



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

3rd/4th September 2022



“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named” ([Eph. 3:14–15](#)). Jesus mentions His Father especially when He taught us how to pray - the “Our Father...” So today we pray for and thank our fathers living and dead for the gift of life. Let us also pray for our priests who are fathers to our parish community.

The Bundaberg Catholic Women’s League is a group of friendly, happy women who meet monthly at St Mary’s Community Centre on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 12.00 This year we welcomed Br Ted as our chaplain who provides us with spiritual guidance and leads us in prayer. At times we discuss social issues and bioethics which impact on our society.

On Monday September 12 we are holding a Spring Function which is our annual fund-raiser. Details below.

With the funds raised, we are able to meet our commitments and to support different local and Australian charities . So far this year we have provided funds for the Priests’ Bursary. As well, at two social morning teas we raised funds for Cancer research and Heart research.

Each month the CWL assists at the Anointing Mass and provides morning tea afterwards.

There is also a Younger Set who meet for dinner once a month. Unfortunately we haven’t met this year but hopefully this will resume soon. We welcome any lady who would like to join us at our meetings, Anointing Mass or the Younger Set dinner. For further information - contact Maureen Ewing (President) 0407 964 753

For the Honour and Glory of God



By: Maureen Ewing
CWL President

C.W.L Members invite you to join them at their Spring Function which will be held on **Monday 12th September** in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers’ Sports Club. A Devonshire morning tea will be served from 9.00am. Entry is \$10 with 5 Lucky Door prizes . To assist with the catering we would appreciate **final bookings before September 5th**. For more information and bookings please contact **4151 3397 or 4152 5365**.

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.

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

Receptionist

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

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St Patrick's Principal

Mr Mark Fox

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Shalom College Principal

Mr Dan McMahon

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

Corner Barolin & Woongarra Street

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry

Part 6

We live in a time of significant change. These changes include the rapid transformation in the ways we live, relate to each other, communicate and think, how different generations relate and how we understand our faith amidst the increasing secularism and scientism in the world in which we live. As a Church we must reassess our models of formation for leadership at all levels, including our priests, to meet the needs of all people, promote the mission of evangelisation as the responsibility of all the baptised and strengthen the witness of all the baptised through personal and communal conversion.

The formation of all in leadership is essential. The contexts, resources and challenges of parish life and ministry vary greatly across our country and so there needs to be adaption to the local circumstances that is creative, multi-dimensional, integrated and experiential. We must acknowledge the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Church and support the Catholic identity, vocation and mission of families, faith communities, schools, institutions and agencies.

The realignment of our Parish Stewardship Council is one attempt to be creative. One area of significance is developing ways in which we can encourage and accompany parents, guardians, and caregivers in their vocation as the "primary and principal" teachers of faith and recognising the crucial role of family.

All the baptised are called to be missionary disciples and all should be equipped and supported through regular opportunities and programs for ministerial and missionary formation. The apostolate of all needs to be grounded in scriptural reflection, reception of the ecclesial wisdom of our tradition and prayerful communal discernment. At all times Christ must be centre of formation and activities.

Particular attention needs to be given to the support and encouragement of the future generations. Recognition of the needs of regional and rural communities is essential in our diocese. Formation in faith and new forms of missionary discipleship are at the heart of the future planning to ensure:

- The diversity of the Catholic community is explicitly recognised;
- Intercultural competency is encouraged, especially in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and spiritualities;
- The equal dignity of women and men is affirmed and demonstrated;
- The renewal of formation within and for families in the context of the critical role that marriage, parenting, and care-giving plays as a school of formation, is prioritised and strengthened;
- The apostolate of the laity, along with new ecclesial realities, acting as "leaven in the world," (Lumen Gentium n. 31) is promoted, encouraged and supported;
- The hopes, spirituality, giftedness, energy, and modes of communication and connection of young people are identified, incorporated, encouraged and celebrated;
- Ongoing support and strategies for those who minister to young people;
- The rich variety of spiritual and devotional traditions of the Church are appreciated and celebrated; and
- Synodal practices such as encounter, accompaniment, listening, dialogue, discernment, and collaboration are fostered and deepened.

All the Part 6. Motions passed. Details of Decrees: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

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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

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHERS DAY PRAYER CARDS: We would like to thank the Passionist Family Group for the Fathers Day Prayer Cards available at all Churches today.

THANK YOU SUELLEN: Last Sunday's concert at St. Patrick's church gave us the opportunity to experience the beautiful music from the new Clavis 224 organ played by Julie McGuinness, Bernadette Connolly and Kate Hardesty playing viola and violin, and singing from Suellen. The concert was also an opportunity to acknowledge the donation from the Order of the Eastern Star Bundaberg Hall Committee Association and their contribution towards the cost of the new organ. Thank you Suellen for bringing the concert together and your generous donation of the complimentary coffee.

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The monthly meeting will be held at St Mary's Community Centre at 12.00pm, Tuesday **September 6th**. **Please remember** your lunch and grocery item, scissors and tape to wrap gifts for our function.

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**). For group booking, tables up to 10 people will be available. The net proceeds from the Luncheon will go to the Bundaberg Chaplaincy Committee.

