

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

Christ the King

25th/26th November 2023

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

By Nadene Pettett
Stewardship Council

“TO ASK CHRIST TO BE YOUR KING IS TO PUT YOUR TRUST IN HIS PROVIDENCE, TO COMMIT TO FITTING YOUR PLANS INTO HIS, SO THAT HIS WILL WILL BE DONE ON EARTH – IN US – AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.”

ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year.

The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

We must work every day, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus. In our own increasingly “post-Christian” society, we cannot be complacent in our spiritual lives. To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means that we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities and to bringing healing to a broken world.

Jesus established a kingdom that grows through humble acts of service. Jesus asks His Church to patiently continue to serve the poor, educate the young, welcome the migrant, visit the prisoner, heal the sick, bury the dead and love others.

Excerpts from: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/christ-reigns-the-feast-of-christ-the-king/>

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/christ-king-bulletin-insert>

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FUNCTION.

On Wednesday evening more than one hundred and fifty parishioners gathered to be thanked, praised, and exhorted by Fr Don for their ministry during the year.

It was an opportunity to farewell Betty Potter (fifteen years in chaplaincy) Marcia Sharp (Visitation Coordinator) and Anne Sheehan (Liturgy, Music, Sacraments, R.C.I.A. Coordinator)

Fr Don spoke of the service each person has given and expressed his own and the parish's gratitude.

Presentations were made which were highlighted by the presentation of the Papal *Bene Merenti* (Well deserving for service of the Church) Medal to Anne Sheehan. It was an emotional presentation which was unanimously applauded.

Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for their hospitality and to all who made the night memorable.



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

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Mr Michael Walker

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Shalom College Principal
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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

FINAL CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP FOR 2023 : Everyone is invited for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, November 28th** at the **Christ Church Anglican Church 10.00am**. All are welcome.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: During this month, there have been weekly prayers at the cemetery, each Tuesday. You are welcome to attend the final prayer at **9.30am** on **Tuesday, November 28th**.

2024 ROSTERS TERM 1 : are being organized now. Ministers, please contact the Parish office by **Friday December 8th** if you have changed contact details or are unavailable for your regular ministry.

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: Do you desire to 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.

WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN SURVEY : A box to receive manually completed files is at the main door of each church this weekend. Thank you.



PARTS SELECTION FOR
Children's Christmas Mass
Thursday, 30th November
3.30-4.00pm
Novakoski Centre

liteord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au 41516666

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.

Sacramental Preparation 2024
Children 8+ years

Registrations are being taken now.
Register online
<https://form.jotform.com/222899018048060>
or
Phone the parish office
4151 6666



Christmas Carols
St James Church
38 See Street, Bargara
Sunday, December 17th
4.30pm

Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas Music,
Christmas Hamper raffles,
Followed by a light supper.
Bring your family and friends and join in the spirit of Christmas



QR code to
Register for
Sacramental Preparation

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

PLEASE NOTE: Friday, December 1st, there is a change in Liturgies. St Joseph's will be celebrating their End-of-Year with a public Mass at **10.45am**

There will be NO Exposition, Reconciliation, Mass in Holy Rosary other than at 10.45am.

All parishioners are welcome to celebrate with the Students and staff at 10.45am.

SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND:

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing.

Let us come together in love, prayer and support.

Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:

'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' **Please join us:**

Monday 27th November

4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg After registering, you will

receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Caritas AUSTRALIA

The poster features a dark blue background with white text and a central image of several lit white candles.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: has sent a number of prayer cards "For Peace in the Holy Land". They are at the door of each Church.

You may wish to take one and pray in solidarity with the Prayer Vigil above.



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: Wish to thank all those who joined in the Christmas celebration last Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see so many people especially our priests join us for our final gathering of the year. Food, fun and laughs were plentiful. If you would like to join the CWL or know more please contact the Parish Office.

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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The advertisement shows several Christmas cards with various scenes and a QR code.



CONGRATULATIONS: to Wayne Cameron, newly received into full communion of the Catholic Church.



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), Heather Dean, Eva Dorrian (Ireland), Fort Galea, Joyce Chalmers, Felice Feltr (Italy), Ron Sexton.



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, Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Joe and Mary Ellul, Martin Ellul, Kevin and Daphne McGuane, Barry McGuane, 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, 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 27 November 2023

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 28 November 2023

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 29 November 2023

11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 30 November 2023

St Andrew

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 1 December 2023

10.45 am Holy Rosary - Mass

St Joseph's Primary School

End of year Mass.

All Parishioners are welcome.

Saturday 2 December 2023

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

3 December 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

12.00noon Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Second Reading

Corinthians: 1:3- 9

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37



YOU'RE INVITED TO ST JOSEPH'S

Christmas Concert

27 MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2023

Shalom PAP
6pm - 7:30pm

P&F BBQ 5.00PM

The poster features a festive design with Christmas bells, holly leaves, and a star.

PRAYER GROUPS

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Twice weekly sessions

Tuesday: 10.00am-10.30am

Friday: 11.30am—12.00nn

Sessions are held in the Chapel in the Parish Office.

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

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.



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.)

Part 1. The Face of the Synodal Church.

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.

1.3 Entering the community of faith: Christian initiation.

b) Initiation brings us into contact with a great variety of vocations and ecclesial ministries. All of these express the maternal face of a Church, a way of being that teaches its children to walk by walking with them. It listens to them and, as it responds to their doubts and questions, is enriched by the newness that each person brings through his or her history, language and culture. Through this pastoral action, the Christian community encounters synodality for the first time, often without being fully aware of it.

c) Before any distinction of charisms and ministries, "we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body" (1Cor. 12:13). Therefore, among all the baptised, there is a genuine equality of dignity and a common responsibility for mission, according to the vocation of each. By the anointing of the Spirit, who "teaches all things" (1Jn 2:27), all believers possess an instinct for the truth of the Gospel, the *sensus fidei*. This consists in a certain connaturality with divine realities and the aptitude to grasp what conforms to the truth of faith intuitively. Synodal processes enhance this gift, allowing the existence of that consensus of the faithful (*consensus fidelium*) to be confirmed. This process provides a sure criterion for determining whether a particular doctrine or practice belongs to the Apostolic faith.

e) The celebration of the Eucharist, especially on Sunday, is the first and fundamental form by which the Holy People of God gather and meet. When this is not possible, the community although desiring the Eucharist gathers to celebrate a Liturgy of the Word. In the Eucharist, we celebrate a mystery of grace which is given to us. By calling us to participate in his Body and Blood, the Lord forms us into one body, with one another and with Himself. Beginning with Paul's use of the term *koinonia* (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16-17), the Christian tradition has treasured the word "communion" to indicate at the same time full participation in the Eucharist, and, the nature of relationships among the faithful and among the Churches. While it opens us to the contemplation of the divine life, to the unfathomable depths of the Trinitarian mystery, this term also refers to the 'everydayness' of our relationships: in the simplest gestures by which we open ourselves to one another the breath of the Spirit genuinely breathes. This is why communion, which springs from the Eucharist and is celebrated in it, configures and directs the paths of synodality.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir