

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

Office Hours: 9.00-3.00pm Monday to Friday

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Welcome to the Parish

17th/18th June 2023

Parish Finance Council

By: Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Recently, I was asked to join a community-based organisation. My thought process in making my decision to accept or decline the invitation started with some questions:

- Is the organisation legitimate and authentic?
- Do their words and actions align with their espoused values and mission?
- Are their goals for community outreach realistic and achievable?
- Would I feel energised, committed and proud to be part of their activities?

From many hours of contemplation, it struck me that, for me to want to be involved, I needed to know and to feel that the organisation tangibly demonstrates that it lives up to the promises stated in the values of its mission statement. Out of it all, the strongest thought/feeling was that I would need to confidently stand tall and proud knowing that the words and actions of the organisation demonstrated that it was authentic – “true to label”.

This got me thinking about how someone would react to being asked to join our organisation, the Catholic Church - are we “true to label”? I asked myself this from the point of view of the Parish Finance Council Chairperson. So I thought I'd start with the New Testament, where there are more than 90 references to sharing of wealth, looking after the disadvantaged, and considering others with a compassionate heart, and see if we, as a Parish, can tick any of those boxes. Also, in his 2016 Message for World Social Communication, Pope Francis said “What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God’s compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all.”

If an “outsider” asked me, as Chair of the Parish Finance Council, how can I demonstrate that we are doing what Pope Francis, and what the New Testament says, my response would be:

- We manage the parish assets diligently;
- We spend prudently, and with no “entitlement” mentality;
- We give back to the community by fairly paying wages and tradespeople;
- We encourage parishioner involvement, with gratitude and support.
- We ask parishioners for financial assistance based on authentic needs, not wants;
- We constantly search for opportunities to donate back to the community;
- We are driven by the aim to maintain long-term sustainability.

This is my 40th year of volunteering within our Catholic community, and my 5th year of Parish employment. I retire from my paid position within the Parish at the end of this month, however I will maintain my volunteer role within the Parish Finance Council.

As human beings, I know our words and gestures don’t always live up to the model that Pope Francis described.

However, we need to keep checking if we are authentic, true-to-label. If we don’t, our human weaknesses will come to the forefront, and we will lose credibility.



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 - Receiving Holy Communion*

Having received Holy Communion himself, the Priest proceeds to distribute the Sacrament to the congregation. He lifts the sacred Host and showing it to the people says: *Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.* Saying the very words St John the Baptist used to alert his followers that Jesus was **standing in their midst** (John 1:29), the Priest then adds: *Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.* A wedding is to be celebrated. It is the wedding of the Triumphant Lamb; the Bride is his Church. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb - the Mass - is, therefore, not only the Wedding Ceremony between Christ and his Church but also the Wedding Feast that celebrates it.

The Sacrament, which makes present the mutual love and self-giving of Christ and ourselves, is encapsulated in food, in Bread and Wine, the stuff of meals. The short statements, *The Body of Christ, The Blood of Christ*, which the Priest says as he gives us Holy Communion are a direct challenge to us: *Do you really believe that this, which looks like bread and tastes like bread, which looks like wine and tastes like wine, is really the Body, the Blood of Christ?* Our Amen is our Yes! At the moment of Holy Communion this self-giving of Christ is individualised – He gives Himself to me, while I am given the golden opportunity of giving myself totally to Him in return.

Holy Communion is a return to that spiritual paradise depicted in Genesis when the fellowship between God and his human creatures was still perfect and unsullied. It is a perfect expression of God's love; it is the fulfilment on earth of Christ's work of salvation; it is the consummation of the silent workings of the Holy Spirit who breathes where He will. And *blessed indeed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.* (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022.)

Parish News and Announcements

PRIESTS' GATHERING JUNE 19 – 22: The priests of the Diocese will meet for the four days and will be joined by invited members of Diocesan Councils and Committees as well as Leadership members from Catholic Education and Catholic Care on June 20/21. The two days will be led by Fr Richard Lennan.

“Fr. Richard's research and teaching focus on ecclesiology, ministry, and the theology of Karl Rahner. He has authored or edited nine books. He is an editorial consultant for Theological Studies and served as a theological advisor to the preparation of Light from the Southern Cross (2019), a document on reforming governance in the Catholic Church in Australia. Most recently, Richard was a member of the theological panel for the Plenary Council of Australia (2021-22).” Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Let us pray for our priests and leaders as they gather for these few days.

SAFEGUARDING CATCH -UP: 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.

PETER'S PENCE IS A PAPAL FUND USED FOR CHARITY - HELPING THE POPE TO HELP OTHERS.

The monetary offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection contribute to a papal fund used for Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support the Holy See. The collection for the fund occurs each year around June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

A second collection will take place next weekend at all Masses to allow you to contribute to this fund. Your prayers for the Pope's intentions are welcome also.

