



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

6th/17th August 2022

Dress for action and have your lamps lit'.

This week when I meet with those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith, we will no doubt be speaking about vigilance because that is the word that comes to mind after reading the Sunday's gospel. Being prepared and ready to meet God in the here and now. Where is God at work in my life? Where am I in my life doing God's work?

Fr Claude Mostowik msc, President Pax Christi Australia, wrote: "We are called to be God's servants who have a deep concern and reverence for matters to God. And we cannot be truly devoted to Christ without also being devoted to that whom Christ loves: God's people and God's beloved creation." The call to be vigilant or awake and ready is a call to live in the present. Our task is to be faithful today.

This week we remember two of the many saints of the Church who responded to God's will in creative ways. Monday is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross, someone who is very dear to the family of St Joseph's school and this parish. In her lifetime, she was known throughout the land for her outstanding record of good works in establishing schools, orphanages, and refuges.

We read her story and realise that Mary MacKillop did God's will in the late 19th century in response to a current crisis. She was "dressed for action" with her lamp lit. We gain inspiration from her writings: "Be patient and work generously in the service of the Lord." 2. "Do what you can, with the means at your disposal, and leave all the rest calmly to God." 3. "Help one another and forgive and forget anything painful in the past." 4. "Find happiness in making others happy." 6. "Never see a need without doing something about it." 7. "Be ever ready for God's will even when it takes you by surprise."

August 10 is the feast of St. Lawrence, the Deacon, and 3rd century martyr. Lawrence was an early church accountant who assisted the poor. When the Roman prefect accused the church of hoarding wealth, he

demanded that Lawrence hand over the church's wealth to the war effort. The Church was prosperous, and Lawrence agreed to comply. 'I will show you the valuable part,' he said, 'but give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory.' He returned three days later. The prefect demanded to know where the treasure was. Lawrence threw wide the doors of the hall and pointed to the courtyard where he had gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. He proclaimed, 'These are the treasure of the church,' a response that earned him a slow death by fire.

We are stewards of God's world and its people- not to dominate or control, not to sit in fear and do nothing, but to serve, to love and to make our world more human. "It is in our radical welcoming of the stranger, the poor person, the prisoner, whoever is marginalised with few options that we welcome the 'master' home in whatever form he or she takes." (Mostowik, C. 2019)

Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental
Co-Ordinator



St Mary of the Cross

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg respectfully acknowledges the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the country in which we live. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

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St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Choosing Repentance, Seeking Healing

Part 2

The experience of confronting the abuse and hurt committed by the clergy and the gross failure of Church leaders to deal appropriately with allegations, to offer justice for victims and to cooperate with civil authorities, was harrowing. The Church response has been one of arrogance, incompetence and image saving rather than listening, believing and truly responding in compassion and justice.

We experienced a time of prayer and reflection. The Ritual of Lament and the placing of the Cross of Ashes on each other's forehead was powerful. I thought of the appalling extent of abuse that has been experienced in our own diocese of Rockhampton and how the victims would now be dealing with the words and promises of the Plenary Council. I thought of the extent of the safeguarding structures, practices and formation processes that are now being implemented. I thought of the words of Micah all those years ago: "*Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.*" (Micah 6:8). And I prayed that the voices of the victims would be present and be alive in the structures, practices and formation processes now being implemented.

In the introduction to Part 2. The Plenary Council:

Says sorry to the victims and survivors of abuse, their families and communities;
Recommits the Church to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered from the trauma of abuse, including where appropriate, ongoing pastoral and spiritual support and accompaniment;

Encourages the practice, where appropriate, of local memorials in various forms, as a tangible recognition of the harm done through abuse and the need for special care for children;

Reaffirms the commitment of the Church in Australia to the work of implementing and improving safeguarding standards and practices;

Calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that the Church environments are safe and respectful; and

Requests the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Juridic Persons, with assistance from the appropriate experts, to study, acknowledge and address systemic factors which have facilitated abuse within the church.

All the Part 2. Motions passed. Details: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

Matter of Perspective

Three priests sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best prayin' I ever did was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

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PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH MAJOR FUNDRAISER HELD FOR CANCER COUNCIL'S RELAY FOR LIFE: This Fundraising event was held last weekend and was a huge success. We raised **\$4283.75** towards Cancer research. A big thankyou to all those who supported this event and also to the very generous businesses who provided prizes for the day.

RELAY FOR LIFE WALK: This is the final event for The Cancer Council's Relay for Life 2022 and will be held at the **Recreational Precinct** on **August 13th**. This year the walk starts at **1.00pm** and concludes at **10.00pm**. There will be limited registration on the day for this event. If you can not participate on the day, it is not too late to donate to this wonderful cause. Donations can be made online at the Parish website or at the Parish Office. We are hoping to make this years event a very successful one.

THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL: Was held last weekend. If you missed out on collecting a brochure they can be found at the doors of the church. This is an opportunity for us to contribute financially to various ministries that support those in need or on the margins within our Diocese.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CONCERT: A concert will be held in Patrick's Church on **Sunday August 28th, at 10.30am** to showcase the new organ. Music will be led by Suellen Cusack and friends.

