



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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Welcome to the Parish

5th/6th November 2022

Retreat Reconnect Rejoice!

By: Norm Whyte
Property Officer

We are very fortunate to have retreat opportunities within our Parish. Etsy.com gives the following definition: *Retreat – noun: A place of refuge, solitude, or privacy; shelter affording peace and reflection. Verb: The act of seeking quiet or calmness.*

Last Saturday, the MenAlive retreat at Shalom College was very well attended, and ably lead by Fr. John Daly. Finding quiet times for reflection with no outside distractions can be difficult in our daily lives as interruptions, distractions and intrusions confront us in many forms on many fronts. Life sometimes reminds me of that old saying “stop the world, I want to get off!”

From Wikipedia: *The Christian retreat can be defined most simply as a definite time (from a few hours in length to a month) spent away from one's normal life for the purpose of reconnecting, usually in prayer, with God. Although the practice of leaving one's everyday life to connect on a deeper level with God, be that in the desert (as with the Desert Fathers), or in a monastery, is nearly as old as Christianity itself, the practice of spending a specific time away with God is a more modern phenomenon, dating from the 1520s and St. Ignatius of Loyola's composition of the Spiritual Exercises. The fasting of Jesus in the desert for forty days is used as a biblical justification of retreats.*

The spiritual exercises were intended for people wanting to live closer to God's will for their life. In the 17th century, retreats became much more widespread in the Catholic Church.

We are offered another opportunity to seek quiet or calmness on Friday 11th November (Armistice Day) when Br. Damien Price will lead us at the 5.00pm Twilight Retreat at St. James. The theme of the retreat is “Ministry to Others”. Our first thought and natural reaction might be “What have I got on Friday night?” And no doubt there will be multiple answers to that question. And that’s normal. The key is to give some priority to self, and acknowledge that “My connection with God is worth an investment of my time.”

At the Twilight Retreat, a light meal will be served, and the evening will conclude at 9.00pm. A retreat format is similar to that of the Alpha meetings which we ran in the parish in the second half of last year. The Alpha format includes some social time and a light meal, as well as discussion which provokes consideration of where we are in our relationship with God. It’s like a 90 minute retreat each week. We want to offer the Alpha program again next year, as well as the Adult Faith sessions. We can certainly say that we are spoilt for choice!

Remember to contact the parish office to register for the Twilight Retreat. **Details Below.**

**LAST
CHANCE**

TWILIGHT RETREAT

St James' Church 38 See St, Bargarra
Friday November 11th
5.00pm - 9.00pm

As the end of the year approaches we all need to take time out for ourselves. The theme of the Retreat is Ministry to Others. Earlier this year Br Damien led our staff retreat and has recently led the Priests' gathering in Rockhampton.

Br Damien's unique style received high commendation and this retreat is an opportunity **NOT to be missed.**



For catering purposes, please place your name on the Attendance Sheet at the doors of each church.

WE INVITE ALL ADULT PARISHIONS TO JOIN WITH US.

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.

Parish News and Announcements

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

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Mr Jeffrey Caluag
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Mrs Marcia Sharp
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Miss Elizabeth Kelly
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Preshy Varghese
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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

ADULT FAITH - "The Mass" : At the **Liturgy of the Word**, where we sit down to listen to the Lord, a small but important change was introduced in 2011.

Instead of saying "This is the Word of the Lord", the Reader now simply says, after a pause for us to gather our response, "The Word of the Lord". In the previous wording, the Reader was making a statement. The new wording, however, is designed to convey two messages: the same statement as before but also a question "Do you really believe what you have just listened to?". The change in translation has made the phrase "The Word of the Lord" both a statement of fact and a challenge to faith. (Notes from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE: The current edition can be found at the main doors of our churches or at The Parish Office. Keep up to date with all that is good happening in our Parish.

AVAILABLE NOW: for sale at the Parish Office. **GOD'S WORD** \$20.00, **COLUMBAN CALENDARS** \$12.00. **Limited copies available.**

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2023: A Parent Information and Registration session will be held on **Thursday, November 10th, 5.30-6.30pm, in Holy Rosary church** for any parent or guardian wishing to prepare their child/ren for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and/or Eucharist next year. Children who are baptised Catholic and are 8 years old or older may prepare for these sacraments. Registration forms are available from the parish office prior to this session. Further information contact Anne Sheehan, 4151 6666, during office hours.

WORLD YOUTH DAY DATE-CLAIMER: Bishop Michael is leading a diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in 2023. The group will leave Australia on July 28th travelling to Avila, Segovia and Salamanca in Spain, then on to Lisbon for World Youth Day followed by a 3 day retreat at Fatima, and then arriving back in Australia on the 11th of August. All pilgrims travelling with the diocesan group must be over 18 and preferably not older than 35. This is an amazing experience of the global Church that every young Catholic should try to get to at least once in their life. Registrations will officially open in November. To express interest and receive more information please contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

PARISH "Thank you "to all Ministers: The Parish will host, at the Parish office, a "Thank You" to all involved in our seventy-five ministries in the Parish on **Monday, November 21st** from **5.00pm – 7.00pm.**

Drinks and finger food will be served from 5.00pm and conclude at 7.00pm.

The Function will have one formality at 6.00pm when Fr Peter will express our gratitude to all ministers.

