

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

4th Sunday of *Easter*

20th/21st April 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Fr Don White
Parish Priest

I recently visited Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane where our students for the priesthood in Queensland undertake their studies and time of formation. Going just up the road, in the late afternoon, Fr. Neil (the rector) and I went for a walk around the grounds of what is now the Australian Catholic University, which was the seminary that Neil and I attended. The “old” seminary is built from yellow bricks in a Romanesque style with long folding arches to form the old cloister which, when the afternoon sun shines forth, takes on a peaceful presence. I spent some time reflecting in the chapel which stands at the centre of the campus and thought about the number of seminarians and seminary staff over the years who came (and still come) to that chapel to pray and to nurture their faith and their vocation. Above the altar there is a beautiful stained-glass window that depicts Christ the Good Shepherd, intentionally placed there to inspire those who come into the chapel to think of their vocation as a calling from Christ. It is an image taken from the Gospel reading for Mass this Sunday.

And so, this weekend, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for the students and staff of the seminary and take up our annual collection to support the work of the seminary, remembering its importance for the church in Queensland. This Sunday is also *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* and, in encouraging us to pray for vocations to the priesthood in his annual Good Shepherd Sunday message, Pope Francis also highlighted how sharing our gifts in the service of God can pour much peace and contentment into our lives. He said, “*Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves.*”¹ The Holy Father noted that all Christians are called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or as a single person.² Gratitude, he said, should characterise World Vocations Day celebrations, as we recall the countless Christians who serve God in all walks of life. He especially invited young people to make room for God, so that they might find happiness in His call, which always respects our freedom.

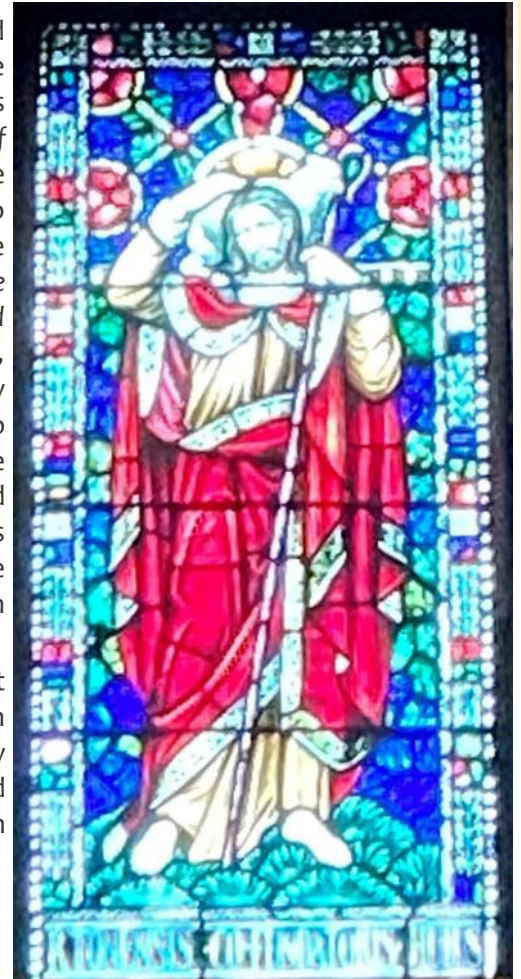
“Let Jesus draw you to Himself,” said the Pope. “Bring Him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let Him challenge you by His presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis.”³ The Pope also urged everyone to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, so that the Lord may “send out labourers into His harvest.”⁴ Let’s join our prayers with the Church everywhere this Sunday for this important intention.

¹ *Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace*, Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. [21 April 2024]

² *Ibid*

³ *Ibid*

⁴ *Ibid*



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

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Mr Michael Walker

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Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard
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Principal
Mr Dan McMahon
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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

ANZAC DAY MASS:

We will celebrate ANZAC Day with Mass at **6.00am** at **St Patrick's** on **Thursday, April 25th**. All are welcome to join our active and returned service women and men as we pray for peace in our world and express our gratitude for the efforts of so many who have sacrificed themselves even to the point of giving their lives that we in this country can enjoy peace.



Lest we Forget.



Mass will be followed with Light refreshments in St Patrick's Hall.
Tea and coffee will be provided and we ask those coming to bring a small plate to share.

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, April 23rd** at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church **10.00am**. All are welcome.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FRIDAY, APRIL 26th

10.15am – Friends of the Catholic Cemetery

11.15am – Bereavement Team

New members are welcome.

MASS FOR CHILDREN: The first monthly Mass will be celebrated at **St Patrick's Church** on **Sunday, April 28th** at **9.00am**.

There will be special innovations during the Mass to engage the children in the liturgy. All are welcome to lend their support of this initiative and to encourage our children to develop their love for and their participation in the Mass.

SR MARY'S FAREWELL: On **Sunday, April 28th**, following the Mass for Children at St Patrick's, there will be a special Morning Tea and expression of gratitude to Sr Mary for her dedicated and committed service to the Bundaberg community over many years.

All are invited to join in this simple farewell and to wish Sr Mary good health and best wishes as she prepares to move to Rockhampton.

Please bring a plate to share for the Morning Tea.



CATHOLIC PARISH CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISING MEETING– Previously Relay for Life:

A meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday April 29th** at **4.00pm** for any parishioners wishing to help with the Parish's Only Fundraiser for 2024. This event is a 2 course Luncheon held at The Brothers Sports Club with a Multi Draw raffle. All ideas are appreciated. Help will be required arranging and collecting donations along with setting up and selling raffle tickets on the day. For further information contact the Parish Office.

