

## 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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9th/10th September 2023

# What is Alpha

by: Kaye Beston  
Deputy-Chair Parish Stewardship Council

Alpha is a tool built for local churches based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions and provides a common expression of proclamation, service and witness. Millions of people have experienced Alpha in over 100 countries and over 100 languages around the globe.

## What does an Alpha session look like?

*All sessions consist of three core elements...*

### A time to connect

All sessions start with this time as a means of relaxing, unwinding and building relationships. Eating food together creates this initial space for people to get to know other participants in an easy, non threatening, enjoyable atmosphere.

### A time to watch

Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. Each one is about 30 minutes in length, played as a video or given by a speaker live. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"

Alpha supports the parish in becoming an evangelising community. It supports a culture of invitation and hospitality. The Alpha small groups model hospitality, which can permeate the entire life of the parish.

The catalyst for introducing Alpha into our parish can be traced back to the Parish Summits held in 2020/2021 to be revisited in early 2024. During group goal setting and strategic action planning, core focus areas were identified...

### Reaching out in Love Welcoming and Vibrant Faith Community

### Faith Formation and Service Children and Youth Development

A key strategy under the umbrella of Reaching out in Love, was to introduce the Alpha program into our parish. The Parish Stewardship Council has documented this as a key strategy in their 2023 plan. The recently released Diocesan Pastoral Plan highlights 3 key Priority areas- Evangelisation and Mission, Co-responsibility and Mission and Celebration and Mission. Alpha sits firmly as an action response within these priorities.

A number of parishioners have undertaken training facilitated by Donna Brennan, Alpha Australia Catholic Engagement Lead. Alpha session one and subsequent sessions will be held in the Waterford Building at Shalom College every Thursday from October 5th. Alpha is completely free - and there's no follow-up if you don't want to come back after the first session

**Will you join Alpha in the Catholic context commencing in our Parish next month?**



*Everyone is welcome!*

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

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**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Beгада**

**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

## TALK AND OPEN FORUM:

# "Understanding Synodality and Synodality in the Local Faith Community"

by: **Fr. Neil Muir** B.Th., M.Th., MAICD.  
Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, Queensland

Saturday, 7th October 10.30am

Parish Office

Fr. Neil is coming to Bundaberg to work with the Parish Stewardship Council (PSC) and has offered to give a talk and hold an open forum on the origins of synodality and how synodality can strengthen our local faith community. This is a timely opportunity as Pope Francis brings together an international synod on the mission of the Church in October this year. Fr. Neil, as rector of our provincial seminary, a graduate of Heythrop College, University of London, and with his theological expertise in ecclesiology, is well placed to offer this time of faith formation. Given the earlier processes of the Summits and renewal of the PSC in recent years, I see this talk as an important part of building on what has gone before, so please come along and enjoy the morning...

- Fr. Don -

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



“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”

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'

**MORE INFO**

Mick on 0433 897 973  
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Accommodation and transport from Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost

“For many years now and in various parts of the world, Alpha has shown itself powerful in bringing faith alive in all kinds of people. Its focus is on Jesus, its method is simple, and its appeal is wide-ranging. It is also well adapted for use in Catholic communities looking to provide the kind of ignition we need if we are to become a more missionary Church.”

- Archbishop Mark Coleridge -  
Archdiocese of Brisbane



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

Source: Canberra Times. (as reported in Cath News Sept. 5 2023.)

Leaders of Calvary Health Care have criticised the ACT Government for the way it took over its former public hospital in the Canberra suburb of Bruce.

The ACT Government had “taken steps to avoid standard democratic processes”, it was alleged by leaders of the former Catholic hospital which was taken over by Canberra Health Services in July.

Speaking to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, they expressed a sense of betrayal by people they had imagined to be partners until the takeover decision came at them out of the blue.

The chief executive of Calvary Health Care ACT said that while his staff were “focusing on saving lives”, the ACT Government was secretly working on taking the hospital over.

“That’s deeply upsetting. That’s not what you expect from a partner,” Mr Hawkins said.

The Calvary organisation’s National Director of Strategy talked of the “clandestine manner” of the takeover. She said it “bordered on unconscionable conduct”.

