

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

The ASCENSION of the Lord

11th/12th May 2024

A MOTHER'S LOVE

By Kim O'Shea-Hard

Principal St Patrick's Primary School.

This week, Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School celebrated a highly anticipated, Mother's Day prayer assembly. It was also a week that saw my 96-year-old grandmother hospitalised. This stirred within me thoughts and reflections around motherhood.

Firstly, a wave of gratefulness for having such a wise, strong, nurturing lady in my life for such a significant time. Then Psalm 127:3 came to mind **'Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward'** whilst I witnessed her years of commitment to family, rewarded by the love of six children, eleven grandchildren and a flurry of great grandchildren, at this time of great need. I am sure, whilst Nan juggled life on a farm with six children, she might have thought her motherhood fell short and she may even admit a mistake or two, but this is certainly not the memory of her loving children.

Mothers are always their hardest critics. I believe the majority of mother's are compelled to do the best they can, with the resources they have and in the circumstances that surround them. It made me reflect on how motherhood really is an unconditional love that is paid forward and not always rewarded, in the way one might dream. With Mother's Day falling in the Easter season, my thoughts focused next on Mother Mary and the part she played in the Jesus story. The ultimate example of a mother's love paid forward. A mother's love is often the closest example humans can grasp, when making sense of God's unconditional love which many call 'agape love'. I am sure if Mary had the option, she would have carried 'that cross' for her beloved Son Jesus, despite understanding His sacrifice and consequently her own.

Parallels, might be made with the juxtaposition experienced by mothers of the ANZACS, recently remembered, in fact anyone sending their children off to war. Our beautiful mothers will hopefully never have to endure such sacrifice, but they will most certainly be tempted to carry the everyday crosses of their sons and daughters. Missing out on 'that' dream job, making 'that' team, being chosen for 'that' musical, enduring 'that' relationship breakdown... the list goes on!

However, just like Mary we have to have faith that these 'crosses' are part of God's plan, to be bared in order to grow, learn, flourish and realise one's true destiny. Mary **'kept all these things in her heart'** (Luke 2 :51-52). However you choose to remember or celebrate the wonderful woman/women in your lives this weekend, past and/or present, let's be thankful, grateful and hope- filled on this very special day.

The students of St. Patrick's recalled what they loved most about their mothers;

'She's beautiful and cooks yummy lamb chops' Jude Mc

'She takes time to play games with me, even when she's busy and cooks yummy food' Zoe P

'Mum cooks good food and is cuddly' Kimberley C

'She cares for me and cooks the best lasagne' Laynee Mc

'She gives me food I like sometimes like chicken nuggets and ice-cream' Eugene M

It seems many of our students do associate the love of their mothers with food.

They may not be able to carry our crosses, but it seems many mothers continue to provide sustenance for the journey.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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



*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>

PENTECOST SUNDAY: We invite you to all wear red to our Pentecost Masses next weekend, as we celebrate the birth of the Church. The red reminds us of fire, a symbol for the Holy Spirit that descended on the apostles, and entered the hearts of believers. It is symbolic of the burning fire of God's love; the red of the Spirit's flames warming, illuminating, fuelling the work of the Church in the world; the work the Holy Spirit calls us to do.



CHURCH CRAWL – Pentecost Sunday: Once again, we will join the Anglican and Uniting Church communities in this Annual event of prayer and unity.

The CRAWL begins from the Anglican Church at **2.00pm** and walks to the Uniting Church and ends at Holy Rosary.

Walkers are encouraged to wear something red!

At each church there will be a short prayer service.

Following the prayers at Holy Rosary, all will be invited to afternoon tea at the Novakoski Centre.

If the distance to walk is a concern, it is quite acceptable to come to Holy Rosary for the conclusion.

This year we are providing the afternoon tea. **We would really appreciate a plate from as many as possible to share at the afternoon tea.**

Food will be welcomed at the Novakoski Centre from 1.30pm.

Thanks for your assistance.

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.



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** concluding on June 18th. For more info and to register scan the QR code.



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.

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



Today is MOTHERS' DAY: The Parish expresses its love and gratitude to all mothers as today we celebrate their specialness.

Thanks to the Passionist Family Groups for their prayer handouts to our mothers.

During Mass, there will be a blessing for all mothers.

May you have a wonderful day celebrating with your family.

And may we hold in prayer those of our mothers who are ill and those who have passed to their eternal reward. **HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES –This week only: Please note this week on **Thursday 16th May** there will be **NO 7.00am Mass at St Patrick's**, this will be replaced with a Teaching Mass in **Holy Rosary at 6.00pm**. (The Teaching Mass is part of the Sacramental program and for those newly initiated.) All parishioner are welcome to attend.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY APPEAL: We are very thankful for the generosity of this parish who donated \$3118.00 to this appeal.

PETER'S PENCE: Thank you to the parishioners who donated \$2128.00 to support the Holy Father's works throughout the world.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: is held twice weekly in the Parish Office Chapel (except School Holidays). **Tuesday, 10.00am-10.30am** and **Friday 11.30am-12.00nn**.

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

"DO IT FOR CANCER": The annual Parish Fundraiser for Cancer is on again.

WHERE: Brothers Sports Club

WHEN: Saturday July 13th Commencing at 12.00nn

COST: \$30.00 pp

**More details
to come.**



ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: will be held on **Wednesday, 5th June 2024** in the Parish Office at **10.30am** and **5.30pm**.

It is a requirement that **all** volunteers in **all** of our Parish Ministries attend one of these sessions.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Burton, 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 13 May 2024

Our Lady of Fatima

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Tuesday 14 May 2024

St Matthias

8.30am St James' -Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 15 May 2024

8.00am Shalom - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 16 May 2024

**Please note the cancellation of
St Patrick's 7.00am Mass**

6.00pm Holy Rosary

(Teaching Mass)

Friday 17 May 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 18 May 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 19 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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 2:1-11

Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 15th May

10.00am

Visitation Coordinating Group

Thursday 16th May

9.30am

Cemetery Prayers

**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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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

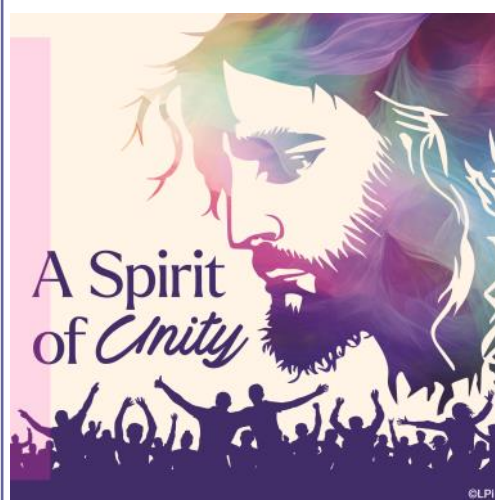
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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



A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “**that they may be one, even as we are one**” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024

The Parish Task Force is pleased to offer two events leading up to this week.

In-Service by Catholic Earth Care Coordinator, Alice Carwardine.

Shalom College invites any parishioner to join them for all or part of this in-service.

When: Thursday May 16th 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Where: Shalom College

A working Discussion/Seminar hosted by our Parish Task Force.

What: Our Parish Response to Goal 1 – Response to the Cry of the Earth

When: Monday May 20th 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Where: Parish Office

All are welcome to attend both/either of the above.