

## 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26th/27th August 2023

## "Let the Justice and Peace Flow"

is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by  
the words of the prophet Amos:

**"Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."**

*(The following is a precis of Pope Francis' message for the World day of Prayer, September 1, for the Care of Creation.)*

**T**he evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish.

During this season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they don't beat in harmony; they are not harmonised in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from the mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies.

**Firstly**, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realise that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves.

**Secondly**, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our "ecological sins", as, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable.

**Lastly**, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for the privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an "ecological debt" that must be paid. Let us raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and towards our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change.

So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God's loving mercy. In the same way that a river gives life to all kinds of animal and plant life, a synodal Church must give life by sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches.

In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to "renew the face of the earth".

by: *Michael Walker*

Member, Parish Stewardship Council

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

Members:

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**Ms Madonna Davitt**

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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

### Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement titled,

#### Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

This short document is online. In your browser, type in Listen, Learn, Love 2023-2024 social justice statement and you will be taken to a page with an introductory video and a link to the document. We urge you to read through this document. If you are accessing an electronic parish bulletin, the link is Listen, Learn, Love: 2023-24 social justice statement | Justice and Peace Office

To mark Social Justice Sunday this year the diocesan Social Justice group is offering a Creative Response Competition.

This gives an opportunity for all school-aged young people; and all parish and community members to create something, using any creative medium, in response to this year's Social Justice Statement. All information about the Competition is available by clicking [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n9tGCdq-OTgRHVbyhAzf\\_HeVeddlDc4B/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n9tGCdq-OTgRHVbyhAzf_HeVeddlDc4B/view) and if required, printed copies of the flyer can be accessed from your parish office. The Uluru Statement from the Heart can be accessed by clicking <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/>

We're excited to offer this opportunity to really engage with this year's statement and look forward to lots of entries.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

**Social Justice Sunday**  
Sunday 27 August



**JOIN A CONVERSATION AROUND  
LIFE  
FAITH  
AND MEANING**

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people, where you can say anything you like or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. Connect with new people. Watch an episode on a question of faith. Share your thoughts and hear from others.

**In a Catholic Context**

**COMING TO OUR PARISH SOON**

## NEEDED 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](mailto: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

Enrolments are OPEN at  
St Joseph's Catholic  
Kindergarten in  
Bundaberg



To find out more about St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten, including the current fees, please scan the QR code which will take you to our kindergarten site.



or

Please call 07 4994 9340 to speak to our wonderful kindergarten staff

**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

(A summary of an article written by Fr Tony Percy, Vicar General of the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese, in "The Swag", Vol.31, no.3, Spring 2023, a quarterly bulletin of the National Council of Priests.)

"Over 50,000 people have signed the "Save Calvary" petition. No one predicted this, and despite the loss, the numbers keep piling up. Two critical issues are at stake. The rule of law and religious freedom are foundational to free and fair societies. Section 116 of the Constitution of Australia defends the right to religious liberty. Written by people who were not overtly religious, it says: "No official religion. No compulsion in religion. No restriction on religion. No religious discrimination." How utterly brilliant. The most important human right is the right to life. Then follows the right to religious liberty. We need guarantees, now, that what has happened here in the ACT will not be replicated around the country with other communal groups and institutions – religious or otherwise."

Please continue to contact our local member, [Keth.Pitt@aph.gov.au](mailto:Keth.Pitt@aph.gov.au) and seek assurances that such "compulsory acquisition" will not be replicated.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP** will meet this Sunday evening after 5.30pm Mass at Novakoski Centre.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LEAVING COLLECTION:** Members will be at the doors of each Church this weekend. Thank you for your support of the many works of the Society.

**DIOCESAN RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP):** Copies of RAP are available on request from the Parish Office.

**BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL):** Ladies, you are invited to join the CWL for their lunch at the Spotted Dog on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us, please let Olga (0414 513 395) know by Friday night September 1st. Lunch will be purchased off the menu. A continuous raffle will be held after lunch, any prizes would be welcome. The funds raised will be donated to Dementia Research.

**2023 BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** There are some copies of "Listen, Learn, Love" – in the Parish Library and a few at the door of each church.

**DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL:** \$2455.40 Thank you for your generosity.

**RECENTLY BAPTISTED:** Chloe Vi Nguyen

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Julie McGuinness & Markham Chalker

## OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gennoveffa Lituri, Enio Troiani, Pietro Bunin (Brisbane), Graziella Barbagallo (Brisbane), Beverley Mulherin (Brisbane), 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'Reilly, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Joan Smith, Barney Tarling.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Attilio D'Addario, 30.8.2010, Gus Asnicar 1.9.2019, 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, Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, David Wilson 30.04, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Joe De Florian, Ray McEwan, Ramon & Rosa Andres, 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 28 August 2023**  
**St Augustine**

