

*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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THE TRANSFIGURATION  
of the LORD

*Welcome to the Parish*

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

By Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

## STRENGTH IN UNITY

Every July for nearly ten years now, the Sheehan siblings have gathered in Bundaberg to remember their parents whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Sometimes the grandchildren and great grandchildren join us. Over the course of two days many family stories are told, and time is spent cherishing the gift of each other. Coming together as family in a common union reminds each member that through love of each other, life to the fullest is reached. By our unified love, we dare to challenge those things that would keep our family apart.

Next Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Australian Catholic Church celebrates the solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Australia's Catholic population came together in 2010 in celebration of this one woman's kindness that changed the lives of many. We can reflect on the impact Mary made and the place she still has in the lives of so many today. From her example, we are called to walk alongside those experiencing vulnerability. "Never see a need without doing something about it" has become one of St Mary's well-known phrases.

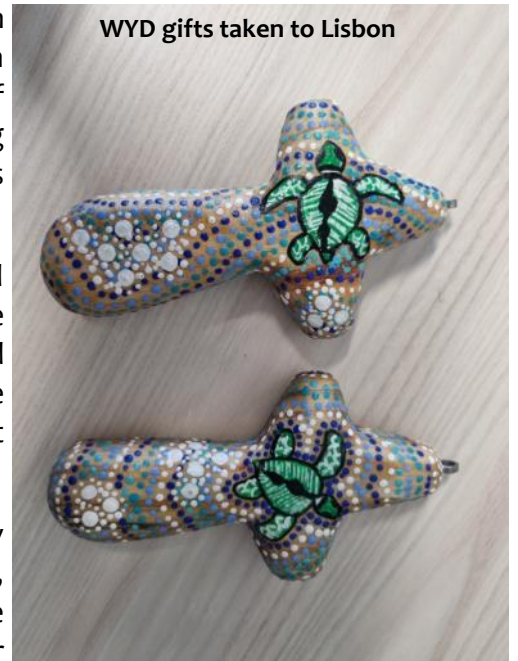
Another is: "So great is the strength we possess in our unity," which brings me to my family's story as an analogy for our Sunday parish experience of gathering, our collective response to the example of one woman's courage to make a difference, and the overwhelming sense of solidarity felt by more than 2500 World Youth Day pilgrims from Australia and Oceania last week in Lisbon, Portugal.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher quoted in CathNews last week described the gathering of pilgrims as an "awesome sight" to see such a large gathering of young people "ready for the grace-filled week of World Youth Day". Archbishop Fisher offered the encouragement that "the Church has great confidence in you. By God's grace you will do great things," he said.

Every now and then we need moments in our lives such as family gatherings, parish gatherings, ordinations to the diaconate, canonisations, World Youth Days, festivals, that remind us that we belong to something much bigger than ourselves and our little corner of the world. There is strength in a common purpose. Strength to overcome challenges, to make changes, to make a difference.

At the core of this unity are people like you and me, like St Mary of the Cross, like our WYD pilgrims, like our school communities, our families. Cherish people and look out for each other. Something wonderful can happen to you and through you in union with each other.

WYD gifts taken to Lisbon



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

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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

**EUCHARIST –THE REAL PRESENCE:** The final session on the Eucharist - the Real Presence, will be postponed until Monday, August 14 at 2.00pm and 5.30pm.

**NEWS FROM BISHOP MICHAEL'S DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:** This year Social Justice Sunday, 27th August, will focus on *The Voice*. Over coming weeks, in preparation, the Social Justice group will share some ideas from *One Journey Together* (<https://indigenousvoice.church/>), a website whose aim is to “educate and inform our fellow Catholics on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST)”. To assist reflection, we are focusing on ideas from “CST’s for the Journey”, an article by Dr Rebekah Pryor, Caritas Australia, in partnership with NATSICC. This article connects CST with what is happening for our First Nations Peoples. The SJ group hopes that in sharing some of these thoughts you might reflect on them, and thus make a more informed decision on your vote in the upcoming referendum. **Question for reflection:** How and where are you getting your information about “*The Voice*”? How are you preparing yourself to vote conscientiously?

**THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL:** The second collection at Masses this weekend supports

- Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre
- The Woorabinda Ministry
- The Catholic Prison Ministry
- Parishes in the Central West.

Thankyou for your generosity.

**WANTED in 2024: LITURGY/MUSIC/SACRAMENTS/R.C.I.A. COORDINATOR:** The position provides support to the Parish Priests in the liturgical, music, sacramental, evangelising life of the Parish by ensuring that the needs of the community in these four areas are met through careful planning and administration. The position is full time and would be suitable for someone with experience in liturgical/music/sacramental/R.C.I.A. ministry and/or education, particularly in areas concerned with developing and strengthening the faith and spirituality of people in our Catholic community.

To obtain a copy of the position description, please email [bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au). Applications close on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. For more information about the position, contact the parish office on 4151 6666 and speak to the Executive Officer.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP RENNEWAL:** Last weekend, the parish renewed their commitment to the Passionist Family Group Movement and nine new families showed interested in joining a Family Group by filling in enrolment forms. If you have not yet filled in an enrolment form it is not too late. They are available at the main doors of the Church. Please complete a form and hand it in at the Parish Office or put it in the collection.

### MASSES FOR THE ASSUMPTION, Tuesday August 15th

9.00am	St James
12.15pm	Holy Rosary
5.30pm	St Patrick's

**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.

**VISITATION MEETING:** The next Visitation meeting will be held on **Wednesday August 16th at 10.30am** in the Parish Office. Anyone interested in this very rewarding ministry is encouraged to come along to find out more.

**ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP:** Please note- St Joseph's School welcomes any parishioners who wish to attend the Holy Rosary Mass at **9.00am on Tuesday August 8th**.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS.** The Kaufusi Family invites parishioners to join them at Mass in memory of Taniela Kaufusi in **Holy Rosary Church, Sunday August 13th at 2.00pm**.

**JULY DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** Is now available at the main door of the churches and on the Diocesan website.

**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.

**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

Submission on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to a Senate inquiry as reported in *The Australian*. (source Cath News August 2, 2023)

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has accused the ACT Government of forcibly acquiring Calvary Public Hospital Bruce because its Catholic ethos was “inconvenient”, saying the takeover sets a “worrying precedent for civil society groups”. *The Australian*.

Archbishop Comensoli criticised the “poor and unprecedented process” the Barr Government used to take over the Catholic facility in north Canberra, questioning whether it was “motivated by disapproval of Calvary Hospital’s Catholic ethos and mission”.

He also questioned why Calvary had been singled out as being “intensely problematic” for its reluctance to offer abortions and its opposition to voluntary assisted dying.

“There is an underlying implication that religious organisations and those with conscientious objections to performing certain procedures should not participate in public healthcare,” Archbishop Comensoli said in the submission.

“The religious mission expressed at Calvary Hospital was inconvenient for the territory government.

“An inquiry should consider the extent to which the ACT Government’s decision was influenced by its disapproval of Calvary Hospital’s Catholic ethos and mission.”

**Please continue to contact our local member, [Keith.PittMP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Keith.PittMP@aph.gov.au) and seek assurances. that no such takeover could occur in our electorate.**

**YOUNG ADULTS CONVERSATIONS GROUP:** will meet on Sunday evenings. This is a new initiative for our parish, modelled on the invitation of Pope Francis in his letter from the Synod on Young People, *Christus Vivit*, or *Christ is Alive* (2018), “to listen, to reflect, and to discern” (nos. 291-294) about those things which are of interest to young people.

Drawing inspiration from the model of youth ministry in *Christus Vivit*, the conversations group will aim to support the faith journey of our young people in a time and space that allows them to meet informally and to chat in an open, supportive, and free-flowing way. Sometimes, the conversation will be over a meal, or perhaps a chance to watch a movie, or just to talk about a current idea that is of interest.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information, anyone can register their interest by an email to the parish office [bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) or by coming along to an initial meeting on **August 20<sup>th</sup> after 5.30pm Mass at the Novakoski Centre** to plan the way forward for this initiative and to chat about youth ministry in the parish.

