

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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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Welcome to the Parish

15th/16th July 2023

Congratulations! Peter Doherty

Fr Don White
Parish Priest

This coming Thursday (July 20th), at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton, Peter Doherty, who comes from Bundaberg, will be ordained a deacon by Bishop Michael. Along with bishops and priests, deacons are one of three groups or orders of ordained ministers, who provide sacramental, pastoral, and administrative leadership for our faith communities. Peter will be ordained as a "transitory" deacon as part of his movement towards ordination to the priesthood at some future time. Peter's ordination contrasts with "permanent" deacons who minister in the order permanently and who do not eventually transition to the priesthood.

However, between the two types of deacons there is no difference in their sacramental sign. Their function is the same. Vatican II restored the order to its original purpose (see *Ad Gentes* 16). A deacon is ordained to baptise, give homilies, lead the faithful in times of prayer, especially in the funeral liturgy outside of mass, and to officiate at weddings. Originally in the early church, deacons were given a special care of outreach to those living on the margins of society. Scripture scholars date the calling forth of the first deacons in the era of the New Testament, and the purpose of their ministry was to care for the poor on behalf of the bishop. Acts 6:1-6 recalls the ordination of "the seven" deacons by the laying on of hands. They were elected by the church to minister to the community of believers in Jerusalem, to enable the Apostles to concentrate on prayer and the Ministry of the Word, and to address a concern raised by Greek-speaking believers about the poor being overlooked. This ministry became known as *diakonia*, the Greek word for servant, and so the name "deacon" quickly came to be used.

We remember how the Second Vatican Council committed the Church to reaching out to the world with the Gospel (see especially the document called *Lumen Gentium*). It was that vision of the church that informed the restoration of deacons as we know them today: a clear role within the ministerial leadership of the church—a vocation and a participation in Holy Orders endowed precisely with the charism of service. Thus, Peter's ordination is a source of joy for the whole diocese. Everyone is welcome to attend Peter's diaconal ordination and our parish offers him our congratulations and our prayerful support, and especially we acknowledge Peter's parents, Terry and Adonna and his sister Siobhan.

PETER DOHERTY – Diaconate Ordination and parish attendance: Peter will be ordained Deacon in St Joseph's Cathedral on Thursday, July 20 at 11.00am. We congratulate Peter on this significant event on his journey to priesthood.

If you are wishing to attend, Shalom College has offered to make available one of their buses for the return trip. Probably the bus would depart at 6.00am approx. and return by 6.00pm.

As of this date we have only four parishioners who wish to avail of this opportunity. Please let the office (4151 6666) know by Tuesday 18th July if you want to book a seat.

The ORDINATION will be live-streamed. All are welcome to watch this at the Parish Office commencing at 11.00am. Alternatively you can watch online by visiting the Diocesan YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>) or via the direct event link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ENeYHgroxY>.

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

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

Property- Interim
Jeffrey & Br Ted

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

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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

Parish News and Announcements



INNER HEALING RETREAT 2023 WITH FR RONI GEORGE VC: HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL. Friday 11th August 6.00pm-Sunday 13th August 1.00pm. Yaamba Road Hall, Emmaus College, 362 Yaamba Rd, Rockhampton North. Everyone is invited, registration forms are at the front doors at the churches or from the Parish Office. More information is located on the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton website.

"I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord".

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT RENEWAL WEEKEND: Saturday & Sunday July 29th/30th.
WHO CAN JOIN A FAMILY GROUP? ... ANYONE!

Seniors, Young, Catholic or not, Married, Single, Widowed or Divorced, EVERYONE!

Family Groups do not need to cut across existing friendships. Rather they add a new dimension to parish life which allows non-Catholic spouses, inactive Catholics and those who do not feel they truly "belong" to become part of our parish community. Family Groups provide a non-threatening atmosphere so that this can happen in a gentle way. There is no catch – we are just being what the Church should be – family for each other.



Family Groups strive to meet the needs of the heart rather than the head and all Family Group activities are aimed at no cost or low cost, so that everyone can be included.

Think about joining and tell your friends about it.

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting of the Committee will be held on **Wednesday July 19 at 5.00pm.** At the meeting we will prioritise the scope of work as assessed in an audit held recently. If you are interested, you are most welcome to attend.

THE BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER GROUP will meet for dinner on Tuesday July 18th at 6.30pm at the Melbourne Hotel. If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome. Please RSVP Maureen by Monday night 17th 0407 964 753 if you are attending, or for further information.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023/24: This weekend will be the final weekend for you to collect the yearly box of envelopes from the front of each church. Uncollected envelopes will be returned to the Parish office and may be collected from there. Thanks to all who have collected their envelopes.

DIOCESAN JUNE NEWSLETTER: Copies are available at the main doors of the churches or on the Diocesan website.

