



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

22nd/23rd October 2022

STEWARDSHIP as a WAY of LIFE

In applying for the role of Executive Officer in late 2021, I was conscious of the fact that I was a Religious and that the role was intended for a lay person within the Church. Religious are lay people but in the eyes of most are seen to be a third group. Certainly, there is reference to Clergy, Religious and Laity in Church writings.

My background as a leader in schools and in the Congregation of Christian Brothers was something I could bring to the role and I trust this has been valuable. My interest and study in change and reimagining were tools that I hoped would be advantageous in setting in place both the role of Executive Officer and the governance structure of Stewardship within the Parish.

At this stage I am pleased as to where we have come. I apologise for the ten-week interference which sidetracked the process. I would have preferred that more would have been accomplished. I can see the role becoming more and more defined. I am satisfied that the concept of Stewardship is embedded in the Parish. I believe that we have begun to realise the strength of a Parish of co-responsibility but have yet to refine this so that it can be proposed as THE way forward in a synodal Church.

I do see a Missional Catholic Church in Bundaberg. The OUTREACH of our parishioners as Ministers has few parallels. We are a welcoming community and an inclusive one. There is a broad acceptance of difference and a spirituality/ies catholic in their breadth, evident.

As our Vision emphasises: **We go out...** Each Sunday all of us are given this command as we leave the Eucharistic Celebration. Where do we go when we leave the confines of our Church building?

In our recent Census promotion, there was reference to the African concept of UBUNTU – I am because we are. I am bold enough to add to this honoured statement.

***I am because we are.
We are because Jesus is.
Jesus is because we are Jesus now.***

The person who leaves the Church assembled each Sunday is not the same as the person who came into the Church assembly one hour or so before. No! You and I leave the assembly renewed, reenergised, revitalised by Word, Sacrament and the Assembly of our community. We leave the assembly more Jesus oriented, more Jesus in reality than when we entered, and we go out as Jesus present in our world.

In going to our homes, to our workplaces, to our schools, to our social groups, to our sporting venues, to wherever life takes us in the following week, we go as **St Teresa of Avila wrote:**

**Christ has no body now on Earth but yours.
No hands, no feet on Earth but yours
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,**

And so, we come to the Eucharistic Celebration each Sunday saying, “Here I am Lord” and we leave, with God saying to us, “Go out. Be Me in the world”.

**What a command. What a challenge.
What a privilege.**

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

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

Finance & Marketing Officer

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 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

From the Executive Officer

FAREWELL

The announcement last weekend of Fr Peter's move to Rockhampton may have come as a shock to many of you. Fr Peter is well loved in the Parish and his untiring efforts have enabled the Parish to achieve much during his leadership. Bishop Michael, in appointing Fr Peter as Vicar General has recognised his goodness and gifts not only for the Parish but for the Diocese and Church. In asking Fr Peter to move to Rockhampton, Bishop Michael has seen the necessity of close collaboration in their respective roles which physical proximity will enhance.

The Parish would like to host a farewell function to thank him for his leadership and service in Bundaberg. We are planning to hold this before Christmas.

Fr Peter is presently on his annual holidays and will return for a short time before he has another engagement from November 29th. A window of opportunity presents itself between December 14 and December 21. We are looking at Tuesday, December 20th and will seek Fr Peter's agreement for that date. More information will follow.

RESIGNATION

Miss Elizabeth Kelly has tendered her resignation to take effect from January 16th, 2023. Lizzie was our full-time Youth Minister and has worked assiduously in striving to connect with the youth and young adults of our Parish. She has brought to the role a love for her Faith and a deep commitment to the welfare of young people.

She is resigning to take up a new direction with youth in the more structured environment of chaplaincy.

We wish Lizzie blessings as she continues her life journey confident in the knowledge that she will make a difference in the lives of others.

Parish News and Announcement

GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE: The current edition can be found at the main doors of our churches or at The Parish Office. Keep up to date with all that is good happening in our Parish.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Will be held at Anglican Christ Church **Tuesday, October 25th 10.00am**, followed by fellowship. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING: Will be held in the Parish Office on **Friday, October 28th at 11.15am**.