**WARNING:** As mentioned last week a scam is operating in places within our and other diocese.

The scammer texts that “Fr X is now at a meeting but would like you to call him back asap (or something similar).” It may mention the need for money or may not. The scammer takes the phone number of people who have been listed in various Parish bulletins or notices.

To overcome this, we will not publish telephone numbers of parishioners in our Bulletin **unless a parishioner expressly asks that it be done**. Please note that no priest in our Diocese will text you, leave a phone message or email you asking for money. Thanks for your cooperation.

## OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Madeline Hodgetts, Mary Paterson, Billy Bugeja, 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:** Terrence Cagney 4.08.1990, Don Hancock 04.08.2018, 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, Guiseppa Cafolla 21.07.1987, 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:** Terence, Sheelah and Margaret Cagney, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross and Collins Family. Mary Paterson, Madeline Hodgetts, Eric O’Reilly, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, Peter Felesina 01.09.2001, Rina Zorzan (Italy), 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 7 August 2023**

**St Sixtus II & St Cajetan**

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

**Tuesday 8 August 2023**

**St Mary of the Cross**

8.30am St James Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

**St Joseph’s School Mass**

9.00am Holy Rosary

5.30pm St Patrick’s - Mass

**Wednesday 9 August 2023**

**St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

8.00am Shalom College-LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

after 12.15pm Mass

**Thursday 10 August 2023**

**St Lawrence**

7.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

**Friday 11 August 2023**

**St Clare**

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 12 August 2023**

7.30am St Patrick’s -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick’s -Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**13 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**

1Kings 19:9, 11-13

**Second Reading**

Romans: 9:1-5

**Gospel**

Matthew 14:22-33

## FUNERALS

Mary Paterson  
St Patrick’s Church 2.00pm  
Monday 7th August.

Madeline Hodgetts  
Holy Rosary Church 9.00am  
Thursday 10th August.



## 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  
paulmonxavier@gmail.com  
Binoy Joseph  
binoynj@gmail.com

## The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the  
**National Catholic Safeguarding  
Standards (2022)**, 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/](https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/)

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding  
Children and Adults at Risk  
commitment statement and policy:**  
[www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding  
-policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Ms 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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY QUEENSLAND TAKES OWNERSHIP

The sale of Parish Property – the St Mary's Precinct of land and buildings 139 Barolin St, 1 Maynard St, 2,4 & 6 Boston St – was completed on Monday, July 24.

On Wednesday July 26 the Parish hosted morning tea for **Kevin Mercer – CEO, St Vincent De Paul Society QLD, Mark Heinrich – Property Development Manager, Sharon Shearsmith – CEO of Vinnies Housing** and the tenants and contact persons of groups who meet on the site. Following the meeting at the Parish Office the group moved to the site and met with staff and clients.

More than twenty people attended and after Morning Tea Kevin and his team spoke to the group of the plans for the site and answered any questions from the tenants.

From a Parish viewpoint, it was gratifying to hear the comments from tenants who had formed an excellent working arrangement with the Parish and were grateful for the support given them in the years they have conducted their services to the community.

Kevin spoke of the proposed development of the site with a project for the construction of sixty community housing buildings. The State Government has confirmed with the St Vincent de Paul Society the financing of this, and the Society has already begun negotiations with the Bundaberg Regional Council.

The Society is open to working with the Parish and the community of the former St Mary's to erect a suitable memorial and incorporate this in their building project. We will keep you informed of what might be able to be erected/incorporated.

The provision of sixty community housing establishments will meet a need in the Bundaberg Region. The statistics show us that this region has a high ranking of social welfare needs. The development announced by St Vincent De Paul Society Queensland through Vinnies Housing is welcomed by all who serve the disadvantaged in our community.

## Live the Liturgy



What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI

