

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18th/19th November 2023

A Year in Review for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

By Monica White
Principal
St Joseph's Catholic School

The 2023 school year seems to have flown past at light speed. It is hard to believe that we only have two more weeks of school before heading into the Christmas break. 2023 has been a wonderful year for the St Joseph's school community. As a school, we have continued to focus on the values of Faith, Love and Courage as lived by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Living these core values every day, no matter if the day is routine or a special event, is encouraged for all of our school community – staff, students and their parents. Across Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Spiritual and Community endeavours there is much for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School to recognise and celebrate for 2023.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is very proud to be a long-standing Reef Guardian School (20 years) and our Green Team work diligently to maintain our Level 2 Catholic Earth Care accreditation. We are delighted with the Yarning Circle that is taking shape as part of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in consultation with members of the Taribelang Bunda community.

Our whole school Buddy program is a shining example of Mary MacKillop's ideal "Let us really love one another" (1890). Our Buddy classes: Kindy & Year 4, Prep & Year 5 and Year 1 and Year 6 build strong and supportive relationships with each other that carry on throughout their time at St Joseph's.

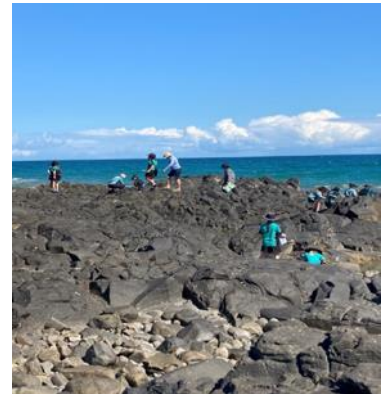
We have weekly 'Shout Out' awards to recognise the children and staff who have showed qualities of St Mary MacKillop to others during the week, especially caring for and helping others. We also celebrate moments of courage being shown.

As a school St Joseph's also participates in a variety of activities for Caritas and Catholic Mission, like Socktober just recently, to raise awareness and funds for those who are in need of support.



This year our small school has raised \$1,205 for CARITAS. Our Year 5 students were responsible for raising some of this money by running stalls of hand-made products. In a strong finish to our year we are participating in the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, with families encouraged to donate an unwrapped present. These gift donations will be presented to Michael Siccama following our End of Year Mass on the 1st of December.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2024!



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

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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

Parish News and Announcements

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY: This weekend we celebrate **Sanctity of Life**. Our faith reminds us that our lives are sacred from the moment of conception until we take our last breath. We are the **Image of God** who created us, redeemed us, and will raise us to everlasting life. Therefore, let us rejoice and let us celebrate, as Mary Jane Oliver wrote:

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

*Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?*

-From "The Summer Day".

Prayer for Life and Dignity

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
bless us with the courage to defend all life
from conception to natural death.

Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples
from east to west, from north to south,

so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbour.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

ANOINTING MASS: The final **Anointing Mass** for this year will be held at Holy Rosary at **10.00am on Thursday, November 23rd**. You are welcome to attend and join in morning tea following Mass. We thank the Year 6 students from St Joseph's and St Mary's who have faithfully attended these monthly Masses during 2023. Their presence and support have been a source of joy for all who attend.

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.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: During this month, there will be weekly prayers at the cemetery, each **Tuesday**. You are welcome to attend at **9.30am**.

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE: are available in all of our churches, for the names of deceased loved ones to be recorded and remembered. November is a special time to pray for the dead.

GET WELL WISHES FOR FR PETER: At each Mass this weekend there are sheets prepared for you to sign or add a brief message of prayerful support. We will continue sending these to Fr Peter through the Bishop's Office.

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP : will meet every Sunday evening, after 5.30pm Mass at the Novakoski Centre.



THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT: Do you desire to serve better serve God and His Church? Are you unsure where your life is heading? The Melchizedek Project is an online group for single men to journey together in learning about the Catholic faith, exploring the idea of priesthood, and discerning the vocation that God is calling you to. We meet through fortnightly online

video calls, so no matter where you are based you're welcome to join with other men from around the diocese in tackling big questions about faith and life. A new group is starting in January 2024 and if you're interested in being involved or want to find out more, get in touch with Mick Otto at vocations@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

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

WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN SURVEY : Our Parish Team strives to provide an informative, educative, and inspirational weekly bulletin in an attractive manner. It is time, in keeping with the process of synodality, to seek your input as to what is read, what is helpful and what might need to be added/changed.

Please complete the survey manually or online through the QR code so that we can continue to provide a worthwhile weekly bulletin for our Parish. **“A box to receive manually completed forms will be at the main door of each church next weekend.** Thank you.”

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FUNCTION: On **Wednesday, November 22nd**, from **5.00pm – 7.00pm** at the Parish Office you are invited by Fr Don to attend this function. It is the one opportunity in the year where we can acknowledge the wonderful contribution of all who minister in our Parish. Also, it is timely to express our gratitude to Anne Sheehan and Marcia Sharp along with Betty Potter and Lyn Williamson who will be retiring at year’s end. We trust you can attend.

CALLING ALL ALIVE MEN! YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL RETREAT: Saturday, November 25th at Shalom College. We offer our thanks to Fr John Daly who will again lead our retreat. It will begin at **7.00am** with a cooked breakfast, morning tea will also be served and finish at **11.30am**.

