

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

5th

Sunday of *Easter*

27th/28th April 2024

“When was the last time you felt FULLY ALIVE?”

“The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others, and with all creatures.

In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created.” (Some of the final words of Pope Francis in “Laudati Si” (240).

Some of the activities in recent times have been:

- Well attended menALIVE breakfasts, where our men cook a wonderful BBQ before we listen to a guest speaker and have some interesting discussions. On our first “Breakfast” this year, we welcomed our new priest Fr Peter Doherty, who gave us an interesting talk on his formation as a priest at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane.
- Bishop Michael usually joins us each year for Breakfast, and presents his thoughts on a recent topic such as the recent Synod in Rome and it’s consequences for our parish in Bundaberg.

Some of menALIVE activities have included:

- The refurbishment of a parish house to make it liveable for a young migrant family.
- Praying together in the early hours of the morning in an all-night retreat for a special purpose.
- A commitment to being involved in the different Ministries-Mass Ministries, Retreats, Faith Formations sessions, and other parish ministries.
- A menALIVE Scripture Group.
- The organisation of the Annual Ecumenical Luncheons over many years.

No doubt, 2024 will bring some exciting challenges for the men of our parish.

We would like to welcome any new parishioners to join us in any of our parish activities. The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force in our Church.

As a Stewardship Parish, we can never be too complacent as we work together to build God’s kingdom by going out from ourselves to live in communion with God and others.

By Kerry Devine and Joe McCorley (Coordinators of menALIVE Ministry).



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
Secretary

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Mr Michael Walker

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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

SR MARY'S FAREWELL: Please join with us this **Sunday, April 28th**, following the 9.00am 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.

THANK YOU to those parishioners who donated to last weeks seminary appeal. If you have the envelopes at home they can still be dropped into church via the normal collection, dropped into the Parish Office, or you can post them directly.

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 will be the third annual luncheon held at and supported by Brothers Sports Club to raise money for Cancer Research. Previously this function has been well supported and we are hoping to make this year even better.

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.

UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP continue to host a "Life in the Spirit" program to which members welcome any parishioner who wishes to attend. The program is held on Sunday evenings following the 5.30pm Mass. It concludes on Pentecost evening **Sunday, May 19th**. For further information, contact the Parish Office.



*The people of the Diocese of Rockhampton
are invited to celebrate the*

Tenth Anniversary of

*Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD
Bishop of Rockhampton*

*Wednesday, 29th May 2024
5.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving,
St Joseph's Cathedral
followed by a formal reception
(RSVP required for catering)*



RSVP Options

Phone: 4887 3070

<https://forms.office.com/r/8u41nHR0AA>

The Mass of Thanksgiving will be streamed live on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

The **Peter's Pence Collection** is an opportunity for Catholics around the world to join together in assisting the Holy Father's emergency relief efforts for victims of war and natural disasters. While this normally occurs closer to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, this year we will be seeking your support next weekend - May 4th/5th.

There will be a second collection at each Mass. This will be a cash collection only.



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

PLEASE NOTE TEMPORARY CHANGES TO OUR LITURGIES:

As Fr Sijo heads home for holidays, it is necessary for us to make some changes.

St Patrick's: Wednesdays at 5.30pm will be a Liturgy of Word and Communion.

Holy Rosary: There will be no penance on Wednesday morning at 11.45am.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

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.**

ONLINE YOUTH GROUP FOR YEAR 8-12: This term the diocese is offering an online youth group for anyone in years 8-12. We will be going through 'The Search Begins' video series which is tailored for teens wanting to explore the big questions like what is the meaning of life? And is God real? We will meet over Zoom on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15pm to 5:30pm starting May 7th and finishing on June 18th. For more info and to register scan the QR code.



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 (4151 6666) if you are interested.

FUNERALS

Margaret (Peg) McCloskey

Monday 29th April

Holy Rosary Church

10.30am

Mass

Pamela Eather

Thursday 2nd May

St Patrick's Church

10.30am

Prayers

Jean Carter

Saturday 4th May

St Patrick's Church

10.30am

Mass



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Larter, Margaret (Peg) McCloskey, Pamela Eather, Jean Carter, Aleksander, Pamela Francis, Diane Lebsanft (Kingaroy), Christian Kingsford, Mark Anthony Bambico (Philippines), Val Wimbus.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Barnett 29.04.1992, Dulcie Schafer 25.04, Mary Galea 6.04.1989, Kevin Whalley 8.04, Mariantonia Cafolla 12.04.1984, Ron Cook 5.04.2006, Albino Modolo 4.04.2019, Josephine Formosa 18.04.1999, Len Schmeider 8.04.2021, William Cuddihy 10.04.2022, Muriel Magee 10.04.1995, Sharlee Arkinstall 19.04.2023, Phillip Marano 05.04.2018, Michele Grosso 04.04.2007, Teresa Brillante 27.04.2009, Leone Munckton 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: Joseph Formosa, 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, 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 29 April 2024

St Catherine of Siena

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 30 April 2024

St Pius V

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 1 May 2024

St Joseph the Worker

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 2 May 2024

St Athanasius

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 3 May 2024

St Philip & St James

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 4 May 2024

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 5 May 2024

Sixth 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

10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

Gospel

John 15:9-17



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

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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



My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**” (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

