

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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Welcome to the Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th/20th August 2023

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

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



What will our Church of the future look like?

We began last week with a series of articles on the Synod in Rome due to commence on October 1.

We will continue to provide a synopsis of the “**Instrumentum Laboris**” for the synod each week (on the back page) to provide you with the information about which the attendees will be conversing during October.

The information below is about what the international thinking gives us to reflect upon as **characteristic signs of a synodal Church**.

The paragraph numbers serve as a reference to the document.

Par. 20. A synodal church is founded on the recognition of a common dignity deriving from Baptism, which makes all who receive it sons and daughters of God, members of the family of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, inhabited by the one Spirit and sent to fulfil a common mission.

Par. 21. A synodal Church cannot be understood other than within the horizon of communion, which is always also a mission.

Par. 22. A Church that is also increasingly synodal in its institutions, structures and procedures.

Par. 23. A synodal Church is a listening Church.

Par. 24. A synodal Church desires to be humble and knows that it must ask forgiveness and has much to learn.

Par. 25.1 A synodal Church is a Church of encounter and dialogue.

Par. 25.2 A synodal Church is not afraid of the variety it bears but values it without forcing it into uniformity.

Par. 26. A synodal Church promotes the passage from “I” to “we”.

Par. 27. A synodal Church confronts honestly and fearlessly the call to a deeper understanding of the relationship between love and truth.

Par. 28. A characteristic of a synodal Church is the ability to manage tensions without being crushed by them.

Par. 29. Trying to walk together (being synodal) also brings us into contact with the healthy restlessness of incompleteness.

Par. 30. A synodal Church nourishes itself at the source of the mystery it celebrates in the liturgy.

Par. 31. A synodal Church is also a Church of discernment.

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PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
Executive Officer/Stewardship

Mrs Anne Sheehan
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Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Finance & Marketing Officer

Mrs Marcia Sharp
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Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

Property- Interim
Jeffrey & Br Ted

Parish News and Announcements

Catholic Social Teaching

The Principle of "The Common Good"

The document "Gaudium et Spes," (Vat II. No 26) defines this principle as "the sum total of social conditions which allow people to ... reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.... (Vat II. No 26). It outlines a vision for a society in which all individuals, families, and other community groups, are able to meet their needs - food, shelter, clothing, education, and meaningful employment.

Measured against these criteria, First Nations peoples are disproportionately affected by the lack of these necessities of life. They are overrepresented in our criminal justice system; they are more likely to experience homelessness and poverty; and their average life span is 8 to 9 years below that of the wider population (abs.gov.au).

Reflection/Action:

- i) How do I/we participate in working towards the common good of all, especially First Nations Peoples?
- ii) What is our collective responsibility, as parish; as church; to support First Nations Peoples to share more fully in the 'common good' of Australian society?

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Mrs Kaye Beston
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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

Social Justice Sunday - 27 August

Some time back (July 8/9) you would have read of the launch of the **Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)**.

On Social Justice Sunday in our Parish - Mary, Mother of the Church Catholic Parish of Bundaberg - we take the time to promote that Plan and to place in our Churches and Buildings two important reminders and statements.

- *The Diocesan Acknowledgement of Country*
- *The painting - Reconciliation - which, in traditional art, gives us the statement of who we are together enriching our awareness and understanding as one body.*

Leading up to this celebration, we have had notices in the weekly bulletin which in summary asked us to think and act differently.

Our Church is an inclusive Church espousing "diversity in unity". May we today reach out to our Indigenous brothers and sisters, acknowledge their first love of and care for this country from which we now reap the benefit.

As Bishop Michael states in this RAP:

"As your Bishop, together with the priests, religious and people of our Diocese, we look forward to implementing the RAP at all levels and through the Diocese.

Come Holy Spirit of this great Southland and fill the hearts of all our aunts and uncles and brothers and sisters."

NEED FOR 2024:

LITURGY/MUSIC/SACRAMENTS/R.C.I.A COORDINATOR

This full-time 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.

To obtain a copy of the position description, please email bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au.

For more information about the position, contact the parish office on 4151 6666 and speak to the Executive Officer.