Cost will be **\$15.00pp**. Please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666 to provide numbers for catering purposes.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MASS PARTS: Selections for this mass will take place on **Thursday, 30th November, 3.30pm-4.00pm** in Novakoski Centre, behind Holy Rosary Church. Primary school aged children may wish to take part in the nativity gospel dramatization. Readers, singers and gift bearers are needed as well. See you there.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA’S GLOBAL GIFTS CARDS : Caritas Australia’s Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. **Order now to receive in time for Christmas at www.globalgifts.org.au**



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Recently Baptised: Bronte Myra-Lee Curd and Darcy William Hook.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dorothy Davis, Joan Tarling, Nanna Eccles, Jackie Carter (England), Baby Siobhan Jasmine Louise Kerr, daughter of Katarina Penningh-Kerr and Hayden Kerr (Bendigo), Eva Dorrian (Ireland), Fort Galea, Joyce Chalmers, Felice Feltr (Italy), Pamela Eichmann, Ron Sexton, Marlene de Mestre (Brisbane), Alannah Churchward, Christine Launchbury, James Kiernan.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Susan Boisen 10.11.2022, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Dulcie Schafer, Cesarina Della Vedova 26.11.2009, Renzo Crappa 6.11.2012, Bill Della Vedova 12.11.2015, Margaret Cagney 4.11.2007, Sheelagh Magee 23.10.1995, Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Lawrence Doyle 27.09.2018, Mary Doyle 13.10.2020, Frank Ewan 23.10.1971, Theresa Galea 28.09.1998, Marion Wilson 20.09, Christopher Moss 13.09.2014, Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.



MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Peters and Harte Families, Eileen Egan, Mary Doud, Charles Doud, Elsie Kingsbury, Kathleen Burton, Ted Burton, Colleen Raines, Maglicco Family, Cafolla Family, Crawford Family, Bennett Family, Borza Family, Aprila Family, Forte Family, Baxter Family Ramon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, 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 20 November 2023

9.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

Tuesday 21 November 2023

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30am St James’ -Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick’s - Mass

Wednesday 22 November 2023

St Cecilia

8.00am Shalom- Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

Thursday 23 November 2023

St Clement I & St Columban

7.00am St Patrick’s - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing

Friday 24 November 2023

St Andrew Dung-Lac

11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition

11.30 am Holy Rosary– Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

6.30 pm Holy Rosary

Malayalam

Saturday 25 November 2023

7.30am St Patrick’s –Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

26 November 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James’

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick’s

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading

Corinthians: 15:20– 26,28

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46



SUChaplaincy

SU Australia, a Christian youth & children’s agency, have vacancies for the role of **School Chaplain** at

.Wartburg State School

.Sharon State School

.Bundaberg North State School

Commencing 15 January, 2024.

For more information or to apply go to

www.startchaplaincy.com

Applications close: 22

November, 2023

PRAYER GROUPS

FRANCISCAN PRAYER GROUP MEETING: Celebrating the Commemoration of the death of St Francis of Assisi. **Sunday November 19th** St Patrick's Hall commencing **10.00am**, followed by lunch. To register your attendance, contact the Parish Office. All are welcome.

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

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/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk commitment statement and policy:** www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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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.



Summary Report of the First Session XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 4 - 29 October 2023

(Following are some excerpts from the **convergencies** section of each part of the **report**. They are given here as an indication of the flavour of the synod gatherings and conversations. There is much more in each section that could have been highlighted, which a full reading and reflection on the **report** can only give.)

Part 1. The Face of the Synodal Church.

1.1 Synodality: Experience and Understanding.

In summary, from the first days, the Assembly has been shaped by two convictions: the first is that the experience we have shared in recent years is authentically Christian and must be welcomed in all its richness and depth; the second is that the terms “synodal” and “synodality” require a more accurate clarification of their levels of meaning in the different cultures.

A substantial agreement emerged that, with the necessary clarifications, the synodal perspective represents the future of the Church.

1.2 Gathered and sent by the Trinity.

As the Second Vatican Council recalls, the Church is “a people gathered together by virtue of the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit” (LG 4). The Father, through the sending of the Son and the gift of the Spirit, involves us in a dynamism of communion and mission that makes us pass from the I to ourselves and places us at the service of the world. Synodality translates into spiritual attitudes and ecclesial processes the Trinitarian dynamic with which God comes to meet humanity. For this to happen, it is necessary that all the baptised undertake to exercise their vocation, their own charism, their own ministry in reciprocity. Only in this way can the Church truly be “talking” within it and with the world (cf. Ecclesiam suam 67), walking side by side with every human being in the style of Jesus.

.... Conversation in the Spirit is an instrument that, even with its limits, is fruitful to allow authentic listening and to discern what the Spirit says to the Churches. This practice aroused joy, wonder and gratitude and was lived as a path of renewal that transforms individuals, groups, the Church.

..... it is necessary that the Christian communities share fraternity with men and women of other religions, convictions, and cultures, avoiding on the one hand the risk of self-referentiality and self-preservation and on the other hand that of the loss of identity.

The logic of dialogue, of mutual learning and of walking together must characterize the Gospel proclamation and service to the poor, the care of the common home and theological research, becoming the pastoral style of the Church.

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest – time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

Fr John Muir (c)LPI

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of Scripture

