

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

2nd Sunday of *Lent*

24th/25th February 2024

Ordination of

Fr Peter Duncan Doherty

We pray for Fr Peter Doherty, who was ordained at St Joseph's Cathedral on Thursday. A number of our parishioners were able to be present, and others gathered at the Parish Office here in Bundaberg to watch this joyous ceremony.

When someone from the seminary, shortly before his ordination, ask him to share his thoughts about his future as a priest in regional Queensland, he told them:

“ I guess none of us really knows what the future holds, but I do know that the seven years of formation... at the Holy Spirit Seminary have provided me with a foundation and ground work in which to launch myself into ministry, where my learning will continue with experienced mentors and, of course, learning still from people of God.”

Prayer

Most gracious God, we pray for Fr Peter. Grant him grace and strength, and continue to bless him with your love and abiding presence.

May you continue to sustain him in celebrating the Sacraments, in proclaiming the Gospel, and consecrating his life to God for the good of the people entrusted to his care.

Amen

Congratulations Fr Peter!



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
E.O/ Visitation, Property & Stewardship

Ms Pauline Leahy
Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

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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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

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.

THANK YOU: Shalom College for providing the bus to enable parishioners an opportunity to attend the Ordination of Fr Peter Doherty.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS : Are being held at the Rossolini Centre (upstairs parish office). The season of Lent is a good opportunity for faith discussion and this year the parish is recommending the resource prepared by the Archdiocese of Brisbane called *A Resurrected Life*. (The book is available from the Parish Office for \$5.00). There will be two Lenten Discussion groups held in the Parish Office.

Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm led by Joe McCorley, **Wednesdays at 10am** led by Fr. Don (when available) or Pauline Leahy (Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator).

Please contact the parish office if you would like to join a Lenten Discussion group or purchase a Lenten Booklet for those wishing to have private group or individual reflections at home.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: We are now well into the Sacramental Program. The next Session is on 28th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Office.

INVITATION TO ALL: St Mary's Sunday School Catechists have extended an invitation to all to join them for a formation experience conducted by Fr Don on **Thursday, February 29th** at **6.30pm** in the Parish Office. Fr Don will lead the group in formation around the topic: **Core Catholic Values – Sanctity of Life**. You are all most welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO: Will be shown in the Parish Office **Thursday, February 29th at 5.30pm** for those ministers who are yet to complete the yearly safeguard training. The training video will only take 30 minutes.

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP: meets every Sunday evening, **after 5.30pm Mass**.

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, February 27th** at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church **10.00am**. All are welcome.



All are invited to our first menALIVE Breakfast for 2024,

Saturday, 2nd March, 7.am- 8.30am.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 6.30am.

Our Special GUEST SPEAKER will be our newly ordained priest,
Fr Peter Doherty!

Any guests will be warmly welcomed. To assist with catering please contact the Parish office (4151 6666) by **Monday 26th February**.



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

CONGRATULATIONS: To Steven Jenes, Ryan Edgerton, Evelyn James, Frederick James, Alice Hartelman, Cassandra Lyne and Eloise Brandon who celebrated their *Rite of Election* last weekend. May we all pray for them as they journey towards their initiation at Easter this year.

Holy Rosary Church



St Joseph's Cathedral



CWL ST PATRICK'S DAY MORNING TEA: Everyone is invited to the CWL Annual St Patrick's Day Morning Tea, Friday **March 15th** at the **Brothers Sports Club** commencing at **9.00am**. **Entry \$10.00** will include a Devonshire tea and music, 4 x lucky door prizes and lucky spots. A cent sale and raffles will follow. **Please book at the Parish Office by Friday March 8th**. For further information please phone 4151 6666.

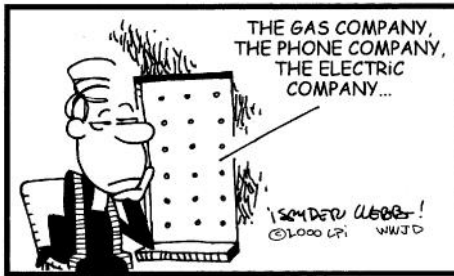


CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY: Please join with Elijah Richardson (Semi Finalist in the 2024 Young Achiever Awards) to Clean up Australia on **Sunday March 3rd** from **8.00am-10.00am, Burnett Heads Marina**. Gloves and bags will be provided.

LOCATION: 32 Marina Drive, Burnett Heads.

MEETING POINT: Lady Musgrave Car Park.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



FUNERAL: Betty Irene Murray.

Funeral Mass will be held in St James' Bargara.

Wednesday 28th February at 10.00am.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tom Harte, Louise Berfoldo-Levi (Gold Coast), Betty Murray (Mackay), Robert Vitche (Mackay), David Potter, Alison Dixon (Adelaide), Lino De Lucchi (Carseldine), Br Peter Clinch (Rome), Roy Smith, James "Denis" ST. Ledger.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013, Shane Hockings 23.11.2018, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Mary Horwood 09/02/2023, Sylvia Jendra 10.02.2000, Anne Andrewartha 17.02.2020, Tony Mooney 26.01.2023, Rev Fr Pedro A Sombilon (Philippines) 22.01.2023, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Lionel Magee 31.01.1979, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ron Cook, Jim, Margareta and Claire Fitzgerald, Norma May, Lisa Zorzan, Sylvia Maynard, Fr Pat Mooney, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Leonie Makiol, Susan Boisen, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Joyce Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 26 February 2024
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 27 February 2024
St Gregory of Narek
9.00am St James' - LWC
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 28 February 2024
8.00am Shalom- Mass
11.45am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 29 February 2024
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Anointing

Friday 1 March 2024
11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 2 March 2024
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 3 March 2024
7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's- Mass
12noon Baffle Creek-Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel

John 2:13-25

A Time for Silence – During Lent you will notice we don't have a *Song of Mission* at the end of our Masses. Instead, we recognise the importance of reverent silence as we leave the church; nourished in our mission to "welcome and share God's Love" with those we encounter during the coming week.

St Mary's Sunday School

When: Each Sunday after
9.00am Mass.

Where: St Patrick's Hall.

For children and youth 3yrs old
—16years.

Contact: Dr Presly Vaughese
(Principal)
Josmy Jithin (Vice Principal).

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **“Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



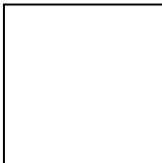
Project Compassion Sunday
24th & 25th February



After the birth of her children, 22 year old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia’s partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, by calling 1800 024 413 or using this QR code.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



**St James’
Holy Rosary
St Patrick’s**

**5.30pm
6.00pm (Malayalam)
5.30pm**