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

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.**



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CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN: This weekend sees the second group of children celebrate their First Holy Communion at Holy Rosary in the sacrament of Eucharist. We congratulate all 58 children who over the last few weeks have completed their initiation into the Church family through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. It is an exciting time for them and their families. We pray that they will continue to come to the Table as often as they can.

A huge Thank You must go to their parents for preparing them for their big day, and to the Sacramental Team members who guided and instructed them to this point.

SOME CHANGES TO MASSES THIS WEEK: Please check the column on **page 3** of the bulletin for masses and Liturgy of Word and Communion.

PLEASE NOTE There will be **no penance** on **Friday 23rd** between 11.30am-12.00 at Holy Rosary. Penance will be available Saturday. The Anointing Mass will be postponed until **June 29th**.

THE BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER GROUP DINNER: Tuesday June 20th at 6.30pm at the Melbourne Hotel. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. Please contact Suzie-0400 989 066 if you are attending by Monday night 19th or for further information

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUND-RAISER: After the great attendance last year we have again decided to hold a Luncheon at the Brothers Sports Club, **Saturday July 22nd**, commencing at **12.00 noon**. The tickets will be on sale at the Parish Office from **Monday June 26th**. The cost will be \$30.00pp for a two course lunch and lucky door prize. A continuous raffle and entertainment will also be apart of the day. Tables of ten will be set up.

HOW CAN I HELP? We will require help with donations for the raffle. If you have a business or frequent a business that may wish to donate, a letter from the Parish Office will be available as proof of identity. Monetary and any new items will also be appreciated.

The week prior to the luncheon we may require help with preparing the prizes.

The day of the luncheon we will need help with selling raffle tickets and helping with seating.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023/24: This weekend and next, the yearly box of envelopes will be available at the front door of each church for collection for all whom we have on our records.

If we have mistakenly placed your envelopes at a different church, please let us know and we will rectify that as soon as possible.

If you know someone who may be absent from church on these weekends, we would appreciate it if you collected their named box for them.

If we do not have your name recorded and you would wish to contribute by envelope on a weekly basis, please contact the office (4151 6666) and we will arrange for the envelopes to reach you.

Recently Baptised: Marcella Maree Tootell and Octavia Lucy Sofia Halpin.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Neil McDonald, Rosie Kabel-Palmview, Giuseppe Condemi, Anne West (Nth Ireland), David Streble (NSW), Livio (Joe) De Florian, Sue Wiber Wilson (Terrigal), Dorothy Lester (Brisbane), Tim Bradley, Wesley West (Nth Ireland), Helen Murphy.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Rosalinda Cruz 17.06.2022(Philippines), Francesgo Cafolla 22.06.1948, Luigi Zuppicchiali 22.06.1989, Charles O'Brien 10.06.1991, Merie Figallo 15/06/2013, 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, 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, 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 19 June 2023

St Romuald

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Tuesday 20 June 2023

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 21 June 2023

St Aloysius Conzaga

8.00am Shalom College - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet
after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 22 June 2023

Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

7.00am St Patrick's -LWC

Friday 23 June 2023

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary
Malayalam Mass

Saturday 24 June 2023

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

25 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

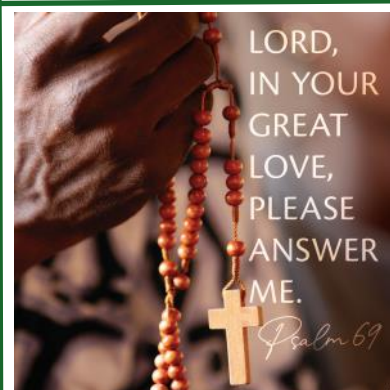
Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Second Reading

Romans: 5:12-15

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33:8



ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Novakoski Centre
3rd Sunday of each month from 10.00am -12noon with morning tea. Contact Dr Olga Marinovic 0477 701 640

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

Mrs Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding

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 3

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.

3. And to **celebrate**, we give expression to the deepest truths of our faith, and we drink from the well of grace that God provides us especially through the Church's liturgy.

Priorities:

- **Liturgies:** Provide liturgies that enrich and celebrate the faith life of parish communities and that encourage and enable the participation of all.
- **Connecting and reconnecting to faith:** Offer events, activities and programs for all age groups to connect and reconnect to celebrate faith.
- **Distinctive spiritualities:** Provide opportunities and resources for people to participate in the diversity and richness of the Church's distinctive Catholic spiritualities and charisms.
- **Publicity:** Promote the good works and news of the Catholic Church publicly using a variety of means to witness to the wider community.

Live the Liturgy



In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees

— Father John Muir ©LPi