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

**Tuesday 29 August 2023**  
**The Passion of St John the Baptist**

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

**Wednesday 30 August 2023**  
8.00am Shalom College-LWC  
12.15pm Holy Rosary

**Thursday 31 August 2023**  
7.00am St Patrick's—LWC

**Friday 01 September 2023**  
11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance  
12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

**Saturday 02 September 2023**  
7.30am St Patrick's –Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**3 September 2023 Year A(1)**

7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Patrick's  
12.00nn Baffle Creek  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

**First Readings**

Jer 20:7-9

**Second Reading**

Romans: 12:1-2

**Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-27

## Rosters Term 4

Rosters for term 4 are being prepared now. Please contact Sarah, at [wbundabergrok.catholic.net.au](http://wbundabergrok.catholic.net.au) if you are unavailable for ministry during this time.



A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

**Enio Troiani**

Wednesday 30 August  
2.00 PM  
Holy Rosary Church

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS for 2023:

Twice weekly sessions

**Tuesday: 10.00am-10.30am**

**Friday: 11.30am—12.00nn**

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)

### A. For a synodal Church. An integral experience.

#### 2. A way forward for the synodal Church: conversation in the spirit.

Par. 34 Conversation in the Spirit has been accepted and sometimes “discovered” as providing the atmosphere that makes possible the sharing of life experiences and the space for discernment in a synodal Church.

Par. 36 A paradigmatic account is provided by the encounter of the Risen Lord with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. (cf. Lk 24: 13-35.)

Par. 37.1 Conversation in the Spirit can be described as a shared prayer with a view to communal discernment.


Par. 37.2, Par. 38, Par. 39 The dynamic between the participants articulates three fundamental steps.

The first is devoted to people taking the floor.

The second is the interior traces (what from listening has touched deeply and/or what has challenged most strongly) that result from one’s listening to sisters and brothers are the language with which the Holy Spirit makes his own voice resound.

The third is to identify the key points that have emerged to build a consensus of the fruits of the joint work.

*Everyday Stewardship*



**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, “You don’t know them.” Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person’s name. I may not know this person but I do know that he or she exists in the everyday life of one of my children. If my children don’t share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons’ or daughter’s daily lives. Of course, sometimes the response I get is simply my teen being a typical teen.

Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?

My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, “Who is Jesus?” But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can’t help but know about the great friend we have in him.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*  
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musicians/Singers 10.30am Holy Rosary</li> </ul>	3 <b>22nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fathers' Day</li> <li>• Conversation w/ Young Adults 6.30pm Novakoski</li> </ul>
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSC &amp; School Leadership Teams gathering 4.00pm</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWL Luncheon</li> <li>• Laudato Si Task Force Meeting 3.30 pm</li> <li>• Baptism Preparation 4.30pm</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Stewardship Council Meeting 5.30pm</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liturgy Team Meeting 4.00 pm</li> </ul>	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding Sunday</li> </ul>	10 <b>23rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding Sunday</li> <li>• Conversation w/ Young Adults 6.30pm Novakoski</li> </ul>
11	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grounds &amp; Maintenance Meeting 5.00pm</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Team Meeting 3.45pm</li> </ul>	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Term Concludes</li> </ul>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season of Creation</li> <li>• Bargara PFG Bocce &amp; Games afternoon</li> </ul>	17 <b>24th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Season of Creation</li> <li>• MacKillop PFG Lunch</li> <li>• Conversation w/ Young Adults 6.30pm Novakoski</li> </ul>
18	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitation meeting 10.30am</li> <li>• Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm</li> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cemetery Prayers 9.30am</li> <li>• Mercy Day Mater</li> </ul>	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOCC Meeting 10.15am</li> <li>• Bereavement Team Meeting 11.15am</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migrant &amp; Refugee Sunday</li> </ul>	24 <b>25th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migrant &amp; Refugee Sunday</li> <li>• Conversation w/ Young Adults 6.30pm Novakoski</li> </ul>
25	26	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anointing Mass (10.00am)</li> </ul>	29	30	



# Let Justice and Peace Flow

## Season of Creation 2023

1 September - 4 October

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

... let us join hands and take bold steps to "Let Justice and Peace Flow" throughout our world.

... let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. ...

[catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

# Safe and Supported

Safeguarding Sunday 2023  
September 10



**PRAYER**

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

*Amen*

**Policy Statement (Rockhampton Diocese)**

The Catholic Church has a mission-based moral and legal responsibility to create nurturing environments where children, young people and adults-at-risk are respected, where their voices are heard, and where they feel safe and are safe. The Diocese holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults-at-risk as a fundamental responsibility of the Church.

This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

# FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR STAY



## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

24 September

### PRAYER

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

*Amen*



# Youth CONVERSATIONS

EVERY SUNDAY

6.30PM

NOVAKOSKI CENTRE

AFTER THE 5.30PM MASS, BEHIND HOLY ROSARY CHURCH



GOD — JESUS — THE CHURCH — & ME