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 **7.00pm – 8.30pm**. This is an anonymous and confidential support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. For more information contact 1300 252 666 or email al-anon.alateen.org/au

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

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH THE WORKER



As we pray for vocations this weekend you are invited to pray our annual Diocesan novena to St Joseph for vocations. **The novena starts this Tuesday the 23rd of April and ends on the 1st of May**, the feast day of St Joseph the Worker. You can find the novena online at

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/catholic-faith/vocations/pray-for-vocations/novena/> or scan the QR code.



UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP: are hosting a “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 **Sunday, May 19th**.

For further information, contact the Parish Office 07 4151 6666.

CWL BIGGEST MORNING TEA: Everyone is invited to The Biggest Morning Tea on **Tuesday May 7th** in the Cane Fire Room Spotted Dog, Bundaberg North.

Doors open from 9.30am for a **10.00am start**. Cost will be \$10.00 (Payable on the day). A continuous raffle will raise money for throat cancer research. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. **If you are attending please contact the Parish Office before Friday May 3rd**.

SACRISTAN AT ST JAMES': We are blessed to have a number of the St James' community who serve as Sacristans.

They have asked for **Expressions of Interest** from others who may wish to devote their time and gifts to this very rewarding ministry. “On the job” training will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office (07 4151 6666) if you are interested.

APOLOGY: We would like to acknowledge Madonna Davitt as the author of Last week's Focus article “**Reconciliation Action Plan– Walking Together with All Our Peo-**

THE BUNDABERG CATHOLIC PARISH WELCOMES YOU TO
A CHILDREN'S MASS

“Let the children come to me”
Luke:18:16

Sunday, 28th April
9:00am Mass
St Patrick's Church

All parishioners and families are invited.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aleksander, Pamela Francis, Diane Lebsanft (Kingaroy), Christian Kingsford, Mark Anthony Bambico (Philippines), Val Wimbus.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mariantonia Cafolla 12.04.1984, Ron Cook 5.04.2006, Albino Modolo 4.04.2019, Josephine Formosa 18.04.1999, Len Schneider 8.04.2021, William Cuddihy 10.04.2022, Muriel Magee 10.04.1995, Sharlee Arkininstall 19.04.2023, Phillip Marano 05.04.2018, Michele Grosso 04.04.2007, Teresa Brillante 27.04.2009, John Wildenberg 01.04.1982, Rhian Elsmore 08.04.2010, Leone Muncnton 29.03.2023, Paul Formosa 05.03.2021, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ramon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Urbana Barkovic, Enzo Nogarotto, Maria Lane, Zillah, Georgie and George Geiger, Marcello De Paoli, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria Mary Collins, Deceased members of Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Leonie Makiol, Giovanna De Papi, Romeo De Papi, Gino De Papi, Irene Bot, Milada Filipova, Cafolla, Crawford and Maglicco Families, Robert and Redman Families, Joyce Galea, 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 22 April 2024

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 23 April 2024

St George & St Adalbert

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 24 April 2024

St Fidelis

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 25 April 2024

Anzac Day

6.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 26 April 2024

St Mark

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary

Malayalam Mass

Saturday 27 April 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 28 April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's- Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

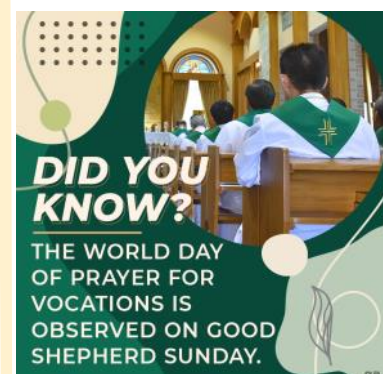
Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

Gospel

John 15:1-8



PRAYER GROUPS

ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Novakoski Centre

3rd Sunday of each month from
10.00am – 12noon with morning
tea. Contact Dr Olga Marinovic

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Twice weekly sessions

Tuesday: 10.00am-10.30am

Friday: 11.30am—12.00nn

Sessions are held in the
Chapel in the Parish Office.
New members welcomed

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

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



Recently I was with my little dog
Libby at a retreat center in the
Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near
a ravine filled with shrubs.
Unbeknownst to me, Libby
wandered down there and
disappeared. Suddenly an animal's
wild shriek erupted from the area.
Without thinking, I bolted down
into the ravine fully expecting to
see coyotes, javelinas, or
rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I
desperately wanted to get Libby
out of there, without any self-
regard. Before I could face
whatever danger lay hidden, my
dog blissfully trotted out from an
entirely different area, utterly
unaware that I had (quite

heroically) just placed my life on
the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I
thought to myself: how far would I
have been willing to go to save her?
I don't know. But I do know, if I had
literally died, my friends and family
would have certainly thought me
insane for dying for a dog. No
offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to
know him and his willingness to die
for us! This week he says, **"I know
my own and my own know me,"**
and **"I lay down my life for the
sheep."** Here we encounter an
insanely excessive love for us.
Christianity is a relationship and not
simply a religion or ethical code. In
Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He
laid down his life for you and me —
and he has taken it up again. So
often we are like Libby — blissfully
ignorant of the reality of both our
spiritual danger and his saving love.
This Easter season, the risen Jesus
calls us to be more conscious than
ever before about his love. He never
ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, you are the good shepherd
who calls us by name and asks us to
follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts
of those who you are calling to the
priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to
their vocation to serve your Church.

May all of us seek to know you
better, to faithfully follow your call to
holiness, and proclaim the gospel to
the world.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY APPEAL: This
weekend sees the Annual Seminary
Appeal. It is fitting that the Appeal
coincides with World Day of Prayer for
Vocations.

Envelopes are available for your support.

As recently ordained, Fr Peter Doherty,
mentioned, our Queensland Seminary
provided him with excellent formation and
education in his years of training.

Any financial support for both the
seminary and its seminarians would be
most welcome.

Your prayerful support is acknowledged
with gratitude.

