

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

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

23rd/24th March 2024



HOLY LAND COLLECTION 2024 – GOOD FRIDAY.

There would not be a person in our community who was unaware of the continuing conflict in the Holy Land. The birthplace of Jesus and the many roads he walked are under siege and destruction. Christians along with their fellow countrymen and women are suffering not just the loss of homes but their very lives and livelihood.

It seems unbelievable for us, so far removed from the carnage, that the country where Jesus preached peace, justice, love for one's neighbour is engaged in a civil war fuelled by long-standing animosity and violence.

Fr Bernie Thomas OFM from the Commissary for the Holy Land (Australia) writes:

Two years ago, it was the Pandemic that was causing havoc for the people in the Holy Land (as it was in the rest of the world) but now there is a new and more dangerous threat through the ongoing conflict which may last for quite some time. Just when pilgrims were starting to return, the Sacred Places of our Christian Faith are once again closed to pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and the local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (which also give work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and more.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous, and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)].

Our Rockhampton Diocese contributed \$16,070.15 last year. Our Parish provided \$4,160.30 of that amount.

During the Good Friday ceremony, this Collection will take place. Envelopes are at the end of each pew in our churches. Please take one home with you and either fill in the direct debit details or place your donation inside. Return the envelope at the collection on Good Friday or when possible.

An excerpt from the poem "The Crossing" by Anne Powell, a Cenacle Sister, and poet follows,

*Jerusalem, place of bread,
there is none in Gaza
for old people
parents
children
and again a baby born on the West Bank
cries out to us.*

May we today heed the cry of the baby born in Bethlehem some two thousand years ago and the babies born today in that West Bank city. And, in hearing be generous!

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

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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

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: There is one more Lenten Prayer group before the Resurrection. Our thanks to the Leaders and to all who attended.

We trust it was a significant and helpful experience.

Tuesday, March 26th, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday, March 27th, 10.00am – 11.00am.

HARMONY WEEK: Last week we were invited to celebrate with Shalom College in recognising Harmony Week – a week which recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. The ideals of the week echo the values which we aspire to as the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, so clearly defined in "Our Vision".

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: wish to thank all those people who supported the St Patrick's Day Morning Tea either by donating prizes, time or attending the function which was a success. The money raised is used to support local or Australian charities.

Maureen Ewing (President).

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, March 26th** at the Christ Chur Anglican Church **10.00am**. All are welcome.

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP: Gather every Monday night in St Patrick's Hall from **6.30pm-9.00pm**.

This is an anonymous and confidential support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. For more information contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666.



United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

presents

The Wild Goose Series:

Discovering a deeper relationship with Holy Spirit

featuring

Fr Dave Pivonka's video series

Commencing Sunday 14 April 6.40-8.10pm

at the Novakoski Centre

each Sunday for six weeks

Light refreshments will precede the presentation

for more information, please contact:

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All are
welcome

For more information please contact the Parish Office at 4151 6666

Nominations can be written on the forms provided at the Church doors.

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

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 5.30pm-6.30pm.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER: Thursday 28th Holy Rosary Church 6.30pm.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION: Friday 29th All Churches 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 30th Holy Rosary Church 6.30pm

RESURRECTION SUNDAY: March 31st St James' Church 7.00am

Holy Rosary Church 8.00am

St Patrick's Church 9.00am

Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm



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.

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE AND TIMES.

Friday- Registration starts from 8.30am. Retreat starts from 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Saturday- Retreat from 9.00am-5.00pm, followed by

Eucharistic Adoration 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Sunday- Start from 9.00am - 1.00pm finish.

Lunch will be provided for all retreat participants.

REMINDER: Divine Mercy Novena commencing Good Friday 29th April.

FUNERAL NOTICES

VAL WIMBUS

27th March

Holy Rosary Church

2.00pm



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mark Anthony Bambico (Philippines), Leslie Emery, Maria Lane, 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.

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: David Potter, 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 25 March 2024

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
9.30am St Patrick's - Penance
5.30pm St James' - Penance

Tuesday 26 March 2024

9.00am St James' - LWC
5.00pm St Patrick's - Penance
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm St Patrick's - Penance

Wednesday 27 March 2024

8.00am Shalom - Mass
11.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 28 March 2024

The Lords Supper

6.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Friday 29 March 2024

The Passion of the Lord

3.00pm Holy Rosary
3.00pm St Patrick's
3.00pm St James'

Saturday 30 March 2024

Holy Saturday

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Sunday 31 March 2024

The Resurrection of the Lord

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel

John 20:1-9



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) and 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

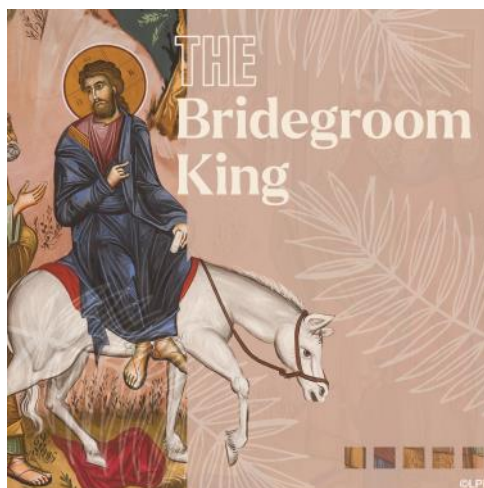
Some security has been put in place.

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



A few months before they married, my
twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé
planned a cross-country road trip to visit his
family. My parents told them that they could
only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms,
offering to foot the bill. It might sound
prudish, but my parents wanted the young
couple to understand that their approaching
unity was close, but not yet. Patience
solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with
Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but
the Gospels tell us that, after entering
Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and**

since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night.
Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new
Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by
fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His
people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to
sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem
as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in
Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind
all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently
prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss
the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful
God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Project Compassion Sunday
23rd & 24th March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your
Incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the
globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and
find employment.

With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to
a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face
their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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.