VISITATION MEETING: will be held in the Parish Office on **Wednesday July 19th at 10.30am.** The Guest speaker will be Peter Brown from Queensland Rail. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP: Next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, July 17th** commencing at **7.00pm** in Novakoski Centre. All are welcome.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Will be held on Thursday July 20th at 9.30am. You are invited to join the prayer time.

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 Announcements

CALVARY HOSPITAL CANBERRA TAKEOVER



The Stewardship Council urges you **to continue** to express your objection to the events in the ACT. The takeover does not augur well if any Government legislates to nationalise non-government services.

Please continue to contact our local member, Keith.PittMP@aph.gov.au

Senator Canavan has also introduced a Private Members Bill which has been referred to committee and there is an inquiry taking submissions now until Monday, 17 July 2023:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/ACTSelf-Government2023

You may wish to check this and add your support **by Monday**.

RELAY FOR LIFE LUNCHEON: Saturday July 22nd 12 noon at the Brothers Sports Club. A two course meal will be served with a continuous raffle a feature of the day. **Tickets are on sale now** at the Parish Office **\$30.00pp**. Final numbers are required for catering by **Monday July 17th**. As this is a parish event we encourage all to contribute by way of your attendance or a donation towards our raffle prizes.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - FOR ALL IN MINISTRY IN THE PARISH: Thanks to those who are making the effort to watch the training. We would like our ministries to have an 100% attendance record. It is a yearly requirement. Please contact the office (4151 6666) and a time suitable to you can be arranged.

LOOKING TO ENRICH YOUR FAITH? THE PARISH OFFICE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Parish office is not just for the administration of the Parish but also offers Faith enhancing services through:

- The **Parish Chapel** - available for personal prayer and meditation;
- The **Parish Gift & Bookstore**— providing items that include Bibles, Sunday and Weekday Missals, Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts, rosary beads, prayer cards and more;
- The **Parish Library**, which has a range of books and videos for borrowing and special educational videos, which may be viewed at your leisure within the Library.

Recently Baptised: Harry Lachlan John Nielsen and Chloe Gatt



OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teofila Noguera (Philippines), Jack Cartwright, Carmenu Aquilina (Malta), Shirley Greenwood, Bevan Leavey, Noel Chio Jnr (Philippines), Joan Margaret Smith, Malcolm Schneider, Barney Tarling, Audrey Messenger, Neil McDonald, David Steble (NSW), Livio (Joe) De Florian, Sue Wiber Wilson (Terrigal).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Formosa 11.08.2019, Augustus Cafolla 4.07.1960, Olive Cafolla 4.07.2019, Norio Cafolla 19.07.2000, Luigi Cafolla 12.07.1984, Guiseppe Cafolla 21.07.1987, Cameron Hocking 20.07.2022, Frank Galea 02.07.2013, Joseph Della Vedova 26.06.1971, Lew Della 05.07.2003, Rosalinda Cruz 17.06.2022(Philippines), Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Annette Sutton 23.05.2022, David Wilson 30.04, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Maria Condemi, Joe Formosa & 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 17 July 2023

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Tuesday 18 July 2023

8.30am St James Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 19 July 2023

8.00am Shalom College-LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet
after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 20 July 2023

St Apollinaris

7.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Friday 21 July 2023

St Lawrence

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 22 July 2023

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

23 July 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Second Reading

Romans: 8:26-27

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30

FUNERALS

Shirley Greenwood

Holy Rosary

Wednesday 19th 9.30am



PRAYER GROUPS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS for 2023:

Twice weekly sessions **Tuesday 10.00am-10.30am and Friday 11.30am—12.00 noon**. Sessions are held in the Chapel in the Parish Office. New members who would like to learn about Meditation are very welcome. Contact: Joe McCorley (0418727845) or just turn up

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

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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.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 8

A Disciple's Response

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

(The following relies heavily on the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS 1992.)

CONVICTIONS

There are three convictions asked of us in the original pastoral letter.

It has been asked "if you were accused of being a Christian, a Catholic, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" In personalising this question, there opens for us a real examination of our life.

In looking at the three convictions below, let you and me read them, form them into accusatory questions and discern whether you or I would be convicted of being a disciple of Jesus.

1. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.

Question 1. Am I guilty of a conscious decision to follow Jesus Christ through good and bad times?

2. Beginning in conversion, change of mind and heart, this commitment is expressed not in a single action, nor even in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. It means committing one's very self to the Lord.

Question 2. Am I guilty of conversion in my life which has led me to a real change of mind and heart – a "sea change" of commitment to the Lord?

3. Stewardship is an expression of discipleship., with the power to change how we live out our lives. Disciples who practise stewardship recognise God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. They know they are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. They are grateful.

Question 3. Am I guilty of stewarding my gifts, talents and treasure as gifts to be grateful for and not mine to keep?

If we can discern that our answer to any or all the above is an unqualified yes, then we have a living legend and Saint in our midst. I dare say that, like me, you will probably come up with a percentage that is not too flattering, which leaves room for improvement or a new beginning. It is never too late to turn to the "source of all we have and are and will be" with gratitude in our hearts.

Live the Liturgy

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