Applications close on Monday, 4th September 2023

St Vincent de Paul Society Leaving Collection

Next weekend August 26/27 we will have the yearly collection to assist the St Vincent de Paul Society here in Bundaberg. Members will be at the doors of churches after each Mass and will welcome any financial contribution you can make. The Society is our Parish's outreach arm in meeting the needs of the disadvantaged in our community. The members of the conference seek no recognition but give their time and energy to look after others. This collection is one way we can show our support for them in all that they do.



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 and seek assurances that no such takeover could occur in our electorate.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - FOR ALL IN MINISTRY IN THE PARISH: Thanks to those who are making the effort to watch the training. 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.

FUNERAL MASS FR PAT MOONEY: Monday, 21st August – 12pm Funeral Mass at St Francis Xavier Church, West Mackay

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP will meet this Sunday evening. Please come along to this initial meeting on **August 20th 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.

ADULT FAITH: The series of videos on the Real Presence concluded last Monday. All who attended found the series to be reflective as well as informative. Many commented on how their understanding had led them to a better appreciation of the Mass and Eucharist in our lives. Special thanks to Judith Renshaw who prepared the series, led discussions and provided hospitality. Next, we move on to introducing the ALPHA program to the Parish. Further information will be in forthcoming bulletins.

WORKING BEE 26 AUGUST - POSTPONED: Thanks to our Sexton and his staff who have the cemetery looking very good.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: A meeting will be held in the Parish Office Friday 25 August at 10.15am.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: A meeting will be held at the Parish Office Friday 25 August at 11.15am.

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Anointing Mass will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church on Thursday 24 August at 10.00am.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Vihaan Thommana Joseph

OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Pat Mooney, Martin Woods, Veronica Gilbert, Bill Campbell (Brisbane), Consolacion Yumang De Leon, Philippines, Tomas Paras Garcia (Philippines), 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'Rielly, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Joan Smith, Barney Tarling.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine Cafolla, Zillah Geiger, 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, Pam Eichmann, Joseph Attard, 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.



LITURGIES

Monday 21 August 2023

St Pius X

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Penance after Mass

Tuesday 22 August 2023

Queenship of Mary

8.30am St James Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 23 August 2023

St Rose of Lima

8.00am Shalom College-Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 24 August 2023

St Bartholomew

7.00am St Patrick's -LWC

10.00am Anointing Mass HR

Friday 25 August 2023

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 26 August 2023

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

27 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

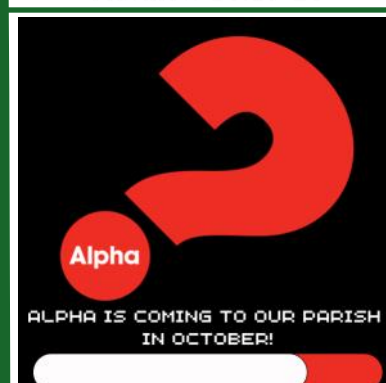
Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading

Romans: 11:33-36

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20



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.

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

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.



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What will our Church of the future look like?

While there will be plenary sessions during the gathering, the main work of the Synod will take place in smaller groups using “**Conversation in the Spirit**” as its process. This process is a dynamic of discernment in a synodal Church (*a process that can easily be learned and adopted by our Church as a desired form of discussion/conversation/listening/consensus.*)

There are four distinct parts to the process and each part is punctuated by silence, prayer and listening.

- Personal Preparation.
- Taking the word and listening
- Making space for others and the Other.
- Building together.

Personal Preparation – By entrusting oneself to the Father, conversing in prayer with the Lord Jesus and listening to the Holy Spirit, each one prepares his or her own contribution to the question about which he or she is called to discern.

Taking the word and listening – Each person takes turns speaking from his or her own experience and prayer and listens carefully to the contribution of others.

Making space for others and the Other – From what the others have said, each one shares what has resonated with him or her or what has raised the most resistance in him or her, allowing himself or herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit: “When, listening, did my heart burn within me?”

Building together – Together we dialogue on the basis of what emerged earlier in order to discern and gather the fruit of the conversation in the Spirit: to recognise intuitions and convergences; to identify discordances, obstacles and new questions; to allow prophetic voices to emerge. It is important that everyone can feel represented by the outcome of the work, “to what steps is the Holy Spirit calling us together?”

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi