

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



27th/28th January 2024

Choosing to Follow

By: Pauline Leahy

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-Ordinator

In this weekend's Gospel we hear how Jesus' **words** have the power to profoundly affect, and that his teaching made a deep impression on people. Like now, it offered a new way of life to those who listened. This is my challenge – to be able to pause and listen, to stop in the hustle and bustle of life and listen to the power of Jesus' words. We are each continually called to follow Christ, to follow a new way of life.

Those of us who attended the Sunday night Mass last weekend had the privilege of being present as five people took a significant step in their faith journey. This *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens* took place after a lengthy period where, as RCIA 'enquirers', they have been gathering regularly to chat and ask questions about our Faith.



Through this Rite on Sunday, they expressed their wish to move from this period of enquiry and publicly announced their desire to move forward and become Baptised members of the Catholic Church. Those who were present at this Mass affirmed this desire, and so these enquirers now become 'catechumens' and will delve even more deeply into our Catholic Faith, and grow even closer to God.

The Gospel message is central to the RCIA journey that each take. The catechumens will continue to join us at Mass; listening to God's message through the scripture and homily. Each Wednesday we gather with them and share more deeply the Gospel message, and share our Faith. It is truly a privilege to journey with these catechumens as they open themselves up to God.

As a 'cradle Catholic', I grew up with an acceptance of my Faith, which I can only assume is a very different experience these catechumens have. My Faith was instilled in me as I grew up, whilst they have made a conscious decision to courageously step forward. I find this courage a true illustration of the amazing way God works in our lives.

Along with our catechumens, we are all on a life-long journey; we are continually challenged to follow Jesus as we make daily choices in our life, both big and small. Each of us is challenged to make good choices in our life and, by doing so, spread Jesus' message by our actions.

Next month the catechumens will be invited to take their next major step in their journey towards initiation this Easter. This *Rite of Election* is God's outward expression, through the Church, that each catechumen has been called. At the heart of our Christian life is the understanding that each of us is called by God. We heard, proclaimed in our Gospels over the past two weekends, the words of Christ calling his disciples to follow him. Not only does Christ choose us, he called us and knows us by name ("You did not choose me, but I chose you." John 15:16). What a wonderful thing to know. That we each have been chosen by God.

God knows our catechumens (Alice, Evelyn, Freddie, Ryan, Cassie and Steve) by name. May they draw strength from the Holy Spirit as they continue on their journey to follow Jesus' call. We ask each of you to pray for them as they grow in Christ.

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
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Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara



With praise and thanksgiving to God

Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD

Bishop of Rockhampton

invites the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton to the

Presbyteral Ordination of

Rev Peter Duncan Doherty

10.00am, Thursday 22nd February 2024

St Joseph's Cathedral

For those unable to join in person, the event can be watched on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

ORDINATION BUS: Shalom College has offered seats on their bus for parishioners who wish to go to the Ordination. Please contact the Parish Office by **February 16th** to **register** your interest. **(Please note this will be a day trip only).**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**" Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "**Quiet! Come out of him!**" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Parish News and Announcements

HELP REQUIRED: If you are able to spare a couple of hours every 4-6 weeks, St Patrick's Church is in need of some cleaners. All equipment is supplied. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - FOR ALL IN MINISTRY IN THE PARISH: We still have ministers in the parish to yet complete the yearly safeguard training. A new presentation is available to watch for those who are yet to fulfill their requirement. The new presentation can be viewed at the Parish Office and only takes 30 minutes. Please phone 4151 6666 to make a suitable time to view.

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

CELEBRATION OF MASS IN BUNDABERG AFTER THE ORDINATION: The newly ordained, Fr. Peter Doherty, will celebrate Mass in Bundaberg on the weekend of **March 2nd and 3rd**.

Saturday, March 2nd St Patrick's at 6.00pm

Sunday, March 3rd St Patrick's at 9.00am followed by morning tea.

Sunday, March 3rd Holy Rosary at 5.30pm

All are invited and welcome to join in any of the above.

MEETINGS – Leaders/Representatives of Ministries, Associations and Prayer Groups.

Leaders and Representatives have been invited to attend a meeting on **Monday, January 29th or Thursday, February 1st** in the Parish Office at **5.00pm**

The meetings are a support structure for all the above, a recognition of the different gifts and talents of our community, and a forum where we can together enthuse each other and our parish community in building the Body of Christ more strongly.

No one is excluded. You are welcome if you wish to attend.

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP meets every Sunday evening, **after 5.30pm** Mass at the Novakoski Centre

Don't miss out!
Register now for the
Sacramental
Program for 2024
Register now if you have
a child 8 years or older.
The Parent Information Night is this
Wednesday, 31 January.

Register now by going to
<https://form.jotform.com/22289901804800>,
or using this QR Code → 
or by phoning the Parish office on 4151 6666

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maurice Scott (Melbourne), Mary Dalton, Robert Woods (Brisbane), Rev Fr Edward (Don) Murray (Toowoomba), Joe Mullins (Gladstone), David Rosset (Tasmania), Gloria Mary Collins (Toowoomba), Stephanie Rivera Herbert, Doreen Gardiner, David Wright, Leonie Makiol, Mary Rough, Norah Gallagher, Martin Ghirxi.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Fr Pedro A Sombilon (Philippines) 22.01.2023, M'Angelo Theuma 16.01.2020, Jem Ireland 2/09, Bill Ireland 17/10, Darryl Lamberton 17/01, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Lionel Magee 31.01.1979, Aurelia Balobo 04.01.1991, Maria Giuseppina Ciocca 31.01.2005, Antoinette Bromwich 01.01.2023, Corrado Barazza 01.01.2019, Gino Barazza 13.01.1990, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Mary Dalton, Ron Cook, George and Zillah Geiger and Georgey, Joseph Formosa, Josephine Formosa, Zeppa Formosa and families, Liza Camilleri, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Mary Galea, Charles Galea and Forts Galea, Edward Krah, Romon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Leonie Makiol, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Fermo and Teodolinda Benvenuto, Renza and Elio Franz, Susan Boisen, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, M'Angelo Theuma, Mary Jane Theuma, Joyce Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 29 January 2024
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 30 January 2024
8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 31 January 2024
St John Bosco
11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 1 February 2024
The Conversion of St Paul
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 2 February 2024
The Presentation of the Lord
11.00 am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 3 February 2024
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 4 February 2024
7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
12.00pm Baffle Creek - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39


GOD'S WORD 2024

The Parish Office has ordered more copies of God's Word.

(Due in early February) If you missed out or know of someone wanting a copy please contact the office.

RIDDLE ME THIS

Who was the biggest sinner in the Old Testament?

Moses. He broke all Ten Commandments at the same time 

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.
New members welcomed

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.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

Ms Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985

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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.

RE-VISITING THE SUMMIT February 24th, 2024, 9.00am – 2.30pm



Since its commencement in 2021, the Stewardship Council has worked with the suggestions from the third Summit and produced a working document – a Strategic Plan.

From that Strategic Plan, the council has devolved a “Big Rocks” document which, as the name indicates, details the major thrusts of the Plan. This document is discussed at each meeting of Council and is amended as interim goals are achieved or as new initiatives within the directions become obvious.

A copy of this document is available for your perusal by accessing the Parish website. Be aware that the document is a “work in progress”, is subject to change as circumstances change, and is to be read in that light.

The Council developed a Charter for its operation. This is also available for your perusal on the Parish website, With the Charter, there has been some further discussion, but the link will provide you with the original version.

One of the suggestions from the third summit which was put into place in 2022 was the appointment of an Executive Officer. The role of the Executive Officer is available for your perusal by accessing the Parish website, again, as the role was something new, it has seen some changes but is, in essence, what was asked for at the Summit.

The three documents – The Big Rocks, the Charter, and the Executive Officer's Role – are provided for your critique and evaluation. Transparency and openness are integral in the Summit/Synodal process and both Council and the Executive Officer trust that you will read, reflect, and critique from your experience of the lived-out fulfilment of the documents. If you wish to have a hard copy of the documents, please contact the Parish Office

Prayer is not asking. **Prayer** is putting oneself in the hands of God, at God's disposition, and listening to God's voice in the depth of our hearts. St. Teresa of Kolkata

We are fortunate in our Parish to have the opportunity to pray communally at various times and in various places.

One traditional devotional prayer practice is the recitation of the **Rosary**.

The Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary, in fact, we meditate on the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, of glory and of light with Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God.

Pope St. John Paul II on October 16th, 2002, with the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* on the Most Holy Rosary added five new mysteries of the Rosary: The Mysteries of the Light.

The Rosary is recited in most of our Churches before Mass.

It is also recited communally at

St James' - 10.00am each Tuesday.

St Patrick's - 5.00pm each Tuesday

Holy Rosary – 5.30pm each Thursday

You are most welcome to attend the above.





MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liturgy Team Meeting 3.30pm Leaders/Reps Meeting Office 5.00pm 	<p>2 Presentation of the Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Patirck's School Mass 9.00am 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musicians/Singers Meeting 10.30am HR 	<p>4</p> <p>5th Sunday Ordinary Time</p>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWL Annual Mass St Pat's 9.00am 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWL Meeting St Pat's Hall 9.00am Baptism Prep 4.30pm 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitation Coordinating Support Group 10.30am St Joseph's School Mass 12.15pm RCIA Gathering 3.30pm PSC Meeting 5.30pm 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAP Working Group 3.30pm Music Team Meeting 3.30pm 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6th Sunday Ordinary Time</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laudato Si Task Force 3.30pm 	<p>14 Ash Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St James' Mass 7.00am Shalom Mass 8.00am HR Mass 12.15am St Pat's Mass 5.45pm Project Compassion commences RCIA Gathering 3.30pm Parent Sacramental Gathering-1 5.30pm 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RISS Annual Training Day Apostolic Church 9.00am Cemetery Prayers 9.30am 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1st Sunday Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rite of Election St Joseph's Cathedral 9.30am Bargara PFG Lunch
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR Mass 9.00am Visitation Team Meeting 10.30am RCIA Gathering 3.30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm Parent Sacramental Gathering-2 5.30pm 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St James' LWC 7.00am Ordination: Peter Doherty Rockhampton 10.00am 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOCC Meeting 10.15am Bereavement Team Meeting 11.15am Malayalam Mass HR 6.30pm 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUMMIT Re-visited Shalom 9.00-2.30pm 	<p>25</p> <p>2nd Sunday Lent</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCIA Gathering 3.30pm Parent Sacramental Gathering-3 5.30pm 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anointing Mass HR 10.00am St Mary's Catechists - Safeguarding Training 5.30pm Formation 6.30pm 			

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22ND FEBRUARY 2024 10.00AM
ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

RE-VISITING THE SUMMIT

All are invited

24 FEB 2024
9.00AM - 2.30PM

At Waterford Building
SHALOM COLLEGE

Please register your attendance by Monday 19 February at 07 4151 6666

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

St James' Mass 7.00am

Shalom Mass 8.00am

Holy Rosary Mass 12.15pm

St Pat's Mass 5.45pm

