

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

5th Sunday of *Lent*

16th/17th March 2024

Living Social Action and Justice

Aside from teaching the Australian Curriculum and our Diocesan Religion Curriculum, an important part of any Catholic School is the Religious Life of the School (RLoS). Religious Life of the School has four components – Religious Identity and Culture; Prayer and Worship; Evangelisation and Faith Formation; and Social Action and Justice. These four components complement the classroom teaching and learning of Religion. Each year, under the guidance of Bishop Michael, schools focus on one of these components. This year, as reflected in our annual Bishop's Inservice Day, the focus is on Social Action and Justice.

I believe that St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has a very strong and active living out of Social Action and Justice. Every year our school community participates in a large number of Social Action and Justice activities including: Mini Vinnies, Caritas Project Compassion, Catholic Mission Socktober, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, and regular class visits to Gracie Dixon and the Anointing Masses.

Recently St Joseph's held a very significant week for our school. We held our inaugural Awareness Week, hosting a number of activities to raise awareness of Rare Diseases and the children and families living with life-limiting conditions. Awareness Week and Rare Disease Day is significant for St Joseph's as one of our students, Sam, is living with the life-limiting condition of Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy (INAD).

Together with Sam's family, Awareness Week was planned around a Colour Fun Run fundraiser for Rare Disease Day. Wanting to support a cause that was close to Sam's family, Hummingbird House was chosen as the beneficiary of the funds raised. Hummingbird House is Queensland's only children's palliative care hospital. We raised \$1,294.00.

By Monica White

Principal St Joseph's Primary School.



The Rare Disease Colour Fun Run, Awareness activities and our other Social Action and Justice activities hold deeper meaning for our school community. They stem from our Catholic Identity, built on foundations of Catholic Social Teaching which offers a way of thinking, being and seeing the world. Staff at St Joseph's see it as important to create links for the children between these activities and Catholic Social Justice, teaching that all people are made in the image of God and so possess an equal and inalienable worth. Because of this essential dignity, each person has a right to all that is needed to allow him or her to live their full potential as intended by God and that those who are vulnerable are cared for. Caritas and Project Compassion are further avenues to build awareness of Catholic Social Justice during this Lent Season.



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 Presly Varghese

Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston

Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett

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Principal

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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



The people of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Michael McCarthy and the clergy of the Diocese in the celebration of the

Chrism Mass 2024

10.00am, Thursday 21st March 2024

St Joseph's Cathedral

Light refreshments will be provided after.

For those unable to join in person, the Mass can be watched online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

the IONA PASSION PLAY

Join us as we re-enact the events of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, 33 Hughes Road, Torquay.

Friday March 22nd 7.00pm and Saturday March 23rd 1.30pm and 7.00pm

General admission– Adults \$25.00 Seniors/Students \$20.00 Children (5-14yrs) \$7.00

Bookings: www.passionplay.org.au Enquiries: 07 4124 3334

Sponsored by: Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

LENTEN DEVOTION: Will be held in Holy Rosary Church on **Sunday 17th March**, commencing with **Adoration at 10.30am** and **Benediction at 11.30am**.



CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY: Volunteers are required to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. You will be assisted in learning the process if you have not been involved before.

Where: Novakoski Centre

When: Friday, March 22 from 9.00am for as long or as brief a time, you can offer.

You can let the office know if you are able to assist or simply be welcomed on your arrival.

THIRD SCRUTINY THIS WEEKEND : During the 5.30pm Mass this weekend our community again prays over Cassie Lyne, Evelyn James, Freddie James, Alice Hartelman, Ryan Edgerton and Steven Jenes during their Third Scrutiny. They are our RCIA Elect, who are journeying towards their initiation into the Catholic Church this Easter.

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 offer a special focus for the Elect to reflect upon during their time of preparation. We ask God to help them as they continue this special time of self-searching and repentance, with the Holy Spirit as their strength and guide.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: We are using the resource prepared by the Archdiocese of Brisbane called *A Resurrected Life*. (Lenten books are still available from the Parish Office for \$5.00). Lenten Discussion groups are held in the Parish Office.

Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm Wednesdays at 10am.

CWL– Younger Group: Will meet for Dinner on **Tuesday, March 19th, 6.30pm** at the Melbourne Hotel. Please join with us; you would be most welcome. For further information phone the Parish

HOLY WEEK PENANCE: Please note the penance times for Holy Week.

Holy Rosary: Wednesday 27th 11.00am-12noon and Saturday 30th 9.00am-10.00am.

St Patrick's: Monday 25th 9.30am-10.00am, Tuesday 26th 5.00pm-5.20pm and 6.00pm-6.30pm.

St James': Monday 25th 9.30-10.00 and Tuesday 26th 8.30am-9.00am.



