

*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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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A

*Welcome to the Parish*

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## “Is your life easy and your burden light?”

By Joe McCorley

As a child, the eldest of five children, I grew up in a small country town in Taroom, Qld. My parents owned the local shop, in which the McCorley family had owned, lived and worked, for over four generations. My life was turned upside-down when I was ten years old, as my parents sold the shop and bought a large country property about 10km outside town.

One of my early tasks on the property was to plough the home paddock of virgin soil, to grow crops to feed the cattle and sheep during the many droughts we endured. This was before we bought a tractor many years later. This was also the time I was introduced to a “Yoke”!

Dad had bought two giant “Draft Horses” which we named “Smokey” and “Tiny”. Around their shoulders they wore very large leather Yokes. Each Yoke was joined to the other with a small chain. A large plough was then chained behind them. With my hands on the plough, I drove the horses to pull the plough, and keep the furrows straight. The Yokes ensured each draft horse shared the weight of the plough in the soil equally between them. It made their burden light!

In Matthews Gospel, (11:28), Jesus invites us:

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

Bishop Robert Barron suggests, “We often say, we’ll be happy if we get enough of the goods of this world, and draw them into ourselves, and hang onto them, then we will be happy! On the contrary, what do we all want? This lovely word “rest” in the gospel is not like being in a hammock. It means the fulfilment, peace and joy we all want. How do we get it?

We get it through the invitation of Jesus, who invites us to: “Come, yoked together with me, the two of us walking together! My yoke is light, it is liberation, freedom and life-giving. With Jesus you will make your way joyfully through life!

Now we are yoked together with all three, the Father and the Son, and the yoke, the Holy Spirit. We live a life, not clinging, but letting go in love.” (1)

From Bishop Barron’s homily, “Enter the inner life of God”. (09/07/23)

## 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**  
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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



### COORDINATOR LITURGY, MUSIC, SACRAMENTS, R.C.I.A. – The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Mrs Anne Sheehan will be retiring at the end of 2023 after thirty years of extraordinary service in the above role to our Parish. More will be said about Anne at a later date but it is timely that we now strive to find a replacement for her in this role.

The Parish is seeking a suitably qualified person to continue this role within its Parish Team structure. The Coordinator, in collaboration with ministry teams, assists the Parish Priests in the life and evangelisation outreach of the Parish. The role is full-time and provides an exciting opportunity within the stewardship community of the Parish.

An application package can be obtained by emailing [bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au)

Salary is in line with the Diocesan Salaried Officers scale and conditions can be negotiated on an individual basis.

**Applications close on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Any questions can be addressed to the Executive Officer at the above email address or by contacting 07 4151 6666 during office hours.

**BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING:** The August meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Community Centre. Commencing at **9.30am** with morning tea followed by the meeting at 10.00am. Hoy will be played after the meeting. We encourage any one interested to come along and join us and for more information please contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.

**INNER HEALING RETREAT 2023 WITH FR RONI GEORGE VC: HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL.** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm-Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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".*

**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 15<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm.** An invitation is extended to all to attend. You are very welcome.

**RELAY FOR LIFE LUNCHEON:** Last weekend we held a very successful fundraising luncheon at the Brothers Sports Club. One hundred and thirty people attended and one hundred and thirteen prizes were donated. The total amount raised so far is **\$4965.00.** As a parish event we should be very proud of the numbers of people who joined us for the day and the generosity of business and parishioners who helped make Saturday a wonderful day. Although this was our main fund raising event for **Relay for Life, the walk will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Community Precinct.** If you are interested in walking, helping set up or helping out on the day, please call the parish office (4151 6666) and leave your name and contact phone number.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - FOR ALL IN MINISTRY IN THE PARISH:** As a yearly requirement we would like our ministries to have an 100% attendance record. Please contact the office (4151 6666) and a time suitable to you can be arranged, during or after office hours if necessary.

**UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP:** Next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** commencing at **7.00pm** in Novakoski Centre. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:Keith.PittMP@aph.gov.au) and seek assurances.

## BEWARE – SCAM – BEWARE

The Diocese continues to receive reports of parishioners receiving scam text messages, purporting to be from their local Parish Priest seeking financial help. The scammers appear to be getting information from parish bulletins, which in most cases are published on the Diocesan website and our Parish website in addition to the traditional hard copies distributed in churches.

To overcome this problem, the Diocese strongly recommends that we warn people who nominate to have their contact details included in a parish bulletin about this particular scam. Ensure people that the Parish Priest will never ask them for money outside of a Mass appeal.

In line with this advice, from now on, we will ask for any enquiries about parish events etc. to be directed through the office landline 4151 6666.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE:

**Recently Baptised:** Gerard Thomas Gebrael Hackett.

## OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joe Galea (Gatton), Arlene Correos-Tibor, Susana Geronimo (Philippines), Roderick Bede Charters, Eric O'Rielly, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Bevan Leavey, Noel Chio Jnr (Philippines), Joan Margaret Smith, Malcolm Schneider, Barney Tarling Carmenu Aquilina (Malta).

**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, Rosalinda Cruz 17.06.2022(Philippines), Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, David Wilson 30.04, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.



**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, Peter Felesina 01.09.2001, Rina Zorzan (Italy), Eric O'Reilly, Ron Cook, Ramon D Andres and Rosa A Andres, 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 31 July 2023**

**St Ignatius of Loyola**

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass  
**Penance after Mass**

**Tuesday 1 August 2023**

**St Alphonsus Liguori**

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

**Wednesday 2 August 2023**

**St Eusebius of Vercelli &  
St Peter Julian Eymard**

8.00am Shalom College-Mass  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
after 12.15pm Mass

**Thursday 3 August 2023**

**St Dominic**

7.00am St Patrick's -Mass

**Friday 4 August 2023**

**St John Vianney**

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance  
12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 5 August 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**6 August 2023 Year A(1)**

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

## SCRIPTURES

**First Readings**

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

**Second Reading**

2 Peter: 1:16-19

**Gospel**

Matthew 17:1-9

## FR DON'S ANNUAL LEAVE

We wish Fr Don a well earned rest as he heads off on holidays from July 31st, returning September 1st.



## PRAYER GROUPS

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Where: St Patrick's Church

When:

First Sunday 2.00pm-5.00pm

Third Sunday 3.00pm-5.00pm

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

## 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](mailto: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](http://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:** 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.

## 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 vision

Jesus' invitation to follow him is addressed to people of every time and condition.

It is addressed to us now as we face the needs and problems of our Church and country today.

It is facile to say that to be a Christian Catholic today is more difficult than it was in years gone by. The martyrs of early and through the ages Christianity give the lie to such a comment. However, the world of today is unknowingly crying out for all to follow the way that Jesus exemplified to us.

Not only do we have the example of Jesus, but we have the example of Mary, his mother, the saints from all ages and the saints living among us today. What did they do and are doing which accords them this accolade?

Perhaps our **Parish Vision Statement** says it all.

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Yes, we are a community, and we are graced and supported within that community. Would it not be too much to ask ourselves, "How do I live out our Parish Vision?"

Can I honestly answer in the affirmative:

Am I **nourished by Word and Sacraments?**

Do I **go out?**

Am I **empowered by the Holy Spirit?**

Do I **welcome and share God's Love** (which I have received unconditionally)?

Am I inclusive – **respectful of all people?**

What a difference one committed disciple of Jesus can make!

What a massive difference a Parish/Diocese/Church of committed disciples would make!

## Live the Liturgy

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

