

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

3rd Sunday of *Lent*

2nd/3rd March 2024

Bundaberg Catholic Parish Summit 2024

Dr Preshy Varghese, Chair Parish Stewardship Council

Bundaberg Catholic Parish Summit was conducted at Shalom College on 24th February. It was facilitated by Stephen Dale. The summit was attended by 50 parishioners, and it was a follow-up to the previous three summits held over 2019-21. The idea of this meeting was to “revisit” what previous summits had outlined and then to hear how recommendations had been implemented. The parishioners who attended the summit used a process called “a spiritual conversation,” the same process used at the synod in Rome last year. Over three sessions, the participants spent time in prayer, used a Scripture text to reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit to discern what is the will of God to direct the future mission of the parish community.

In the first session, Joe McCorley gave a briefing on the history of previous summits conducted in 2019-21. He explained the outcome of the last summit – the formation of a Parish Stewardship Council with four elected members from the parish community and four nominated members of the Parish Priest. He also explained the role of the Executive Officer.

Then Dr Preshy Varghese, Kaye Beston, and Madonna Davitt, on behalf of the Parish Stewardship Council, gave a presentation on its strategic plan, in alignment with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The major components of the mission of the Parish – Evangelisation, Co-responsibility, and Celebration of Liturgy were highlighted. The presentation drew attention to how the Council has been facilitating the implementation of the strategic plan, with emphasis on its part in making the ALPHA course available in the parish, its work on the Diocesan Reconciliation Plan, developing closer links between parishes and Catholic schools and follow-up from Fr. Don’s talks on Laudato Si.

Next, Fr. Don outlined how he believes the Parish Stewardship Council has operated as a highly effective pastoral council rather than a governing body. He also outlined the success of starting a Young Adults’ Conversation group that meets every Sunday night after Mass, and the move towards having a Mass for Children at 9 am Mass each month, with a particular focus on reaching out to young families in the parish. These are initiatives from himself and various parishioners. Fr. Don also spoke about his commitment to a “synodal conversation” in the parish and his hope that the Parish Stewardship Council will follow a synodal method of decision-making with him in relation to pastoral matters. Such an approach is consistent with both Pope Francis and Bishop Michael in their requests for our parish to continue to be part of a synodal church.

Finally, Br Ted gave an overview of the role of the Executive Officer in coordinating different Parish activities and implementing the strategic plan with the Parish Priest and the parish team.

In the second and third sessions, the parishioners in the summit were then asked to reflect on these inputs with the help of the Holy Spirit. Discussions were conducted in small groups, and the following is a brief summary of their insights.

- The parish stewardship council has an important role in the pastoral life of the parish, especially listening to the parishioners and helping the Parish Priest in pastoral activities.
- Those present acknowledged that the Parish Priest is the leader of the parish. We thank Fr. Don for his leadership and ministry over the last year.
- There was an appreciation for the role of the Executive Officer as a key lay leadership role in the parish in coordinating various parish groups and carrying through on the discernment of the Parish Stewardship Council.
- There was wide agreement about the directions of reaching out to our young people and families and good liturgy for children.

The Parish Stewardship Council will reflect on all the recommendations and, with Fr. Don, will work through them and explore what steps need to be taken in light of the Summit.

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
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 Preshy Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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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



WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS: This weekend we welcome Fr Peter Doherty back to Bundaberg as we celebrate with him his recent Ordination. All parishioners join in congratulating Fr Peter, express our gratitude to his parents, Terry and Adonna (pictured at the Ordination), and their family, and assure Fr Peter and the Doherty family of our continued prayers.

Fr Peter is celebrating Mass at **St Patrick's at 6.00pm (Saturday)**, **St Patrick's at 9.00am** followed by Morning Tea (**Sunday**), and **Holy Rosary at 5.30pm (Sunday)**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHALOM YEAR 12 STUDENTS: who will be inducted as Seniors and Leaders of the College on Thursday. The ceremony is an important one in the life of the students and the College, and we pray for all the students that they will lead with and exemplify the Catholic Christian values of service, humility, and compassion.

RCIA-FIRST SCRUTINITY THIS WEEKEND: Lent is a significant time of reconciliation and renewal for us all, but especially for those preparing for their full initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter. Having recently celebrated the Rite of Election they are now known as the Elect, and these days of Lent become a time of final preparation. During the 5.30pm Mass this weekend (and the following two weekends) our community prays over the Elect asking God to help them strengthen all that is good and remove all that is harmful or sinful from their lives. It is a time of self-searching and repentance for the Elect. May the Holy Spirit continue to touch their lives.

As is always the case when the Scrutinies are celebrated, we use the Readings from Year A (only during our 5.30pm Mass where this Scrutiny is being celebrated). These Readings are used as they provide a context for the Scrutiny, and provide a special focus for the Elect to reflect upon during their time of preparation.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: We are now well into the Sacramental Program. The next Session is for both Parent and Child on **6th March at 5.30pm** in the Holy Rosary Church.

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*. (Some books are still available from the Parish Office for \$5.00). There are 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.

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

VISIT OF DIOCESAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, VANESSA RAMSWARUP:

Commencing on **Monday 11th March**, Vanessa will visit to acquaint herself of the Parish and its groups and ministries. She will meet with as many as possible during her time here. Her itinerary is not finalised, but contact will be made with Leaders and Representatives during this coming week to arrange conversations/visits etc.

ROSTERS FOR TERM 2: are being compiled. If you are unavailable, please contact the Parish Office or email wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au by **Friday 22nd March**.

If you are new to the Parish or are looking to join a Liturgical Ministry as (Mass Assistant, Reader, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Children's Liturgy or Alter Servers) please contact the Parish Office to receive training.

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

MAINTENANCE:

- An air-conditioning unit has been installed in the singers/musicians' area at St Patrick's.
- Parking lines at St Patrick's carpark will soon be repainted.
- An inventory of Altar Linen has been made in all our churches. Thanks to all our sacristans who have worked with Sue Davies to ensure we have good and sufficient stocks available.
- The entrance to St James' Church has taken shape and the garden bed will be replanted soon. Thanks to the parishioners who attend to the watering. More lawn will be laid shortly.
- The TV in St Patrick's Hall has been wall-mounted for ease of use for Childrens' Liturgy and St Mary's Sunday School.
- Christmas Crib Figures at St James are currently being repaired and suitable storage will be arranged on their return.

CWL MONTHLY MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday 5th March in St Patrick's Hall. Commencing with Morning tea at 9.30am and meeting to follow at 10.00am. Please remember to bring a grocery item. For further information phone the Parish Office.

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.



LENTE DEVOTION **MARCH 17th HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

ADORATION **10.30am**

BENEDICTION **11.30am**

FUNERAL NOTICE

Thomas Harte.

Funeral Mass will be held in Holy Rosary.
Wednesday 6th March at 9.00am.

Francine Chackal

Funeral Prayers will be held in Holy Rosary.
Wednesday 6th March at 2.00pm.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

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

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Formosa 05.03.2021, John Joseph Mooney 22.02.2009, 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: Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, Ron Cook, Jim, Margareta and Claire Fitzgerald, Norma May, Lisa Zorzan, Sylvia Maynard, Fr Pat Mooney, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Leonie Makiol, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris

LITURGIES

Monday 4 March 2024

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 5 March 2024

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 6 March 2024

8.00am Shalom- Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 7 March 2024

Saint Perpetua and

Saint Felicity

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 8 March 2024

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 9 March 2024

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 10 March 2024

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's- Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel

John 3:14-21

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.

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 5th March 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

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
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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “**have no other gods besides me.**” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Project Compassion Sunday
2nd & 3rd March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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'	5.30pm
Holy Rosary	6.00pm (Malayalam)
St Patrick's	5.30pm



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musicians/Singers Meeting 10.30am HR • Fr Peter Doherty Mass St Pat's 6.00pm 	3 3rd Sunday Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up Australia Day 8.00 - 10.00am Burnett Heads • Fr Peter Doherty Mass followed by morning Tea St Pat's 9.00am • Fr Peter Doherty Mass and Scrutiny - HR 5.30pm
4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWL Meeting St Pat's Hall 9.30am • Baptism Prep 4.30pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIA Gathering 3.30pm • PSC Meeting 5.30pm • Parent/Child Sacramental Gathering 5.30pm 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Induction Shalom College 10.00am • Liturgy Team Meeting 4.00pm 	8	9	10 4th Sunday Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacKillop PFG Picnic 11.00am • Ritual of Choosing and Scrutiny - HR 5.30pm
11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laudato Si Task Force Meeting 3.30pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten Mass Mater Hospital 10.00am • RCIA Gathering 3.30pm • First RECONCILIATION HR - 6.00pm 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Team Meeting 4.00pm • RAP Working Group 3.30pm 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWL St Pat's Day Morning Tea 10.00am 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Working Bee 6.30-9.00am 	17 5th Sunday Lent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration & Benediction HR 10.30-11.30am • Bargara PFG Barbecue 12.30pm • Scrutiny - HR 5.30pm
18 Feast of St Patrick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering Rockhampton 	19 Feast of St Joseph <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering Rockhampton 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering Rockhampton • Visitation Coordinating Support Group 10.30am • RCIA Gathering 3.30pm • Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering Rockhampton • HARMONY DAY • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Mass of Chrism 10.00am St Joseph's Cathedral 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bereavement Team Meeting 11.15am • Malayalam Mass HR 6.30pm 	23	24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
25	26	27	28 Thursday of the Lord's Supper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Term 1 concludes 	29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord	30 Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.C.I.A Preparatory Rites 	31 Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



EASTER Celebrations 2024

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday - 28 March 2024
6.30 pm Holy Rosary Church



Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday - 29 March 2024
3:00 pm Holy Rosary Church
3:00 pm St James' Church
3:00 pm St Patrick's Church



Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday - 30 March 2024
6.30pm Holy Rosary Church



Resurrection Sunday

Easter Sunday - 31 March 2024
7:00 am St James' Church
8:00 am Holy Rosary Church
9:00 am St Patrick's Church
5:30 pm Holy Rosary Church



Penance

HOLY WEEK 2024

Monday 25 March 2024

9.30 - 10.00am St Patrick's Church
5.30 - 6.30pm St James' Church

Tuesday 26 March 2024

8.30am St James' Church
5.00 - 5.20pm St Patrick's Church
6.00 - 6.30pm St Patrick's Church

Wednesday 27 March 2024

11.00 - 12.00 noon Holy Rosary Church

Saturday 30 March 2024

9.00 - 10.00am Holy Rosary Church

