

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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19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

*Welcome to the Parish*

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## *"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."*

by: Bill Goodwin

Principal St Mary's Primary School

In today's Gospel, St. Peter recognises Jesus and immediately knows that He is the Lord. He gathers courage and tells Jesus, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Jesus in His eternal goodness invites Peter to come. This is a very good example of how our relationship with the Lord should be.

We should always, like St. Peter, trust that Jesus is almighty and all-powerful. Peter actually walks for a distance, but after the sea gets stormier, his faith in Jesus' power begins to falter. He begins to sink but alas! Jesus is right there to rescue him.

This story of Peter and Jesus is the exact replica of our own life experiences. It shows us of how often we make resolutions of how we will live under the power of Jesus, but when worldly troubles overwhelm us, we forget that Jesus is there for us. We lose faith in Jesus and start falling into the trap of our own fear and insecurities.

Later on though, after we are battered and nearly ruined by earthly troubles, we realise that Jesus is still there for us and we go calling on Him to rescue us. The good news is that Jesus is always there to rescue us when we cry out to Him for help.

Maybe someone may say that if Peter was good, he shouldn't have lost faith in Jesus. That it was wrong for him to falter in his faith! But the reality is that, in this world, we will always have our ups and downs.



There are times we will have our faith high and sometimes low. But the constant thing is that Jesus, in His everlasting mercy, goodness, and compassion, will always be there for us to lift us up when our faith falters and we cry out to Him for help.

Therefore, examine your conscience and understand how and when you falter in your faith in Jesus Christ. Once you understand, you will always remember to cry out for help to Jesus when you are in problems and also give praise and glory to Him during calmness and tranquility.

Understand that Jesus will always be there to hold your hand when you fall because He is full of mercy, love, and compassion.

*Lord, hold my hand all the time especially when my faith falters. Help me to always turn to you in all circumstances and always trust that you will be there reaching out for my hand because you are my protector and my refuge*

## 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

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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 SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) - The Principle of "Human Dignity"

This principle is the basis of all CST, and from which all human rights are derived. Our church tradition teaches that all people are "created in the image and likeness of God" and are therefore worthy of respect no matter culture, race, gender, sexuality, age or ability. Under this principle we are called to oppose racism, misogyny, unjust wars, inequality, the use of the death penalty, and to act to overcome poverty and suffering wherever we encounter it. The "Voice" referendum is an opportunity to reflect on the inequitable experiences of First Nations Peoples, and the fact that in our country, history shows that they were not always respected, and were even persecuted and killed. **Reflection/Action:** (i) Get to know the history of First Nations Peoples in my local region. (ii) Read the Uluru statement "From the Heart."

**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.

**VOCATIONS AWARENESS AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>:** The Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week in August, coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop August 8<sup>th</sup> (from the catholic vocations website)

Whether in single life commitments, relationship and marriage, the religious life, priesthood or diaconate, each such commitment of loving forms part of Christ's dream of life and unity. It is not simply the giving of your skills, services and expertise, but the giving of your whole self as a path to holiness.

*"God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called - in a variety of ways - to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us ... Embracing this promise naturally demands the courage to risk making a decision. The first disciples, called by Jesus to be part of something greater, "immediately left their nets and followed him" (Mk 1:18)." Pope Francis*

**VISITATION MEETING:** The Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 16 at 10.30am in the Parish Office will go ahead. Anne Sheehan and Br Ted will host the meeting in Marcia's absence and we look forward to seeing all ministry people attending. Included in the informal agenda will be future directions for this ministry.

**EUCCHARIST -THE REAL PRESENCE:** The final session on the Eucharist - the Real Presence, **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** at 2.00pm and 5.30pm in the Parish Office.

**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.

**CEMETERY PRAYERS:** Will be held on **Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am**. You are invited to join the prayer time.

**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**.

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

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



**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

Dear Friends,

Congratulations.

Your confidence and courage have enormously impacted our fight for Calvary Public Hospital. The federal Senate enquiry is now extended by a month and will include a public hearing in which the ACT government must be involved. Besides 65 detailed submissions, the Senate enquiry received over 7000 pieces of correspondence! Your contribution enhances our democracy.

Please share the video.: [Federal Senate enquiry: Calvary Hospital - YouTube](#)

**Fr Tony Percy**

Vicar General Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese

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.

**BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER GROUP DINNER** : Will be held on **Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>** at The Melbourne Hotel **6.30pm**. If you like to join us you would be most welcome. RSVP the Parish Office by Monday 14th. (41516666).

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - FOR ALL IN MINISTRY IN THE PARISH:** Please contact the office and a time suitable to you can be arranged. We are happy to schedule evening watching if necessary.

**GOOD NEWS QUARTERLY:** is now available at the main door of the churches.

## 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.

## LITURGIES

**Monday 14 August 2023**  
**St Maximilian Mary Kolbe**

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

**Tuesday 15 August 2023**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8.30am St James Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Wednesday 16 August 2023**

**St Stephen of Hungary**

8.00am Shalom College-Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

after 12.15pm Mass

**Thursday 17 August 2023**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 18 August 2023**

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 19 August 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**20 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**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

**Second Reading**

Romans: 11:13-15, 29-32

**Gospel**

Matthew 15:21-28

## OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brenton David Kirkpatrick, Levene Bailey, Madeliene Hodgetts, Mary Paterson, Bill Bugeja, Joe Galea (Gatton), Arlene Correos-Tibor, Susana Geronimo (Philippines), Roderick Bede Charters, Eric O'Reilly, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Joan Smith, Barney Tarling.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Jovita Espirito 15.08.2012, Corrado Egidio Barazza 01.01.2019, 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, 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:** Deceased members of Barazza and Benvenuto Families, 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, 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.



## 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 (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/>

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.



## XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. October 2023

(Source *Instrumentum Laboris* for the First Session October 2023)

### Part One

A few weeks back you may have read that the “*Instrumentum Laboris*” for this assembly had been promulgated. It is a lengthy document and is the “working document” for the month-long meeting.

The Assembly has as its focus “**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.**”

As we approach this momentous time in our Church, we can join in prayer for all the participants, clergy and laymen and women, who have been invited by Pope Francis to be present at this gathering.

On July 7, Pope Francis announced the full list of people who will be participating in the Synod of Bishops' sessions, to be held in October 2023 and October 2024. That included a group of non-bishop members who will have voting rights at the Synod sessions.

Ten non-bishop members were appointed from the Oceania region, which covers the bishops' conferences of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific and Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands. Five advisers/facilitators from Oceania will also be attending the sessions. [Click here](#) to read more about the non-bishop participants.

Eight bishops from Oceania have been named to participate in the Synod.

Scripture leads in each section of the “*Instrumentum*.” We might wish to reflect on the scripture as we pray for all participants at the Synod.

**Foreword** - “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 15:5-6)

**For a Synodal Church – an integral experience.** “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each of them is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Cor 12:4-7)

**Communion, mission, participation** – three priority issues of a synodal Church. “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.”

## Live the Liturgy

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the

greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up. again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi