

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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Welcome to the Parish

22nd/23rd July 2023

“Mary arose and went with haste”

(Luke 1:39)

On Friday 28th July, thirty one young people of the Rockhampton Diocese, together with Bishop Michael and Fr Andrew Hogan are travelling to World Youth Day 2023, in Lisbon. I am lucky enough to be one of the three pilgrims travelling from Bundaberg. There are over 3000 registered pilgrims from Australia alone travelling to Lisbon.

The theme for this year's World Youth Day is 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Luke 1:39). Pope Francis hopes that the young people attending WYD will "recognise and witness the presence of the living Christ."

For each World Youth Day since its inception by Pope John Paul II in 1985 there have been patrons proposed by the organising committee. This year there are thirteen patrons that the Cardinal Patriarch affirms "have shown that life in Christ fills and saves the youth of all times". The patrons for this year were either born in Lisbon or come from other countries and are models for young people. This year's patrons are;

St. John Paul II

St John Bosco

St. Vincent

St. Anthony

St. Bartholomew of the Martyrs

St. John de Brito

Blessed Joana of Portugal

Blessed Joao Fernandes

Blessed Maria Clara of the Child Jesus

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Blessed Marcel Callo

Blessed Chiara Badano

Blessed Carlo Acutis



While in Lisbon for World Youth Day week there are many opportunities for young people from all of the world to join together in prayer and celebration. Throughout our time in Lisbon it is customary for pilgrims to swap trinkets that are local to their country. I have asked the local *Taribelang Bunda* organisation to paint a *Milbi* (Fresh Water Turtle) design on some handheld crosses.

The highlight of the week is set to be the Missioning Mass where all pilgrims journey together to the Mass site. For our group that is about a ninety-minute walk and pilgrims from all over the world sleep together under the stars. In the morning we celebrate Mass presided by the Holy Father. At the end of the Mass Pope Francis will announce the city to host the next World Youth Day.

After the World Youth Day week the pilgrims from our diocese will travel to Fatima for a three day retreat. While in Fatima we will visit the site where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in 1917 as well as other pilgrim sites. Please keep all pilgrims to World Youth Day in your prayers.

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

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

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Mr John Begea

Ms Madonna Davitt

Mr Michael Walker

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CHURCHES

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Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK JULY 23RD – JULY 29TH :The 5.30pm Mass at Holy Rosary heralds the commencement of Catholic Education Week. The theme for this year's celebration is "COMMUNITIES of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE."

We are blessed to have four excellent schools/college in our community who live out this theme. Each of our schools/college is proud of the Faith which underpins their mission and openly proclaims that Faith in a world which espouses contrary values.

Hope in our young people and hope in a world where despair may be an easy option are lived out in our schools/college where the needs of students and their wellbeing are central in decision making. And Love. As we know, the greatest of these is Love. Every student in our schools/college knows that they are loved unconditionally by their God because they experience that love from those who serve as educators. Teachers witness what it means to live life fully in exemplifying the words of Jesus "I have come that you may have life, life to the full!" John 10:10

May our students, teachers, support staff and all connected with our schools/college know that we as a Parish are proud of them, admire their achievements, are grateful for their example to us and pray for their growth in all aspects of their lives.

PETER'S PENCE: \$1529.00 was donated to the Peter's Pence Collection recently. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other. Everyone is welcome to join. Members from the Passionist Family Group team will be visiting our Parish and speaking at all Masses next weekend.



An information brunch with a cuppa will be held in Novakoski Centre from 11.30am. Anyone interested in finding out more about Family Groups, why they exist and how they are run, is encouraged to attend. (A plate would be appreciated).

Laudato Si TASK FORCE: The Task Force has met and is looking at a Parish celebration of the Season of Creation during the month of September. The next meeting will be held at the Parish Office on **Tuesday, August 15th at 3.30 pm.** An invitation is extended to all to attend. You are very welcome.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023/24: Any unclaimed envelopes are available at the Parish Office. We will try to contact you to let you know that they are here.

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 ongoing action. (Cath News July 19)

Following the latest information below, the Stewardship Council urges you **to continue** to express your objection to the events in the ACT.

