

## 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

14th/15th October 2023

by: *Br. Ted Magee*  
Executive Officer

## SYNODALITY in OUR PARISH

Last weekend, we were treated to an Open Forum on the Synodal Church. Fr Neil Muir, Rector of our Holy Spirit Seminary gave us a clear explanation of synodality explaining that it was not something new and had been part of our early Church dating back to the Apostles as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Apostles and others came together to pray, listen to each other, and discern the Spirit's inspiration over demands some were imposing on the pagan converts. It was Peter, as head of the Church, who wrote to the churches informing them that our Church was inclusive and made no demands upon people other than that they follow "the Way" and live lives in keeping with the teachings they had accepted. (Acts 15: 2 -35)

National, regional, and even provincial customs may differ but only one thing is necessary "to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself". (Matthew 22: 34-40)

As the Synod continues in Rome, there will no doubt be instances where "light bulb" moments will occur for all participants. These will not occur if synod members decide to reject the power of the Spirit by having closed minds and fixed ideas. "Walking together", "Synodos", "Concilium" are but words and phrases if they are not brought to life in the hearts, minds, and senses of the whole People of God.

Our thanks to Fr Neil whose explanation allowed us to more fully understand synodality. We pray for him and the seminarians whom he aptly described as "men swimming against the current of social opinion" by following the call to service as our future priests.

Fr Neil's visit highlights for many in our community where we have begun the synodal journey and where we have striven to listen to the cry of those who are in need in our community.

Last week saw the commencement of ALPHA. Approximately thirty-five people came together to share community, friendship, and their common search for God in their lives.

The program continues for the next eight weeks. You are welcome to join them on a Thursday evening commencing at 5.30pm with hospitality at Shalom College.

Previously in the Parish many were involved in the Summit and, in particular, its plenary sessions which lead to some reorganisation and re-evaluation.

In February next year, there will be an opportunity to "re-visit" the Summit and once again listen to each other as we strive to live out God's Mission in our community. More information will be forthcoming as planning commences.

Finally, let each one of us remember, as Pope Francis proposes to us, that our Church Servant Leadership Model is like an inverted pyramid. Dialogue with the world and all within it are the top section and from that comes the laity of our Church – the People of God. We are people of our world cognisant of the needs of the world in which we live. We are servants of that world not slaves. We are missionaries to that world not separated from it. And this is what we bring to the conversations in the Spirit which we have with our fellow travellers – our brothers and sisters in Christ, some of whom are called to serve as Deacons, Priests, Bishops, and one called to be Pope. The Servant Leadership Model is about leading and following, and the roles can be transported depending on the path's unmapped journey but with a definite destination in sight.

We are on the way, and we follow One who is "The Way, The Truth and The Light". (John 14: 6) The journey may take us where we least expect but it will only be efficacious if we keep our eye - **the Light** - on the destination – continual conversion of our world to **the Truth** of the Gospel - **the Way**.

Fr Neil generously agreed to have his input at the Open Forum videoed. Anyone who wishes to view the Open Forum may:

- Arrange to watch it at the Parish Office (ph. 4151 6666 for a booking)
- Pick up a USB from the office and watch it at home overnight. (ph. 4151 6666 to organise)

Thanks to Jeff who recorded and edited the video.

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**  
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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

### 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*

*Shalom College Chamber Strings  
Presents*

An  
Afternoon of  
Beautiful  
Music

Holy Rosary Church  
2pm Sunday October 22nd  
Entry by Donation

### YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP

Meet every Sunday evening  
In the Novakoski Centre  
after 5.30pm Mass.

## WALK WITH US!

 The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



### Relay For Life

**Saturday, 21 October - 12.00pm to 9.00pm**

Will see a dedicated group of parishioners take part in our 11th  
Relay for Life.

### FIGHT BACK. REMEMBER. CELEBRATE

Three key words echoed by the pounding feet of our walkers,  
strollers, runners who will add their support to this yearly event.  
Cancer is a non-partisan disease. It knows no boundaries of  
race, gender, or status. It affects everyone of us who may be  
survivors, grieving family and friends or sufferers.

This is an opportunity to **"fight back"**. This is a chance to  
**"celebrate"**. This is a time to **"remember"**.

Will YOU join our team for a few laps, an hour or more on  
Saturday.

Please nominate at the Parish Office (4151 6666)  
and together let us make a difference for others.



**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



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL (October 14/15):** APPEAL Envelopes are on the end of pews.

This year Catholic Missions is supporting health and wellbeing of our East Timorese neighbours. Please place donation envelopes in the ordinary collection this week or next week.

**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.

**BUNDEBERG MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION :** invites all parishioners to a Combined Churches Service at Bundaberg Christian College hall, on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VISITATION TEAM MEETING: Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at **10.30am** in the Parish Office.

**CEMETERY PRAYERS: Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9.30am

**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.

The requests will be distributed to missionary priests as a support for them and an assurance that our loved departed will be remembered.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE:

**Recently Baptised: 12th October** -Juval Maria Thomas,**15th October**-Halle Grace Weekes, Silvy Mae Weekes, Jack Mathew De-Papi, Juliette Laurel Barone and Summer Paige Baldemoro Inting.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Christine Launchbury, James Kiernan, Susan Larsen (Brisbane), Marcia Ilott (Rockhampton), George Zanaga, John Conheady, Sennie Masian (Sydney), Norman Dutton, Norma May, Lew Peterson NZ, Maria Lucia Cavanagh, Wendy Hayes, Michael McBride.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Margaret Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, Sam Camilleri 27.10, Wenzu Formosa 31.10, Carmen Grima 4.11.1971, Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, 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, Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.



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

# LITURGIES

**Monday 16 October 2023**

**St Hedwig and**

**St Margaret Mary Alacoque**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 17 October 2023**

**St Ignatius of Antioch**

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Wednesday 18 October 2023**

**St Luke**

8.00am Shalom- Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Thursday 19 October 2023**

**St Paul of the Cross**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 20 October 2023**

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30 am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 21 October 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**22 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 45:1, 4-6

**Second Reading**

Thessalonians: 1:1-5

**Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-21

**PLEASE SUPPORT  
the**

*Ladies Dinner*

**Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**6.00pm**

**Rowers on the River**

**Cost \$35.00**

**2 Course meal**

**&**

**Tea or Coffee**

**Tickets are available at  
the Parish Office**

**(Cash Only)**

## PRAYER GROUPS

**ROSARY GROUP:** The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

### 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](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  
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**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

#### B2.5 How can we renew and promote the Bishop's ministry from a missionary synodal perspective?

Information from the Continental Assemblies.

The College of Bishops participates in the synodal process when each Bishop initiates, guides and concludes the consultation of the People of God entrusted to him and when the assembled Bishops exercise the charism of discernment in various assemblies.

The synodal process asks Bishops to live a radical trust in the action of the Spirit in the life of their communities, without fear that the participation of everyone need be a threat to their ministry of community leadership.

The consultation of the People of God has highlighted how becoming a synodal Church also implies a broader involvement of all in discernment, which requires a rethinking of decision-making processes. Consequently, there is need for adequate governance structures which respond to the demand for greater transparency and accountability.

There is an equally strong awareness that all authority in the Church proceeds from Christ and is guided by the Holy Spirit. A diversity of charisms without authority, becomes anarchy, just as the rigour of authority without the richness of charisms, ministries and vocations becomes dictatorship. The Church is, at the same time, synodal and hierarchical.

To proceed with the renewal of the episcopal ministry within a more fully synodal Church requires cultural and structural changes, a lot of mutual trust and above all, trust in the Lord's guidance. Hence the hope for the widespread use of the dynamic of "Conversations in the Spirit"

The ministry of the Bishop also includes belonging to the College of Bishops and consequently exercising co-responsibility for the whole Church.

#### QUESTION FOR REFLECTION/DISERNMENT

**How do we understand the vocation and mission of the Bishop in a synodal missionary perspective? What renewal of the vision and exercise of episcopal ministry is needed for a synodal Church characterised by co-responsibility?**

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

##### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

Father John Muir

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