

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

Office Hours: 9.00-3.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

7th/8th October 2023

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

By: Kim O'Shae-Hard
Principal St Patrick's

Laudato Si

Recently, in pondering the seven goals of Laudato Si, a few Saint Patrick's events and experiences came to mind that respond to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home. St Patrick's Reef Guardians Team were excited to attend the Bundaberg Multiplex earlier this week for 'Science Together' a celebration of 20 years of Reef Guardian Schools in Bundaberg. Our students joined with other local schools, businesses, community members and environmental organisations to celebrate the community's response to the **Cry of Earth**. Students showcased their environmental projects and interests alongside an impressive line-up of speakers including world-renowned scientist and inventor Dr Jordan Nguyen. The event, hosted by Reef Guardian Schools, in conjunction with Bundaberg Regional Council and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), took place at the Multiplex and was an excellent example of **Community Involvement and Participation** in response to a call to stewardship.



Book Week

Late last term schools and communities celebrated Book Week. Rather than placing added pressure on families (**and sustainable lifestyles**) to 'dress up' Saint Patrick's

made the day about the age-old magic that is created through the sharing of stories. The power of a well-constructed story, based on a moral life lesson, was a gift born from Jesus and later many Christians through the recording and sharing of parables and ultimately scripture. Our 'reading on the deck' activity saw many grandparents, parents, teachers and peers share reading, whilst enjoying sunshine and fresh air under our old poinciana tree. Our Year 5 class, the same week, drew some life-giving lessons from some of Children's Literature's classics that promote the **Laudato Si** message, Dr. Seuss in the Lorax when he suggested **'unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not'** as well as A. Milne-Winnie-the Pooh **'You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes'**. Authors have an impressive way of taking life lessons and weaving them into narratives, sandwiched between colourful covers and creative literary devices. The literary examples above, can be easily paralleled with scripture, recontextualising the age-old message to be reflective of God's image in the way we care for beautiful creation and ultimately each other. The next generation that we witness at St. Patrick's ooze a natural enthusiasm for stewardship, and I am hopeful that our future is in good hands.



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 Presly Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

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

Celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023?

Bishop Michael would like to extend an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding this year to join him to celebrate your milestone.

St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Sunday, 3rd December during the 9.30am Mass

Please RSVP to the Bishops Office
by 27th November on
4887 3070 or email
bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au



Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au

PRAYER for the SYNOD

(This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.)

"This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023." (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP

Will meet this Sunday evening
after 5.30pm Mass at
Novakoski Centre.



DIOCESE OF BROOME

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various locations. There is a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

The Diocese of Broome Office : 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

PRIESTS' RETREAT

Sunday (Evening) October 8th- 12th

We pray for all our Diocesan priests when they gather for this important week of prayer and reflection.

We thank Fr Terry who has offered to help with the liturgies where possible.

The Passionist Family Groups

Ladies Dinner

Wednesday, 18th Oct 2023 6.00 pm

Rowers on the River
1 Toonburra Street

Tickets \$35 per person

Two Course Meal + tea or coffee

Tickets available from the Parish Office

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



We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL (October 14/15): APPEAL Envelopes are on the end of pews this weekend. Please take one and bring it back next week when the appeal is held.

This year Catholic Missions is supporting health and wellbeing of our East Timorese neighbours.

I can endorse the need for this support from my involvement in Timor Leste while the Christian Brothers walked with our Timorese sisters and brothers in the villages of Railaco Craic and Railaco Leten. Br Ted Magee

R.C.I.A HAPPENINGS: This weekend Steven Jenes, Ashlie Swan and Cheyenne Emery will celebrate a Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. This Rite is the first liturgical rite that formalises the inquirers' desire to become one with us and move forward to a more intense period of preparation. It is the beginning of their preparation for baptism. Please keep these candidates for the sacraments in your prayers.

ALPHA : We have begun, but it's not too late to come and find out what an Alpha session looks like. It may be just what you're looking for. Alpha will be held each Thursday, 5.30pm, in the Waterford Building, Shalom College from now until the end of November. For more information or to register, contact the parish office.

BUNDABERG MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION : invites all parishioners to a Combined Church's Service. At Bundaberg Christian College hall, on Sunday, October 15th from 6.00pm-7.00pm. There will be a BBQ available beforehand and during the service special mention will be made of the State School religious instruction volunteers. If you are a RI volunteer it is hoped you can attend to see the acknowledgement for the work you do.

THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: Is looking for donations of raffle prizes for the **Ladies Dinner**. All donations are appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office before 18th October. Thank you for your support.

