



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

29th/30th October 2022

"IF WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM"

Romans 6 : 8

Earlier this month, the small gathering of our Funeral Ministers met with Sr Ursula O'Rourke who presented us with wonderful insights regarding funerals.

One learning we gleaned from her was: that the funeral is really for the living (the relatives and the friends) who grieve – the funeral liturgy is a communal celebration of the deceased's life.

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's Death and Resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

The celebration of the Christian funeral at a Mass or Funeral Prayers brings hope and consolation to the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis.

Funerals are not private liturgies – all liturgies are public expressions of faith – the community is responsible for caring for its members, therefore, a Weekday Mass as a Funeral Mass is an acceptable practice – the funeral ends at the Committal. "If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member" (1 Corinthians 12:26). For this reason, those who are baptised into Christ and nourished at the same table of the Lord are responsible for one another. The Church calls each member of Christ's Body – priest, deacon, lay-person – to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, to comfort those who mourn.

The community's principal involvement in the ministry of consolation is expressed in its active participation in the celebration of the funeral rites, particularly the vigil for the deceased, the funeral liturgy, and the rite of committal. For this reason these rites should be scheduled at times that permit as many of the community as possible to be present.

*Our Funeral Ministers and our Bereavement Group invite all of our community and particularly those relatives and friends who have lost a loved one in the last six months to attend our **Memorial Service** to take place on **Wednesday, November 9th at 7 pm in Holy Rosary Church**. Here we will remember the dear members we have lost, but we will also pray for ourselves, our relatives and our friends. A light supper will be served after the liturgy in Novakoski Hall. We look forward to meeting you there.*

You are also welcome to the All Souls Day Mass and the weekly prayers at the Catholic Cemetery during November.



Jan Aplin
Bereavement
Co-ordinator

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti 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

Miss Elizabeth Kelly

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin

Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte

Property Officer

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

Mrs Maryanne Taylor

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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


GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE: The current edition can be found at the main doors of our churches or at The Parish Office. Keep up to date with all that is good happening in our Parish.

AVAILABLE NOW: for sale at the Parish Office. **GOD'S WORD** \$20.00, **COLUMBAN CALENDARS** \$12.00. **Limited copies available.**

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2023: A Parent Information and Registration session will be held on **Thursday, November 10th, 5.30-6.30pm, in Holy Rosary church** for any parent or guardian wishing to prepare their child/ren for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and/or Eucharist next year. Children who are baptised Catholic and are 8 years old or older may prepare for these sacraments. Registration forms are available from the parish office prior to this session. Further information contact Anne Sheehan, 4151 6666, during office hours.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION APPEAL 2022: Next weekend November 5th/6th we will have a 2nd collection for the Conservation and Preservation of St Joseph's Cathedral Rockhampton. Envelopes will be available in the churches this weekend to allow Parishioners to take them home and return next weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all in the Diocese.


WORLD YOUTH DAY DATE-CLAIMER: Bishop Michael is leading a diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in 2023. The group will leave Australia on July 28th travelling to Avila, Segovia and Salamanca in Spain, then on to Lisbon for World Youth Day followed by a 3 day retreat at Fatima, and then arriving back in Australia on the 11th of August. All pilgrims travelling with the diocesan group must be over 18 and preferably not older than 35. This is an amazing experience of the global Church that every young Catholic should try to get to at least once in their life. Registrations will officially open in November. To express interest and receive more information please contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

**St Vincent de Paul**

DID YOU KNOW?

St Vincent de Paul Members enjoy helping where they see a need. The lonely, the desperate, the homeless.

Want to help?



ihm4670@svdpqld.org.au

TWILIGHT RETREAT

St James' Church 38 See St, Bargara

Friday November 11th

5.00pm - 9.00pm

As the end of the year approaches we all need to take time out for ourselves. The theme of the Retreat is Ministry to Others. Earlier this year Br Damien led our staff retreat and has recently led the Priests' gathering in Rockhampton. Br Damien's unique style received high commendation and this retreat is an opportunity NOT to be missed.

For catering purposes, please place your name on the Attendance Sheet at the doors of each church.

WE INVITE ALL ADULT PARISHIONS TO JOIN WITH US.



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

LITURGIES

Monday 31 October 2022

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 1 November 2022

All Saints Day

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 2 November 2022

All Souls Day

6.00am Catholic Cemetery

Mass

8.00am Shalom - LWC

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 3 November 2022

St Martin de Porres

6.30am St Patrick's- LWC

Friday 4 November 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 5 November 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

6 November 2022
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

12 noon—Baffle Creek

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

Second Reading

2 Thess: 2:16-3:5

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

Tuesday at the Parish Office Chapel at 10.00 – 10.30 am, and on Friday from 11.30 – 12.00 pm. All are welcome.

BLANKET BUDDIES:

Meet weekly on Wednesday at Novakoski

Centre. **9:00am to 12:00**

CENSUS 2022. REACHING OUT so that we can OUTREACH to ALL.

REMINDER TO ALL– Please complete the Census either online or by filling in a Census Form by the end of October 31. You may wish to prompt others to complete the Census either by word or by giving them a CENSUS FORM OR LEAFLET.

Visit the website www.bundabergcatholic.net.au

OR Scan the QR code

May our connection with all Catholics in Bundaberg become a reality!



NOVEMBER : Month of the Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY, November 2nd, we will celebrate Eucharist at the Catholic Cemetery at 6.00am. The Friends of the Catholic Cemetery will serve a “cuppa” following our Liturgy.

During November there will be a **PRAYER RITUAL** held at the cemetery from 9.30am – 10.00am followed by a “cuppa” on the following days

FRIDAY, November 4th

THURSDAY, November 10th

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

FRIDAY, November 25th

WEDNESDAY, November 30th

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Wear some head cover and bring a chair if you wish.

The Friends of The Catholic Cemetery will lead the Prayer Ritual

THE BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE: are in all Churches this weekend for you to record the name/s of your loved one/s who have died. These and all the departed will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

WORKING BEE: We will try again for a working bee at the Catholic Cemetery on Saturday, November 5th from 7.30am-10.00am.

We will be cleaning the surrounds of graves in the older sections of the cemetery.

WHO AND WHAT IS NEEDED?

Anyone who can use a spade or hoe or gardening hand tools or can wheelbarrow grass or can sweep or rake is most welcome. Edging around the concrete aprons of graves by whipper-snipping is on the agenda.

If you could bring your own tools that would be great and if you have a utility/truck/trailer for cartage of debris that would be excellent.

Our Sexton, Des Allen, our Property Officer Norm Whyte and the Shalom Maintenance Manager, Anthony Aplin will oversee the work.

CWL NOVEMBER MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday November 8th at St Mary's Community Centre 12.noon. Bring your lunch. All are welcome. Details contact Maureen 4152 1263.

DONATIONS FOR WOORABINDA MISSION: Shalom College is having a fundraiser in support of Woorabinda Mission. If you have any tablecloths, sheets, towels, football boots or dressups in good condition, please consider donating them to this worthy cause. If you don't have a surplus of any of these items, please consider a monetary donation so we are able to purchase whatever is needed. Donations may be left at either the Parish office or at Shalom College before Wednesday 16 November.

Thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Wednesday November 9th, 7.00pm in Holy Rosary Church. This service is to celebrate the lives of loved ones recently passed and will be followed by a cuppa in Novakoski Centre.

Invitations to the Memorial Service will be posted out this week.

Please call the Parish Office with your acceptance on 4151 6666.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



Recently Deceased:

Edward “Ted” Carey, Maureen Lines, Vincent “Bill” Smith, John Moller, Sybilla Rohen, Dolor Yore, Lawrence Galea, Josie Byrne, George Galea (Malta).

PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.00pm in the Novakoski Centre.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, 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 Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

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

OTHER CONTACTS

Mrs Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455
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

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.

Live the Liturgy



Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation. ©LPi



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