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

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

PRIESTS' FORMATION WEEK. (18/19/20/21 MARCH)

Fr Don, Fr Sijo, and Fr Terry will be attending the priests' formation from Monday – Thursday this week. We pray for them and all our priests of the Diocese who will gather for the formation experience.

Please note that Liturgy of Word and Communion will replace Mass for most of these days.

On Monday, Fr Don will celebrate Mass at Holy Rosary at 8.00am before departing.

Fr John will celebrate Mass on Tuesday at St James' at 9.00am.

All other Masses will be replaced by Liturgy of Word and Communion on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The afterhours phone for emergencies will remain in operation. Our Hospital Chaplains and Faith Visitors will be on call if required.

OASIS-Teen's Retreat (Aged 12-17)

Conducted by Jesus Youth.

Organised by St Mary's Sunday School, Bundaberg Catholic Parish.

When: April 5th, 6th and 7th.

Where: Novakoski Centre, Holy Rosary Church.

Contact: Parish Office 4151 6666.

Cost: \$50.00 p/p

All Parish teens are welcome.

It is a time of music, fun, group plays and personal encounter with Jesus.



UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: A core group was formed in October 2016. The Parish Priest at that time, Fr John Daly, requested that a group be re-introduced.

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, the prayer meeting was opened to the public. It has met every first and third Tuesday at 7.00pm since.

A Logo was designed which depicts two intertwined hearts – The Sacred Heart of Jesus in red and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in blue. Their hearts are always united, and this was the inspiration for the logo.

As a group, members are totally led by the Spirit, discerning God's will with united hearts.

The Group together develop their spirituality, allowing the release of the seven gifts of the Spirit received at Baptism, enhanced at Confirmation, and nurtured and developed by prayer and contemplation. 2 Timothy 1:6 and Acts 1:8.

Each year the Group hosts a six week "Life in the Spirit" program to which members welcome any parishioner who wishes to attend. The program is held on a Sunday evening following the 5.30pm Mass. It concludes on Pentecost evening. This year the program commences on Sunday, April 14 and concludes on Sunday, May 19.

For further information, contact **Arlyn Klintstrom** through the parish Office 07 4151 6666.

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

FUNERAL NOTICES

VAL WIMBUS

27th March

Holy Rosary Church

2.00pm



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Val Wimbis, Harry Dingle (Sydney), Jan Webb, Ben Bennett (Adelaide), Marcello De Paoli, Urbana Barkovic, Audrey Hadley, James William Henricks, Bevin Bailey, Rose Booth (Freestone), Thomas Harte, Francine Chackal, Louise Bertoldo-Levi (Gold Coast), Betty Murray (Mackay).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Rizzo 23.03.2023, Graham Haines 21.03.2008, Mary Jane Theuma 07.03.2013, Mario Baggetto 06.03.2014, Kathleen Burton 09.03.2008, Ted Burton 23.04.2019, Mario Coco 03.12.2023, Maria Coco 21.02.2018, Anastasia Coco 13.09.2018, Lucia Wildenberg 4.03.1994, Leone Munckton 29.03.2023, Paul Formosa 05.03.2021, John Joseph Mooney 22.02.2009, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Roy Smith, Norma May, Virginio Zorzan, Lisa Zorzan, Thomas Harte, Patrick and Minnie Kerley, Sean Chard, Tony Mooney, The Cook and Halpin Families, Joyce Galea, Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 18 March 2024

St Patrick

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

Tuesday 19 March 2024

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 20 March 2024

8.00am Shalom - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

Thursday 21 March 2024

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 22 March 2024

11.00 am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

(Malayalam)

Saturday 23 March 2024

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 24 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

Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

Mark 15:1-39

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, Minister of the Word, Minister of Communion, Gift Bearer, Children's Liturgy or Altar Servers) please contact the Parish Office to receive training.

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 19th 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.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

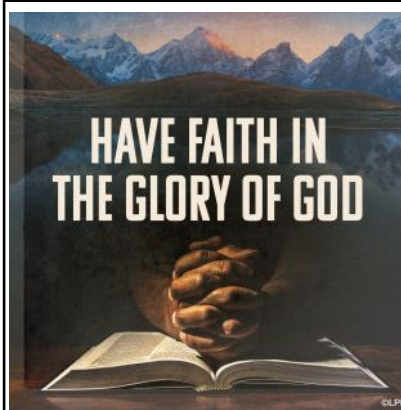
Some security has been put in place.

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



A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, **"Father, glorify your name!"** John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Project Compassion Sunday
16th & 17th March



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes everyday to create a better future for their communities.

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.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER: Thursday 28 th	Holy Rosary Church	6.30pm.
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION: Friday 29 th	All Churches	3.00pm
EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 30 th	Holy Rosary Church	6.30pm
RESURRECTION SUNDAY: March 31 st	St James' Church	7.00am
	Holy Rosary Church	8.00am
	St Patrick's Church	9.00am
	Holy Rosary Church	5.30pm