

Our Vision:

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



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg
Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST Year A

10th/11th June 2023

Welcome to the Parish



The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI



Corpus Christi... The Body of Christ....Amen!....

These are words that we are used to as we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. This weekend we especially congratulate the many young people of our parish family who will come to Holy Communion for the first time, and so receive the sacrament of the eucharist for the first time.

The eucharist or celebration of the mass has taken many forms over the ages since Christ first gave it to his followers at the Last Supper. But despite the changes to its form, the belief in who, and what the eucharist is, has remained unchanged – that is, in the eucharist, Christ is present in his body, blood, soul, and divinity, equally under the signs of bread and wine. And so, in Holy Communion we receive the Living God, the Risen Lord himself in sacramental form, and in the sacrament or our encounter with Christ, comes all the graces that he wishes to pour into our hearts of faith.

We receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion so we can be Christ's Body on earth. Drawing from St. Paul (1 Cor 12:12-31), the Second Vatican Council calls the church or our community of faith, the mystical body of Christ (*Lumen Gentium* 8 and 50). The Council explains how Catholicism is a mystical union of believers, holding to a creed and a faith that proclaims the saving power of the death and resurrection of Christ, something we celebrate in every

eucharist.

In Holy communion then we receive and are united with the Risen Lord himself and draw on his strength and peace for our daily lives. Often in the public forum and the media, Catholicism is reduced simply to an institution. It is often overlooked that the Church is first and foremost a spiritual community, understanding itself to be the mystical Body of Christ, that draws us into the heart of Christ of himself, especially through Catholicism's rich spiritual and liturgical life.

By understanding the eucharist more fully and being connected to the community of faith that continues to celebrate Christ's gift of the Last Supper, we can draw so much from the eucharist, and come to believe in the saving power of Christ's Body on earth.

Fr Don White
Parish Priest



Bishop Michael with Confirmation Candidates

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 Don White PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
Executive Officer/Stewardship

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Finance & Marketing Officer

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Preshy 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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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

ADULT FAITH: *The Mass - The Breaking of the Bread*

While the *Lamb of God* is being recited, the Priest takes up the sacred Host and proceeds to break it. This part of the Mass is known as the **Breaking of the Bread** or the *Fractio*, a term which referred in the very early Church, to the entire Eucharist. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the early Christians believed that Christ was revealed in 'The Breaking of the Bread' and so named their Sunday worship after this ritual. The bread is not broken during the Eucharistic Prayer as the words 'he broke the bread' are said because the Mass is not a re-enactment but a memorial celebration where we receive the graces to go out and spread the words of Christ.

Having broken the consecrated Bread into pieces, a biblical and symbolic gesture *because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf* (1 Corinthians 10:17), the Priest then goes on to drop a tiny fragment of the consecrated Host into the Chalice with the words: *may the mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.*

This liturgical detail does have an interesting history behind it. It was once the custom in Rome for the Pope to send particles of the Host consecrated at his Mass to his Cardinals celebrating in the other chief churches of the city. These particles sent from the Holy Father would be mingled with the Precious Blood in the Cardinals' chalices as a sign of their unity with the Pope. This little liturgical detail speaks of unity between ourselves and the Holy Father, and therefore is symbolic of the unity which, through the Eucharist, we enjoy with the entire Church. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

Parish News and Announcements

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: This has been a big week for some of our children. Congratulations to you all! Next weekend will see the final group of first communicants

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL – Thank you.

The Parish has transferred \$3512.75 to the Clergy Support Foundation. Thanks for your generosity. Any further contributions will be transferred as they come to hand.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOUR with BENEDICTION: Today, **June 11th**, sees the celebration of the **Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ)**. To celebrate this Feast and the extraordinary gift we have been given of the Real Presence of Christ in communion, you are invited to join with the Parish in a thanksgiving **Holy Hour** commencing at **11.00am** and concluding with Benediction at 11.50am at Holy Rosary church.

May we pray in this Holy Hour that all in our Parish, Diocese and country might reaffirm that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Lumen Gentium 11

CEMETERY PRAYERS: The monthly prayer will be held on **Thursday, June 15th** at **9.30am** All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING CATCH -UP: Thanks to the fourteen people who came to the Safeguarding Training on Monday morning. We have the training recorded and it is available for viewing in the Parish Office. For compliance reasons, all involved in ministry with children and adults at risk are asked to attend this training annually. The recording is approximately one hour in duration. Could you contact the office **4151 6666** to arrange a time that suits you. We are happy to accommodate all and will strive to meet your needs.

VISITATION MEETING: Will be held in the Parish Office at **10.30am** on **Wednesday June 21st**. Guest speaker will be Jenny Tree from Catholic Care. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: We are always open to people who inquire about becoming Catholic. There is a process that the Church has given us to enable this to happen, called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). An adult is anyone over the age of 16. If you know of someone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, a very informal Information and Inquiry Night will be held in the parish office on **Thursday, 15th June, 5.30pm**. Please accompany them to this gathering. Further, if you would like to assist others as part of a Team to become Catholic, you are also invited to this Information and Inquiry Night. Contact Anne at the parish office, 4151 6666.