DATE CLAIMER FOR WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES: A meeting will be held at the Parish Office on **Tuesday, September 13 at 5.00pm** for all who have nominated for these three ministries or who are willing to offer their gifts and talents as a welcomer or a provider of hospitality. This will be an opportunity to share ideas and explore new ways we can live out our Vision, "to welcome and share God's love respectfully with all people". The meeting will conclude by 6.00pm. Contact will be made with all listed on our database or you can let the office know of your interest/attendance.

IGNITE CONFERENCE: THE MOMENT: Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Rockhampton Diocese will be taking a group, open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite will be at St Laurence's College Brisbane on **September 22nd to 25th**. To register just go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/lC22bne>. Then enter the coupon code **RockyHigh** or **RockyAdult** and then select the ticket type that starts with 'Rocky Diocese'. Accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost. For more information contact Mick on 0433897973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE: Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue is now permitted with the appropriate precautions with regard to hygiene, especially by those who are distributing Holy Communion. Given that the COVID virus is still highly active and the pandemic is not over, the Bishops of Queensland would prefer that the faithful continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

As a parish, in the coming weeks, we will be providing a short video clip on the accepted practice, in our diocese, of receiving Holy Communion in the hand. Ministers distributing Holy Communion must ensure they have taken the appropriate precautions with regard to hygiene particularly when the person receives Holy Communion on the tongue.

ROSTERS TERM 4: from October to the end of December, including Christmas, are being prepared now. Ministers are asked to advise Sarah at the parish office, wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au, of your availability during this period. Any changes of contact details would be appreciated too. Thank you.

READING (STORY) BOOK DRIVE: The Parish has been approached to support some needy Primary schools in our region. Reading Books for children aged 5yrs – 11yrs are urgently required. If you are willing to donate suitable books which you no longer require, please leave them with the Parish Welcomers when you come to Mass or bring to the Parish Office. The schools and young children will be very grateful.

Recently Deceased:

Patricia Smith, Karen Galea (Gatton), Guerino Didone, Peter Bergwever, Duilio Ciotti (Italy), Pietro Felesina, Robert Guidice (NSW), Sr M. Gabriel Kennedy (Rockhampton), Shirley Heale, Delsie Carswell, Francis Watson

LITURGIES

Monday 5 September 2022

9.00am St Patrick's Mass

Tuesday 6 September 2022

9.00am St James' LWC
Followed by Rosary and Adoration
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 7 September 2022

8.00am Shalom - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 8 September 2022

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6.30am St Patrick's Mass

Friday 9 September 2022

St Peter Claver
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 10 September 2022

7.30am St Patrick's – Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary – Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

11 September 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
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Second Reading
Timothy: 1:12-17
Gospel
Luke 15:1-32

FUNERALS

Peter **BERGWEVER**, 2.00pm
Des Allen Chapel Sept 5th.

Patricia SMITH
TBA

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.

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

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.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

Mrs Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455
Ozcare: 1800 692 273

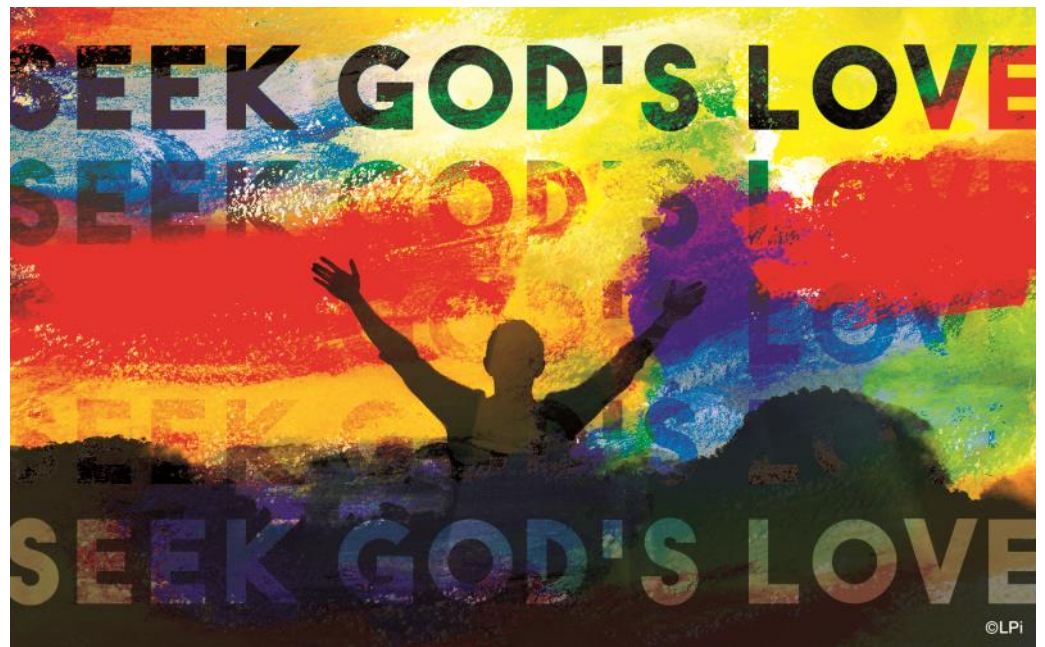
Mater Hospital: 4153 9539
Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick for Medical Emergencies
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi



Nourished by Word and Sacraments,
we go out,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
to welcome and share
God's Love respectfully,
with all people