The circumstances surrounding the compulsory acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital do not inspire trust in the Government and an inquiry would assist in restoring trust, a submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs has said today.

Fr Tony Percy, Vicar General of Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese, prepared the submission from the Calvary Hospital Taskforce on the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill 2023 on behalf of more than 50,000 people who signed the 'Save Calvary' petition.

The proposed new section would require the ACT Government to conduct an inquiry into the Health Infrastructure Enabling Act 2023.

The Calvary Hospital Taskforce supports the passage of the Amendment Bill for several reasons.

- Firstly, the insufficient public scrutiny of the Enabling Act.
- Secondly, the Amendment Bill would reinstate normal parliamentary processes.
- Thirdly, an inquiry would reveal any religious bias in the decision-making process.

"Despite assurances from the ACT Health Minister that the acquisition was not 'an attack on the Catholic Church and on faith-based care,' an unresolved question as to how much of the ACT Government's decision was religiously motivated remains," Fr Tony wrote in the submission.

"We are now going to demand of all those members of the Legislative Assembly in the ACT, state members right around the state jurisdictions and federal members in their electorate – **can you now give us a guarantee that what happened here in the ACT by the rapacious action of the ACT government will not happen in your jurisdictions?**"

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

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, July 25th** at the Christ Church Anglican Church **10.00am**. All are welcome.

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. We are happy to schedule evening watching if necessary.

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.

OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Bevan Leavey, Noel Chio Jnr (Philippines), Joan Margaret Smith, Malcolm Schneider, Barney Tarling.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Mary Allam 22.07, Mavis Jolly (England) 12.07, Margaret Fleming (Ireland) 18.06.1989, 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, 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: Ramon D Andres and Rosa A Andres, 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 24 July 2023

St Sharbel Makhluף

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass
Penance after Mass

Tuesday 25 July 2023

St James

8.30am St James Penance
9.00am St James - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 26 July 2023

**Sts Joachim and Anne,
parents of Blessed Virgin Mary**
8.00am Shalom College-Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet
after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 27 July 2023

7.00am St Patrick's -Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Anointing Mass

Friday 28 July 2023

10.00am Mater Hospital -Mass
11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance
12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

Saturday 29 July 2023

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
7.30am St Patrick's -Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

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7.00am St James'
8.00am Holy Rosary
9.00am St Patrick's
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Second Reading

Romans: 8:28-30

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

FUNERALS

Joyce Galea

St Patrick's Church

Monday 24th July, 11.00am

Stan Bryant

St Patrick's Church

Monday 24th July 2.00pm



Indian Community Sunday School

When: Each Sunday after
9.00am Mass.

Where: St Patrick's Hall.

For children and youth 3yrs old
—16years.

Contact: Sony Xavier
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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/](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](http://www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

OTHER CONTACTS

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Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
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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.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 10

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.)

The choice

Parishes, Dioceses, and Church institutions appear impersonal and alienating in the eyes of many.

The above statement is confronting. The evidence is not stated in the Pastoral letter but is borne out by the country-wide movement of people away from Church although at the same time maintaining their religious affiliation as Catholic. It is a mediocre stance which neither commits nor rejects. In common parlance it could be called "an each-way" bet. Why? How is our Church impersonal and/or alienating?

As Church faithful, do we have an answer to this?

There are many issues which remain vexing questions or are they opportunities?

Social values constantly change. Issues prominent in our society today did not exist in former times. The "all about me" ideology is more rampant today and has grown in acceptance at an alarming rate, yet we hear every day of the selfless giving of so many. So, there is an opportunity to stand out from the crowd and witness to Christian values which never change. That is our call.

A comprehensive view of stewardship may be defined as:

A vision of a sharing, generous, accountable way of life rooted in Christian discipleship.

It is not enough to be a Christian Catholic in name. The disciple of Christ needs to share time/talents/treasure generously and be accountable for the daily life she/he leads. It is a giant calling, not for the fainthearted but a call nonetheless to which each one of us needs to respond. It is our choice. It is our heritage. What will be our legacy?

Live the Liturgy

Patience is rooted in Hope.

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

