

*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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2nd/3rd September 2023

# Happy Fathers' Day

by: *Br Ted Magee*  
Executive Officer

It has been more than forty-four years since my father passed away at the early age of sixty-nine years seven months. I was not present at his death but had visited him two days before.

I well remember receiving the phone call in the early hours of the day on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1979, from my mother to break the sad but not unexpected news of his death. It was a life-changing moment because a part of me died with his death.

My father, whose Christian name I bear, was not a public figure, held no great positions, travelled sparingly and probably was only known in the cane-farming community of Gooburrum and surrounding regions and in this Parish community where he worshipped every Sunday without fail.

A simple question would be,  
"Did his life make a difference in  
this world, did he leave a  
footprint which outlived him?"

A better question might be "  
How did he live his life, did his  
life and example live after him?"

"Not being a father, probably gives me some licence in writing about fatherhood. No direct criticism can be aimed at me as fatherhood is one of the joys I have foregone by answering the call to be who God called me to be. "

Yes, being father is a joy - not that there aren't some moments and times of sorrow associated with it.

This month is dedicated to the Season of Creation. What more striking example of creation is there than bringing into our world new life, co-creating with God. Our fathers of this parish and world exemplify for us the joy that God showed in creation. "God saw all that he created, and it was very good." Genesis 1: 31

Our fathers and father figures, by their care for their children, by their diligence in providing for their children's needs, by their example of striving to live a faithful life to their God, their spouse and their family, by unselfishly being prepared to allow their children to be who they are called to be, continue to exemplify who God is - a God of unconditional love.

Harkening back to the questions above, my father lived his life as best he could. He worked tirelessly, he spent himself unselfishly in provision of the needs of his children, he never imposed his will on his children, he allowed his children to choose their way in life with simple guidance and direction, generously supported them in the choices they made and was there as a solid, quiet influence when times were rough.

Fatherhood is a gift - a gift shared by many men who walk this Earth. It is a gift freely given by a God who wishes fathers to exemplify His unconditional love for His creation. As good stewards, may the fathers and father figures in our parish community cherish that gift, nurture it and give its virtues away to their children who then will carry that gift into the generations that continue the co-creation with God of our extraordinary world.

## Happy and Joyous Fathers' Day

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:

**Mr David Batt**

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**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Mr Michael Walker**

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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

## THE VISION OF Stewardship

I love the original movie Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

- TRACY EARL WELLIVER  
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OUR DIOCESE IS TAKING A GROUP WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS



21-24 September

To register

<https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC23BNE>

Enter the coupon code **RockyDioHigh** or **RockyDioAdult** and then select the ticket type that starts with 'Diocese of Rockhampton'

Accommodation and transport from Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost

“Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way”

**MORE INFO**

Mick on 0433 897 973  
[youthrok.catholic.net.au](http://youthrok.catholic.net.au)

Alpha is coming to our parish soon!

**Alpha shares the basic Gospel message and contributes to parish renewal.**

**Alpha enables us to exercise our call to be missionary disciples.**

**Alpha equips parishes to reach out to those outside the church.**



Will you be a part of Alpha in the Catholic Context in our parish?

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 precis from Cath News 30<sup>th</sup> August

Senior Canberra-Goulburn priest Fr Tony Percy has criticised the ACT Government for the way it passed legislation decriminalising some drugs, raising alarm over whether the same “lack of due process” will be applied to its looming euthanasia laws. Source: *The Australian*.

Fr Percy – who has gone toe to toe with the ACT Government in recent months over its forced acquisition of the Calvary Hospital – said he was becoming increasingly concerned over the “total lack of transparency” in how major reforms progressed. “This just feeds into the Calvary incident where there is a lack of due process and governance, no question at all,” he said.

ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith earlier this month revealed the Government took the commitment to decriminalise drugs “quietly” to the 2020 election and purposefully chose to introduce the reforms through a private member’s bill rather than government legislation.

Fr Percy said he was personally uncomfortable about the move to decriminalise the possession of drugs under certain thresholds, including cocaine, heroin and ice.

Fr Percy said Ms Stephen-Smith’s comments on how the ACT Government was able to “quickly” legislate its policy demonstrated the Government was being “disingenuous and dishonest” with constituents. “The other issue that’s going to come up now is with voluntary assisted dying laws ... and the Government now is a law unto itself,” he said.

Please continue to contact our local member, [Keth.Pitt@aph.gov.au](mailto:Keth.Pitt@aph.gov.au) and seek assurances that such “conduct” 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.

**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.

**BUNDABERG CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Is celebrating 100 years of Ministry in Bundaberg. Everyone is invited to “Hymns We Sing,” 17 September 2.30pm, at 76 Twyford Street. They will sing some of the hymns and songs from the past 100 years. For more info, contact 07 4155 1619.

## OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Stan Distant, Rita Calligaris (Italy), Clarence Albrecht, Edgar dela Cruz (Philippines), 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, 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:** Alma Della, 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:** Jesus Alao[sic], 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 4 September 2023

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

### Tuesday 5 September 2023

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

### Wednesday 6 September 2023

8.00am Shalom College - Mass  
12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

### Thursday 7 September 2023

7.00am St Patrick’s - Mass

### Friday 8 September 2023

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance  
12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

### Saturday 9 September 2023

7.30am St Patrick’s –Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

### 10 September 2023 Year A(1)

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

## SCRIPTURES

### First Readings

Ezek 33:7-9

### Second Reading

Romans: 13:8-10

### Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

## Rosters Term 4

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

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.*

- Mt 16:24b-26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

## United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 5th September commencing at 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre. All are welcome!

### 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.

## 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.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rock.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)

#### B. Communion, participation, mission. First two Priority issues for the synodal Church.

Par. 44.1 Communion and mission are interwoven and mirror each other.

##### B1. A communion that radiates: How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?

Par. 47 It is through shared liturgical action, and in particular the eucharistic celebration, that the Church experiences radical unity.

Par. 50 In the name of the Gospel, which bonds need to be strengthened in order to overcome trenches and fences, and which shelters and protections need to be built, and to protect whom? Which divisions are unproductive? When does graduality make the path to complete communion possible?

##### B2. Co-responsibility in Mission: How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?

Par. 53 The first question regarding mission asks what the members of the Christian community are really willing to hold in common, starting from the irreducible uniqueness of each member.

Par. 54 A missionary synodal Church has a duty to ask itself how it can recognise and value the contribution that each Baptised person can offer

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir  
(c) LPI

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**  
Encourage Deeper Understanding  
of Scripture

