

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

6th

Sunday of *Easter*

4th/5th May 2024

John 15: 17. "What I command you to do, is love one another".

This injunction given at the Last Supper is Jesus' legacy to each one of us.

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

The words of a dying relative or friend remain with us. They strike a grieving chord in our hearts. When they come to us as a command, such as the words from scripture above, they are even more engraved in our hearts.

"Love one another!"

Jesus did not place any exceptions to His command. It was an inclusive command and summed up everything Jesus had said and done while he walked our planet.

I am reminded of a passage from Shakespeare's Henry VIII. Cardinal Wolsey speaks with Oliver Cromwell following his fall from the King's favour after many years of serving the King's bidding, "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, He would not in mine age have left me naked to mine enemies."

Love calls us to service. If we truly love one another, we will seek ways of serving each other.

Mother St. Teresa of Kolkata puts it this way: "Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love."

Monday sees us celebrate Labour Day. May 1 saw the Church celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. From Genesis, we learn of the goodness of work. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15). God commanded man to work, and in work, there is great merit! While it may seem that prayer and work can be contradictory, God shows us how daily labour can offer us opportunities to grow ever closer to the Divine.

Growing closer to the Divine is an expression of love. The provider/s in a family work not for their own benefit but for the benefit of their family. And in so doing, work for the benefit of all humanity, and all creation.

"Work of human hands" forms part of the Offertory at every Mass we celebrate, when the presider offers the simple gifts of bread and wine which will become our spiritual food and drink.

The efficacy of work can never be downplayed but work done with a heart that loves surpasses work done for its own sake which can become sheer drudgery and meaningless.

St Paul in writing to the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3; 10ff) puts it this way; "For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good."

"Love one another" – serve one another with a heart that loves.

The true celebration of Labour Day is the celebration of ordinary women and men who go about their daily employment with hearts set on loving one another – their families, their community, all humanity, and all creation. It is not about "one-up - personship" but about all of us working together for the love and betterment of all.

Happy Labour Day to all, because you have served and loved.

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

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Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements



*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>

CHILDREN'S MASS HELD MONTHLY AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH at 9.00 am



“Thank you to all the families who joined us for our first Children's Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to see our children responding to Fr Don during the homily, and actively participating in so many ways.

We will now be offering a Children's Masses on the **fourth Sunday of each month – 9.00am at St Patrick's Church.** This is wonderful opportunity for all children (whatever age) to experience a

Mass that is especially focused on engaging them more. Everyone of all ages is invited, of course, but families with children are especially encouraged to come and join us.

If your child would like to also help us during Mass, please contact the Parish Office to have a chat. There are lots of opportunities for them... be a Reader or pray one of the Prayer of the Faithful intercessions, bring the Gifts forward or sing with the choir, for example.

We look forward to you all joining us again next month.”

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.



“DO IT FOR CANCER”: The annual Parish Fundraiser for Cancer is on again. A two course luncheon will be held at the Brothers Sports Club on **Saturday July 13th** commencing **12.00noon.** Multi-draw raffle, lucky door prize and music will keep you entertained. The cost is unchanged at **\$30.00pp.** Tickets will be **on sale** through the Parish Office from **Monday, May 20th.** If you would like to collect donations for our multi-draw raffle please contact the parish office for an official letter. Parishioners wishing to donate prizes can drop them into the parish office, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

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

SR MARY'S FAREWELL :It was a heartfelt farewell to Sr Mary who has been serving in our Parish since 2015.

Fr Don spoke of Sr Mary's contribution through many facets of Parish life and of her outstanding example of consecrated life to all with whom she came in contact.

Sr Mary spoke of her joy in being able to serve in Bundaberg and thanked the three Parish Priests and all who had supported her during this time.

Fr Don presented Sr Mary with a gift of appreciation from the Parish. Warm applause was the response from the congregation. A convivial morning tea followed.



THANK YOU FROM SR MARY

Thank you dear Frs Don, John, Sijo, Parish Team and parishioners for such a warm farewell last Sunday. I have appreciated your love and support over these years and will certainly keep you in my heart and prayers.



MOTHERS' DAY CEMETERY WORKING BEE: Saturday, May 11th from 6.30am – 9.00am (with a "cuppa" at 7.40am). You are welcome to join the group who will ensure that the cemetery is in fine shape for Mothers' Day. Whipper-snippers/ mowers/rakes/ wheelbarrows and the like will be useful. Thanks.



PETER'S PENCE

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
–Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

The Holy Father's mission of sharing the Gospel and Christ's mercy with the world depends upon the daily operations of more than one hundred papal nunciatures worldwide, as well as the Roman Curia and the dicasteries that help him in his ministry. These dicasteries carry out the Pope's charitable outreach in the form of disaster relief, care for migrants and refugees, and the missionary activities of the Church, among other aspects of the Holy Father's mission.

The **second collection** at each Mass this weekend will be given to support the Holy Father's works throughout the world.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Hyde, Lobinki Militano, Brian Larter, Margaret (Peg) McCloskey, Pamela Eather, Jean Carter, Aleksander, Pamela Francis, Christian Kingsford, Mark Anthony Bambico (Philippines), Val Wimbus.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Norma Brosnan 5.05.2022, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Len Potter 23.11.2019, David Potter 2.02.2024, 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, 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: Bevin (Beetle) Bailey, Joseph Formosa, Ramon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Urbana Barkovic, Enzo Nogarotto, Maria Lane, Zillah, Georgie and George Geiger, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria Mary Collins, Deceased members of Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin 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 6 May 2024
9.00am Holy Rosary –Mass

Tuesday 7 May 2024
8.30am St James' -Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 8 May 2024
8.00am Shalom – LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

Thursday 9 May 2024
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 10 May 2024
St John de Avila
11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 11 May 2024
7.30am St Patrick's– Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 12 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 1:1-11

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

FUNERALS

Lobinki Militano
Holy Rosary 10.00am
Wednesday 8th May 2024.

Rita Hyde
St Patrick's 10.00am
Thursday 9th May 2024.



**PLEASE NOTE TEMPORARY
CHANGES TO OUR
LITURGIES:**

St Patrick's: Tuesday 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.

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

OTHER CONTACTS

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Mater Hospital: 4153 9539

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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



Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

CHOOSING TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest.

I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they’re coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.