ALL ministers are invited and can come and go as their time allows.

We are grateful to the CWL who will look after the catering.

Please let the Office know if you are attending so that we can cater adequately. 4151 6666 or sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

FUNERALS THIS WEEK: Monday 7th November 9.30am, Branyan Gardens - **Leah Dray**
Wednesday 9th November 10.00am, Holy Rosary Church -**Riccardo Bianchin**

REIGNITE: is an event on November 25th run by youth for the whole parish to give the young people who went to Ignite conference in September a chance to share their experiences with all parishioners. You are welcome to attend this event. It will commence at 6:00pm with a "sausage sizzle". At 6.30pm we will move into Holy Rosary Church for the program which will include songs learnt at Ignite, testimonies from those who attended including Fr Ashwin and finish with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The evening will conclude at 8.00pm

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

CENSUS 2022. REACHING OUT so that we can OUTREACH to ALL.

THANKS TO ALL who completed the Census.

If you were unable to complete the Form by the end of October, there are some forms at the Church Doors this weekend only.

NOVEMBER : Month of the Holy Souls PLEASE NOTE A COUPLE OF CHANGES

During November there will be a **PRAYER RITUAL** held at the cemetery from 9.30am – 10.00am followed by a “cuppa” on the following days

THURSDAY, November 10th

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

TUESDAY, November 22nd

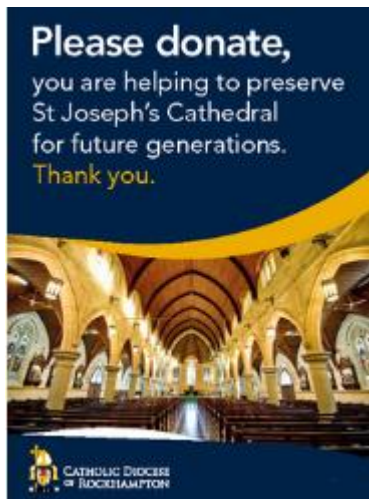
WEDNESDAY, November 30th

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Wear some head cover and bring a chair if you wish. The Friends of The Catholic Cemetery will lead the Prayer Ritual.

THE BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE: are in all Churches for you to record the name/s of your loved one/s who have died. These and all the departed will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

CWL NOVEMBER MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday November 8th at St Mary’s Community Centre 12.noon. Bring your lunch. All are welcome.

CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Will be held on **Tuesday November 22nd** at the **Young Aussie Hotel, Bundaberg North, 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.** Cost of the dinner will be \$30.00 to be paid at the November meeting or at the Parish Office up until noon Thursday November 17th. Remember to bring a Secret Santa Gift. (Something you would like to receive). Contact details Maureen 4152 1263. Everyone is welcome.



This weekend, the annual St Joseph’s Cathedral Conservation Appeal will be held. This is our opportunity to assist in the conservation of this magnificent building, which contains the seat of the Bishop and stands as a testament to our faith and a symbol of unity. As a diocesan family, we strive to conserve St Joseph’s Cathedral, the mother church of our diocese for future generations. We invite you to prayerfully consider donating or setting up a regular monthly gift. You can donate using one of the envelopes that are available the door of the churches or go online to the Diocesan website:

<http://rok.catholic.net.au/donate> or

by scanning the QR code.



Thank you in anticipation for your wonderful generosity!

DONATIONS FOR WOORABINDA MISSION: Shalom College is having a fundraiser in support of Woorabinda Mission. If you have any tablecloths, sheets, towels, football boots or dressups in good condition, please consider donating them to this worthy cause. If you don’t have a surplus of any of these items, please consider a monetary donation so we are able to purchase whatever is needed. Donations may be left at either the Parish office or at Shalom College before Wednesday 16 November.

Thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Wednesday November 9th, 7.00pm in Holy Rosary Church. This service is to celebrate the lives of loved ones recently passed and will be followed by a cuppa in Novakoski Centre.

Invitations to the Memorial Service have been posted.

Please call the Parish Office with your acceptance on 4151 6666.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



Recently Deceased:

Riccardo Bianchin Leah Dray, Doreen Fox, Edward “Ted” Carey, Maureen Lines, Vincent “Bill” Smith, John Moller, Sybilla Rohen, Lawrence Galea, Josie Byrne.

LITURGIES

Monday 7 November 2022

9.00am St Patrick’s-LWC

Tuesday 8 November 2022

9.00am St James’ Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 9 November 2022

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick’s-Mass

7.00pm Holy Rosary-

Memorial Service

Thursday 10 November 2022

St Leo the Great

6.30am St Patrick’s- LWC

Friday 11 November 2022

St Martin of Tours

10.00am Mater - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

Saturday 12 November 2022

7.30am St Patrick’s – LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary – Penance

6.00pm St Patrick’s-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

13 November 2022
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7.00am St James’

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick’s

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Malachi 3:19-20

Second Reading

2 Thess: 3:7-12

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

November 20 - On the last Sunday of the Church’s Year – the Feast of Christ the Universal King – we will celebrate our Multicultural Parish. 9.00am Mass at St Patrick’s will be our central celebration

All other Masses will include prayers for all cultures.

More information will follow.

PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.00pm in the Novakoski Centre.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, 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 Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

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

OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
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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

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.



Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages." ©LPi

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

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.

Time Talent Treasure

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