal

Our thanks to Mr Grahame McEnery who has all but completed the inputting of data from the "Gifting Weekend" and we will access this shortly. You will be contacted about your gifting of time and talents in the very near future.

Following some ministry training, there will be a commissioning of all ministers of the Parish.

**Br Ted Magee**

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