

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



18th/19th May 2024

Stewardship Renewal

Dear Parishioners,

In 2009-2010, the parish of Bundaberg became a “stewardship parish,” i.e. it decided to embrace the notion of stewardship as a lens through which to see and live the Christian vocation.

The notion of stewardship is both biblical and grounded in the Church’s documents. Just to refer to a few sources; in I Peter 2:10 we read, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” In other words, we can use our gifts to co-operate with God’s own grace to build up our faith community and empower our outreach to the society in which we live. And we have the accounts of Jesus himself sending out his disciples in his service so that people, in the towns they were to visit, would come to know and understand the Gospel message of the Son of God (see Mt 10:5ff., Mk 6:7ff., Lk 9:1ff.).

From the Church’s documents we do well to look at what Pope John Paul II said in his letter on the mission of the laity (1988). He pointed out that rarely do we hear the Gospel of Christ in isolation from one another, and one of the most effective ways we share the Gospel is through our individual gifts that can bring people to “the voice of the Lord” (*Christifideles laici*, no. 58). Stewardship is precisely that - announcing the good news of salvation by sharing the gifts or talents we have discerned within ourselves, or that may be discerned in us by others. Our giving of own time, talents, and treasure is a response to God’s call to be good stewards of the Gospel and a faithful servant of the Lord. The United States Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship (1992) is another document for our reflection. Building on Pope John Paul II’s thoughts, it offers a more nuanced explanation of stewardship for parish communities. This document has informed our parish’s stewardship efforts over many years.

In the coming weeks, starting from last week’s feast of the Ascension of the Lord in which the Church remembered the great commission or the sending forth of the disciples, I invite us to bring stewardship back to the fore of parish life. There are many needs and many gaps currently in the life of our parish, and we do need new people to step forward and join in sharing Christ through their gifts. The first step is to discern prayerfully how we can serve Christ through our gifts. So, please pray about how your gifts may be of service to the Living God and the Gospel we announce.

In Christ,

Fr. Don White.

Parish Priest



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

Mrs Kaye Beston
Acting-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Michael Walker

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CHURCHES

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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>

INVITATION TO PAPAL NUNCIO'S CONCELEBRATED MASS:

On **May 27th**, His Excellency, Archbishop Charles Balvo, Papal Nuncio in Australia, will concelebrate Mass with Bishop Michael and the Priests of the Parish at **11.30am** at Holy Rosary. The Archbishop's visit is brief. Following the Mass, there will be the opportunity to meet the Archbishop and to congratulate Bishop Michael on his tenth anniversary as our Bishop. All are welcome.

CHURCH CRAWL : This Sunday afternoon commencing at **2.00pm** at the Anglican Church, we will join with our fellow Christians in witnessing to the coming of the Holy Spirit and celebrating the Week of Christian Unity.

Unfortunately, we will be without electricity on the day (due to Ergon work in the area) but the celebration will go ahead.

Afternoon tea will be provided at the end of the Crawl at the Novakoski Centre. We would appreciate plates of food to share being left at the Centre from 1.30pm.



**Mary, Mother of the Church Feast Day, May 20th and
Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day, May 24th.**

Two feasts of Our Lady with special significance for us in our Parish. The former is the Patroness of our parish and the latter the Patroness of Australia. Mary's example of motherhood and living the Christian life in complete harmony with God's will are challenges for us in our Parish and for all in our country.

We pray this week for Mary's intercession on our behalf as we too strive to emulate her virtues. **On Monday, May 20th the rosary will be recited before Mass at 8.40am.**

CHILDRENS' MASS AND MORNING TEA: The next Childrens' Mass will be celebrated at **St Patrick's on Sunday, May 26th at 9.00am.**

Morning Tea will follow the Mass. Please bring along a plate to share with all, as we gather after Mass for fellowship and sharing.

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.



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

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS' WEEK (MAY 20th – 26th)

Where would our Parish be without our volunteers?