NOVEMBER MASSES for the HOLY SOULS: November is dedicated to praying for those who have died. Our belief in eternal life and resurrection leads us to this special devotion. We are connected and always will be with those who have gone before us. We are One Body – the Mystical Body of Christ.

Mass request envelopes are at the door of each church and can be completed and returned to the office or through the normal collection at mass.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marcia Ilott (Rockhampton), George Zanaga, John Conheady, Sennie Masian (Sydney), Norman Dutton, Norma May, Lew Peterson NZ, Annie Louisa Mayo, Maria Lucia Cavanagh, Wendy Hayes, Michael McBride.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Lawrence Doyle 27.09.2018, Mary Doyle 13.10.2020, Frank Ewan 23.10.1971, Theresa Galea 28.09.1998, Clem Healey 19.09, Gena M Bennett 16.10.1980, Alisandrina Maglicco 22.10.2002, Frank Cafolla 29.10.2004, Bridget Baxter 20.10.1988, Margaret Kelly (Dwyer) 22.09.1993, Marion Wilson 20.09, Noreen Plath 09.2019, Margaret Kelly (Dwyer) 22.09.1993, Marion Wilson 20.09, Joseph Jendra 24.09.2007, Christopher Moss 13.09.2014, Hilda Timson 11.09.2019, Jim Dunphy 10.09.18, Glicerica Mendoza 12.09.11, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Joe De Florian, Stan Bryant, Joyce Galea, Ron Cook, Amber Cooper, Margaret Morris, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Mary Galea, Olivia, Holy Souls, Paul and Laurence Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 9 October 2023
St Denis and St John Leonardi

9.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

Tuesday 10 October 2023

9.00am St James - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 11 October 2023

St John XXIII

8.00am Shalom- LWC

11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 12 October 2023

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 13 October 2023

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- LWC

Saturday 14 October 2023

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

15 October 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 25:6 -10

Second Reading

Philippians: 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Parish is looking for photographs from any of the previous Relay for Life walks to promote the involvement of our Parish in this community event. This will highlight the theme and celebrate 20yrs the walk has been held in Bundaberg.

WE URGENTLY NEED PARISHIONERS TO JOIN OUR PARISH TEAM.

This year our numbers are down.

If you would like to walk to support Cancer Research which will help, **Fight Back** while also **Remembering** those loved ones lost and to **Celebrate** those lives that have been saved.

REGISTER at the Parish Office \$20.00 adult and \$10.00 child.

PUBLIC ROSARY
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
St Patrick's Church
October 14th
Commencing at 3.00pm
Everyone is Welcome

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on
Tuesday 17th October
commencing at 7.00pm in
Novakoski Centre.
All are welcome!

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/](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)

B2 Co-responsibility in Mission.

Worksheets

B2.3 How can the Church of our time better fulfil its mission through greater recognition and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women?

Information from the Continental Assemblies.

The Continental Assemblies were unanimous in calling for attention to the experience, status and role of women, notwithstanding the different perspectives within each continent.

The Continental Assemblies also call for a deeper reflection on the ecclesial relational failures, which are also structural failures affecting the lives of women in the Church.

The questions of women's participation and recognition, of mutually supportive relationships between men and women and the desire for a greater presence of women in positions of responsibility and governance emerged.

The Continental Assemblies highlight the plural experiences, points of view and perspectives and ask that this diversity be recognised in the Synodal Assembly.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION/DISCERNMENT

What concrete steps can the Church take to renew and reform its procedures, institutional arrangements and structures to enable greater recognition and participation of women, including in governance, decision-making processes and in taking of decisions, in a spirit of communion and with a view to mission.

B2.4 How can we properly value ordained Ministry in its relationship with baptismal Ministries in a missionary perspective?

Information from the Continental Assemblies.

The necessary relationship between the common Priesthood and the ministerial Priesthood is reaffirmed.

There is expressed a clear appreciation for the gift of the ministerial Priesthood and, at the same time, a deep desire for its renewal in a synodal perspective.

There is a request that the ordained Ministry, in the diversity of tasks, be for all a living witness to communion and service in the logic of evangelical gratuity.

The first phase of the Synod presents clericalism as a force that isolates, separates and thus weakens and dissipates the energies of a healthy and wholly ministerial Church.

Many regions report that trust in ordained Ministers, in those who perform ecclesial duties, in ecclesial institutions and the Church as a whole has been undermined by the consequences of the "scandal of abuse by members of the clergy or by people holding ecclesial office".

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION/DISCERNMENT

How can we promote in the Church both a culture and concrete forms of co-responsibility such that the relationship between baptismal Ministries and ordained Ministers is fruitful? If the Church is wholly ministerial, how can we understand the specific gifts of ordained Ministers within the one People of God from a missionary perspective?

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.