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation to the Parish by direct debit, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank You.**



Relay for Life - Brundaberg Parish

As a Parish-Community Event, we invite all Parishioners to help make this year better than ever by contributing to helping or attending our fund raising events.

Luncheon at The Brothers Club
Saturday 22nd July 12noon.

We encourage anyone interested in helping with organising, participating and sharing ideas, to come to our next meeting in The Parish Office,
Wednesday 14th June at 4.00pm.

Relay for Life - Walk
Saturday 21st October

For more information please contact the

Parish Office at

07 4151 6666

sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au



DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER: Copies of the Diocesan Newsletter are available at the main door of the churches.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST :The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **More information and Applications Forms** are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date 4 August 2023

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Streble (NSW), Livio (Joe) De Florian, Sue Wiber Wilson (Terrigal), Dorothy Lester (Brisbane), Tim Bradley, Wesley West (Nth Ireland), Helen Murphy, John Gatt, Patricia Tripp, Cameron Hocking.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES : Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Michael McGaw 05.06.2019, Eric Stitt 28.05.2004, Dolly Stitt 06.06.2018, Les McGaw 24.06.1973, Frances McGaw 24.02.1990, Ernie Thorne 09.06.1992, Edna Gunn 10.06.2019, Rolando Masil 23.05.2022, Tonino Crawford 09.06.2020, Pasquale Brillante 08.06.1999, Lawrence Formosa 02.06.2014, Annette Sutton 23.05.2022, Roy Shadwell 2012, David Wilson 30.04, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.



MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Christopher Cook, Paul Formosa and Family, Joseph Attard, Amber Cooper, The Geiger and Cook Families, Margaret Morris, , Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, , Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, Paul and Laurence Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley

LITURGIES

Monday 12 June 2023

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Tuesday 13 June 2023

St Anthony of Padua

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 14 June 2023

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 15 June 2023

7.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Friday 16 June 2023

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30 am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 17 June 2023

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

18 June 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Exodus 19: 2-6

Second Reading

Romans: 5:6-11

Gospel

Matthew 6:36-10:8

FUNERALS

Livio (Joe) De Florian

Holy Rosary Church

Monday 12th June

11.00am



**UNITED HEARTS
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER
GROUP**

1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly
Novakoski Centre
(Behind Holy Rosary Church)
7.00pm.

**Recommencing on
6th and 20th June**

**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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700
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

Some security has been put in place.
Holy Rosary Church will be open
weekdays from 9.00am – 3.00pm.

On weekends and Public Holidays, it will be open a short time before and closed soon after any liturgies or rituals in the Church.

Entrance will be by the door from the car park off Woongarra St.

Thank you for your understanding.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN 2

The Plan is a three-fold Call to Action for the whole Diocese. The three calls are: to **evangelise**, to **be co-responsible** and to **celebrate**.

As you ponder the call and reflect on the priorities of each call, you might evaluate where we are as a Parish; where you are as a vital member of this Parish; and, where we might journey together as both Parish and Diocese into the future.

CALL TO ACTION

2.To be **co-responsible**, we take ownership of the Church's mission, affirming that the Catholic Church is first and foremost the community of Christ's disciples, and not simply a service provider with which individuals transact business. Rather, all Catholics are called together into the Church, by their grace, and have a part to play in it.

Priorities:

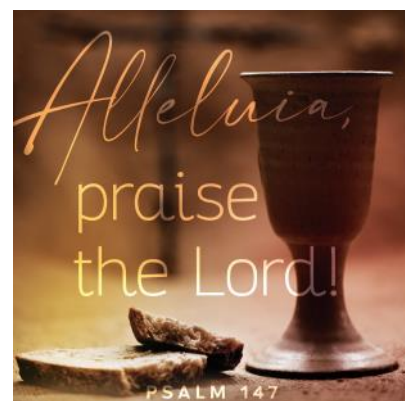
- **Co-responsibility:** form a Parish/Pastoral Leadership Group/ Council to facilitate co-responsibility for the mission of the Church, among all the people of God.
- **Parish Councils:** Support the pastoral planning process to ensure its implementation.
- **Stewardship:** Invite all parishioners to discover their unique God-given gifts and to develop and use these gifts to serve in parish ministries.
- **Social justice:** consider developing strategies for the formation of a parish/regional Social Justice group.
- **New ministries:** Discern, promote and facilitate new ministries to all members of the Catholic and wider community.
- **Care for our common home:** Promote and facilitate sustainable use of resources.
- **Safeguarding:** Continue to support the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, the Safeguarding representatives, the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday and practical initiatives that ensure the safety of all.
- **Respect for life:** Provide ongoing education about the Catholic view of sanctity of life and the importance of protecting life from conception to natural death.
- **Technology:** Continue to use technology as a means of building community and explore new ways of using technology.

Live the Liturgy

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, **"Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"** For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, **"we, though many, are one body."**