Along with the rest of the country, we take time to thank all who share their gifts of time, talent and treasure to ensure that our Parish lives out its Vision – “to welcome and share God’s love respectfully, with all people.”

As was spoken about in the homily last Sunday, we are in the process of renewing our commitment as a Stewardship Parish.

Together we Pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us.

You ask us to develop these gifts and share them with others.

Help us also to recognise the gifts in others so that together we may respond to the call of Jesus to spread the Good News in our Communities.

May your Spirit of Love guide us on our journey.

Amen



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



**LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2024**
May 19th – 26th

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 .

CWL YOUNGER GROUP: will have their monthly dinner on Tuesday, May 21st at 6.15pm at The Melbourne Hotel. All ladies would be most welcome. Contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday, May 23rd** at **10.00am**. Students from St Joseph’s and St Mary’s will attend. All are welcome at Mass and the morning tea which follows.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: The next meeting will be held on **Friday, 24th May** at **10.15am** in the Parish Office. All parishioners are welcome to attend. **Thanks** to the group of women and men who worked at the cemetery last weekend. The grove has begun to resemble a peaceful place to reflect and contemplate.

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.

Save
the
Date

WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED: Vinnie John Turner.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pedro Latina (Philippines), Francis Gil Cruz (California), Mary Burton, Rita Hyde, Lobinki Militano, Brian Larter, Margaret (Peg) McCloskey, Pamela Eather, Jean Carter, Christian Kingsford, Mark Anthony Bambico (Philippines).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Norman Dutton 23.05.2023, 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, Josephine Formosa 18.04.1999, 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: Zillah Geiger, Bevin (Beetle) Bailey, Joseph Formosa, Ramon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, 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 20 May 2024

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of the Church

9.00am St Patrick’s –Mass

Tuesday 21 May 2024

St Christopher & St Magallanes

8.30am St James’ -Penance

9.00am St James’ - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick’s - LWC

Wednesday 22 May 2024

St Rita

8.00am Shalom – LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

Thursday 23 May 2024

7.00am St Patrick’s

10.00am Holy Rosary

(Anointing Mass)

Friday 24 May 2024

Our Lady, Help of Christians

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 25 May 2024

7.30am St Patrick’s– Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

Sunday 26 May 2024

The Holy Trinity

7.00am St James’ - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick’s

(Children’s Mass)

5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

FUNERAL NOTICE

Ronald Roydon McGuinness

Monday 20th May

Holy Rosary Church

11.00am



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES
TO OUR MAY 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.

Thank you for your understanding

**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

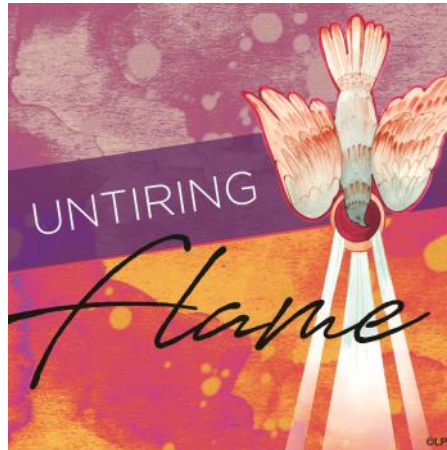
**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
OPEN HOURS**

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



When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on

that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— *Father John Muir*

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**ANNUAL PARISH FUNDRAISING
LUNCHEON**



"Do it for Cancer"

The Bundaberg Catholic Parish is holding its fundraising luncheon for the 3rd year.

All funds raised goes to Queensland Cancer Council to help with:

- Research
- Prevention
- Support

The Luncheon will be held on Saturday, July 13th July at The Brothers Sports Club.

Doors will open at 11.30am for a 12noon start.

Ticket cost is \$30.00pp available at the Parish Office.

The cost will cover a two course luncheon and lucky door prize.

Music and a multi draw raffle will keep you entertained.

Tables of ten will be available if you wish to get a group together.

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 27th May.