AVAILABLE NOW: for sale at the Parish Office. **GOD'S WORD** \$20.00, **COLUMBAN CALENDARS** \$12.00. **Limited copies available.**

menALIVE RETREAT: All ALIVE men are invited to our **ANNUAL RETREAT** to be led by Fr John Daly at **Shalom Catholic College** on **Saturday, October 29th, commencing with Breakfast at 7.00am**. Fr John will lead us in **2 sessions: Session 1:** 8.00am-10.00am, to be followed by morning tea. **Session 2:** 10.30 – 12noon, when our retreat will finish with a closing prayer. Would you kindly contact the Parish (4151 6666); or Kerry Devine (0418796720) or Joe McCorley (0418727845) to help our menALIVE cooks know numbers for catering. Cost is \$15.00 pp. **Please invite any MEN who are new to our Parish.**

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2023: A Parent Information and Registration session will be held on **Thursday, November 10th, 5.30-6.30pm, in Holy Rosary church** for any parent or guardian wishing to prepare their child/ren for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and/or Eucharist next year. Children who are baptised Catholic and are 8 years old or older may prepare for these sacraments. Registration forms are available from the parish office prior to this session. Further information contact Anne Sheehan, 4151 6666, during office hours.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK: Ted Carey, Monday, October 24th Holy Rosary Church 9.15am.

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.



Parish News and Announcement

CENSUS 2022. REACHING OUT so that we can OUTREACH to ALL.

REMINDER TO ALL- Please complete the Census either online or by filling in a Census Form by the end of October. You may wish to prompt others to complete the Census either by word or by giving them a CENSUS FORM OR LEAFLET.

Visit the website www.bundabergcatholic.net.au

OR Scan the QR code

It would be a wonderful thing to be able to be in connection with all Catholics in Bundaberg.



NOVEMBER : Month of the Holy Souls

We remember, we pray, we are grateful and we rejoice for those we have known and loved in this life.

WEDNESDAY, November 2nd, we will celebrate Eucharist at the Catholic Cemetery at 6.00am. The Friends of the Catholic Cemetery will serve a “cuppa” following our Liturgy. During November there will be a **PRAYER RITUAL** held at the cemetery from 9.30am – 10.00am followed by a “cuppa” on the following days

FRIDAY, November 4th

THURSDAY, November 10th

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

FRIDAY, November 25th

WEDNESDAY, November 30th

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Wear some head cover and bring a chair if you wish.

The Friends of The Catholic Cemetery will lead the Prayer Ritual

TWILIGHT RETREAT

St James' Church 38 See St, Barga

Friday November 11th

5.00pm - 9.00pm

As the end of the year approaches we all need to take time out for ourselves. The theme of the Retreat is Ministry to Others. Earlier this year Br Damien led our staff retreat and has recently led the Priests' gathering in Rockhampton. Br Damien's unique style received high commendation and this retreat is an opportunity NOT to be missed.

For catering purposes, please place your name on the Attendance Sheet at the doors of each church.

WE INVITE ALL ADULT PARISHIONS TO JOIN WITH US.



MEMORIAL SERVICE: Wednesday November 9th, 7.00pm in Holy Rosary Church. This service is to celebrate the lives of loved ones recently passed and will be followed by a cuppa in Novakoski Centre.

Invitations to the Memorial Service will be posted out this week.

Please call the Parish Office with your acceptance on 4151 6666.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



Recently Deceased:

Edward “Ted” Carey, Maureen Lines, Vincent “Bill” Smith, John Moller, Sybilla Rohen, Dolor Yore, Lawrence Galea, Josie Byrne, George Galea (Malta).

LITURGIES

Monday 24 October 2022

St Anthony Claret

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 25 October 2022

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 26 October 2022

St Paul of the Cross

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 27 October 2022

6.30am St Patrick's- LWC

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 28 October 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary-
Malayalam

Saturday 29 October 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

30 October 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

Ecc 35:12-14, 16-19

Second Reading

2 Timothy: 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

What's On!

Mark the date in your
Calendar

October

27 Anointing Mass

28 Friends of the Catholic
Cemetery

28 Bereavement Meeting

29 menAlive Retreat

November

2 All Souls Day Mass

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY



There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business. ©LPI

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.**

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Time Talent Treasure

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