THE 19th ANNUAL BUNDABERG ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON: Will be held on **Saturday September 10th** at the Bundaberg Services Club (RSL, Quay St). Doors will open at 10.00am with presentations commencing at 10.50am. Guest speaker will be Mr Jeff Irwin, Principal, Woongarra State School. **Tickets are \$40.00 per person** and will be available through the Catholic Parish Office (**Cash Only**) from Monday August 15th. For Group booking, tables up to 10 people will be available. All net proceeds from the Luncheon will go to the Bundaberg Chaplaincy Committee.

MASK WEARING: The current surge in cases is a reminder that COVID is still among us. You might consider wearing a mask in the workplace, at Mass and in places when you can't socially distance, to protect yourself against the virus and to prevent further spread. This is a recommendation and is optional. This is also a reminder to keep practising good hygiene and monitoring your own health for any symptoms. If you are experiencing any COVID/flu like symptoms, please stay home and test yourself using a Rapid Antigen Test. Being in public when you are unwell puts others at risk of contracting the illness. Please take care of yourselves through these winter months.

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BLAZE YOUTH
Grades 7 - 9
5:30PM - 7:30PM
THURSDAY
@ THE YOUTH CENTRE
Blaze Youth is filled with fun talks and activities that are both enjoyable and pass on the Catholic faith and God's love for us.



HORIZON YOUTH
Grades 10 - 12
6:30PM - 8:30PM
FRIDAY
@ THE YOUTH CENTRE
Horizon Youth is a place where we explore the big and little questions about our faith and delve into our relationship with God.



ILLUMINATE
18+ YEARS
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SUNDAY
@ THE YOUTH CENTRE
Illuminate focuses on fellowship and formation in a relaxed and social setting by hosting formation nights with talks streamed from around the world

Contact Lizzie Kelly at the Parish Office or email elizabeth.kelly@rok.catholic.net.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased:

Shirley Heale, Delsie Carswell, Francis Watson, Lorraine Argent (Mackay), Peter Schofield (Sr Margaret's Brother), Jim Brittain (Brisbane), Susan Ofilan (Philippines)

LITURGIES

Monday 8 August 2022

St Mary of The Cross

9.00am St Patrick's Mass

Tuesday 9 August 2022

St Teresa Benedicta

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 10 August 2022

St Lawrence

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 11 August 2022

St Clare

6.30am St Patrick's Mass

Friday 12 August 2022

St Jane Frances de Chantal

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 13 August 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

14 August 2022
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Jeremiah 38 ;4-6, 8-10

Second Reading

Hebrews: 12:1-4

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

FUNERALS:

Delsie Carswell, 8th Aug

Des Allen Chapel 1.00pm

Shirley Heale, 10th Aug

St Patrick's Church 10.00am

PRAYER GROUPS

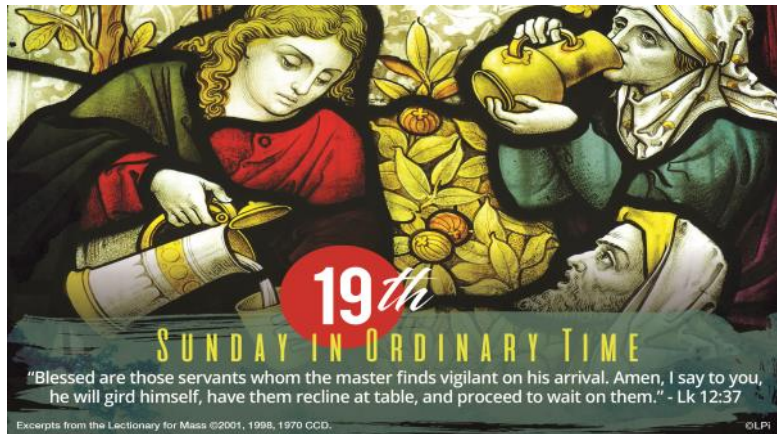
ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

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

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

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

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another’s efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experi-

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.au

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

OTHER CONTACTS

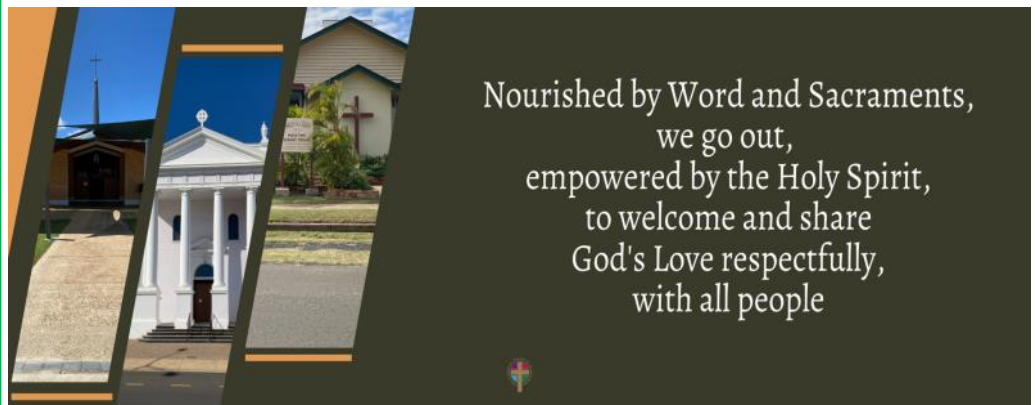
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Diocesan Safeguarding

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Ozcare: 1800 692 273
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Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts



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