ACT Health Minister denied that the Government had made the decision without democratic oversight.

Please continue to contact our local member. [Keith.Pitt@aph.gov.au](mailto:Keith.Pitt@aph.gov.au) to lend your support to the Archdiocese.

**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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP - CREATIVE RESPONSE COMPETITION:** A reminder that to mark Social Justice Sunday this year the Diocesan Social Justice group is offering a Creative Response Competition - an opportunity to create something, using any creative medium, in response to this year’s Statement: **Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**. The statement is available online at [www.justiceandpeace.org.au/home/news-and-events/news/](http://www.justiceandpeace.org.au/home/news-and-events/news/) and all information about the competition by clicking [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n9tGCdq-OTgRHVbyhAzf\\_HeVeddLDc4B/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n9tGCdq-OTgRHVbyhAzf_HeVeddLDc4B/view) or contacting the parish office. We’re excited to offer this opportunity to really engage with this year’s statement and look forward to lots of entries. Final submission date is 13<sup>th</sup> October.

## OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Lucia Cavanagh, Wendy Hayes, Michael McBride, 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), Brenton David Kirkpatrick, Levene Bailey, Madeliene Hodgetts, Mary Paterson, Bill Bugeja, Joe Galea (Gatton), Arlene Correos-Tibor, Roderick Bede Charters, Eric O’Rielly, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Joan Smith, Barney Tarling.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim Dunphy 10.09.18, Gliceria Mendoza 12.09.11, Guerino Giancarlo Didone 22.08.22, Edna Christensen, Alma Della, Attilio D’Addario, 30.8.2010, Gus Asnicar 1.9.2019, Josephine Cafolla, Zillah Geiger, Jovita Spirito 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 11 September 2023

9.00am St Patrick’s - Mass

### Tuesday 12 September 2023

8.30am St James Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick’s - Mass

### Wednesday 13 September 2023

#### St John Chrysostom

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

11.45am Penance - Holy Rosary

12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

### Thursday 14 September 2023

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7.00am St Patrick’s - Mass

### Friday 15 September 2023

#### Our Lady of Sorrows

11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

### Saturday 16 September 2023

7.30am St Patrick’s –Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

### 17 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

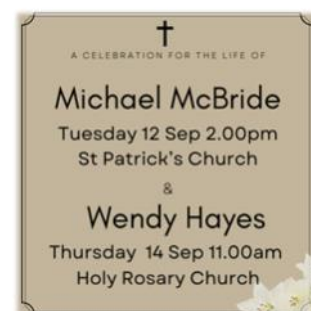
Sirach 27:30 –28:7

#### Second Reading

Romans: 17:7-9

#### Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35



### 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, before Fri 15 September please.

## United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 19th 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)

In the following articles, you will receive information from the worksheets produced for the Synod.

The worksheets are individual although there is some obvious overlap. As the *instrumentum laboris* states the worksheets are meant “to be done” not “to be read”.

For our purposes, we will not reproduce the worksheets in full (some 40 pages). We will add some context to each issue outlined and then follow this with a question for discernment.

Some issues are more localised than others.

As you look at the issue, it is for you to decide if this is an issue for our local/diocesan/national church. If affirmative, then the question which follows is one that you can take time to reflect upon if you wish.

#### B1. A Communion that radiates.

##### B1.1 How does service of charity and commitment to justice and care for our common home nourish communion in a synodal Church?

*Information from the Continental Assemblies.*

- In a synodal Church, the poor, in the primary sense of those living in conditions of material poverty and social exclusion, occupy a central place.
- Caring for our common home calls for shared action
- Migratory movements are a sign of our time. Their presence constitutes a particular call to the Catholic Faithful to walk together.
- A synodal Church can offer a prophetic witness to a fragmented and polarised world.
- Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation of the poor.

#### QUESTION FOR REFLECTION/DISCERNMENT.

**Walking together means not leaving anyone behind and remaining alongside those who struggle the most. How are we building a synodal Church capable of promoting the belonging**

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the underlined words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— FATHER JOHN MUIR  
(C) LPI

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