

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

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

8th/9th June 2024



There's a seat for you at Alpha!

Kaye Beston Acting Chair Parish Stewardship Council



Alpha is a tool built for local churches based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions and provides a common expression of proclamation, service and witness. Millions of people have experienced Alpha in over 100 countries and over 100 languages around the globe.

What does an Alpha session look like?

All sessions consist of three core elements...

A time to Connect

Whether in person over a meal or virtually with a cup of tea, all sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships. Eating food together creates this initial space for people to get to know other participants in an easy, non threatening, enjoyable atmosphere.



A time to watch

Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. Each one is about 30 minutes in length, played as a video or given by a speaker live. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"

A time to discuss

The discussion time is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspective. It is one of the most important parts of Alpha as the chance to share thoughts and ideas in small groups. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't share. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. (<https://www.alpha.org.au/>)

Alpha supports the parish in becoming an evangelising community. It supports a culture of invitation and hospitality. The Alpha small groups model hospitality, which can permeate the entire life of the parish. The Parish Stewardship Council documents goal setting and strategic action planning around a number of core focus areas...

Reaching out in Love Faith Formation and Service
Welcoming and Vibrant Faith Community Children and Youth Development
Building Strength and Sustainability

The Diocesan Pastoral Plan - 2023-2028, highlights 3 key Priority areas- Evangelisation and Mission, Co-responsibility and Mission and Celebration and Mission. Alpha sits firmly as an action response within the PSC strategic plan and these diocesan priorities.

Our Alpha course last year was very successful with 30 guests attending.

Join us for our next Alpha course! Alpha is completely free and there's no follow-up if you don't want to come back after the first session. This course will be held in-person at **5.30 pm** on Thursday evenings commencing **Thursday 18th July**.

For the Young, or not so young. There's always a seat for you at Alpha! **Everyone is welcome!**

For more information and bookings contact the Parish Office 4151 6666. (Numbers required for catering purposes).

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
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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

Leesa Jeffcoat AM Director of Catholic Education Farewell

Mass of Thanksgiving for Leesa Jeffcoat

Diocesan Director – Catholic Education

Bishop Michael McCarthy invites all parishioners to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Miss Leesa Jeffcoat who, after 23 years of faith-filled service, will shortly conclude her time as Diocesan Director of Catholic Education.

The Mass will be held in **St Joseph's Cathedral on Wednesday 12 June commencing at 10.30am.**

All are welcome at the Mass to thank God for the gift that Leesa has been to the Ministry of Catholic Education in this diocese and to pray that God will bless her in abundance into the future. No RSVP is required.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will also be live streamed via the following link <https://youtube.com/live/ELIjocspog?feature=share>

Our Parish extends its gratitude to Leesa and wishes her God's blessing in the next phase of her journey.

CONFIRMATION: This weekend we welcome Bishop Michael who during his Pastoral Visit of the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates.



To all the children who are celebrating their Confirmation this weekend. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire you throughout your life -

Wisdom – so you may see God's work in the things that happen in your life and the world.

Understanding – so you may recognise the right way to live as a child of God.

Right Judgement – so you know what is right and wrong, and are able to choose good.

Courage – so you may be willing to stand up for what is right, even when it might be hard.

Knowledge – so you may understand what God has revealed to us in Christ and scripture.

Reverence – so you may have a deep sense of respect for God and his Church.

Wonder and Awe – so you are aware of the glory and majesty of God.

May God bless you always.

Next weekend the recently Confirmed will celebrate their First Holy Communion at one of the regular Masses.



Alpha commencing July 18th!

Have you booked your seat at the table?



PREPARE A MEAL FOR THE TABLE: We are looking for volunteers to prepare a light meal to provide for our Alpha participants. The meal can be left at the Parish Office for that night. Example of meals would be soups, stews, casseroles or pasta. Alpha will run for eight weeks, depending on the number of participants we may only need one or two dishes per week. If you can help with providing a meal please contact the Parish office and we will work with you to choose a date.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE – HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE, 2024 – 7.00 PM

Over the past years in our Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, it has been a wonderful custom to hold a Memorial Service twice a year for family and friends who have lost a loved one in the six (6) months prior to the service.

“We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death” - St Ambrose



On Wednesday 12th June at 7 pm in Holy Rosary Church we will gather to pray with our families and friends. Invitations have been posted, but we also extend an invitation to other members of the Parish, who would like to remember their loved ones. You are all very welcome. A light supper will be served after the service in Novakoski Hall. Please register your attendance by contacting the Parish Office (in person) or call 4151 6666.

BEREAVEMENT COORDINATOR—Jan Aplin.

BAFFLE CREEK: Last Sunday, the worshipping community at Baffle Creek gathered for the monthly Mass and to farewell Brian and Olga Maranovic who are relocating. The Parish expresses its thanks to them for their generosity in maintaining the worshipping centre at Baffle Creek and prays that they be blessed in the future.




ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING.: Special thanks to Ms Judy Pidcock, Professional Standards and Safeguarding Manager, who led the annual safeguarding in-service assisted by Ms Emma Finlay. Thanks to all who attended.

Our Parish expresses its gratitude to Judy who retires from this role shortly. She has been a compassionate, understanding, and supportive confidante for many and has led our Diocese in ensuring that our safeguarding standards are of the highest professional order. As Judy and her family are relocating to Bundaberg, we assure them of a warm welcome to our Parish community.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED: Zayden Francis Clarke, William Paul Arden, Levi Lance Palmer



FUNERALS

	Ron Hancock	Holy Rosary Church	Monday, June 10 th	10.30am
	Peter Watson	St Patrick's Church	Thursday, June 13 th	10.00am
	June Conroy	Holy Rosary Church	Friday, June 14 th	9.30am



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ron Hancock, Peter Watson, June Conroy, Trevor Russell (Hervey Bay), Kevin McCusker (Mackay), Kathleen Barnes, Damien Gambley, Paul Feeney (Brisbane), Lorna (Wendy) Cassell (Brisbane), Stephen Smith, Carmelina Lemura, Paul Schleger, Roy McGuinness, Pedro Latina (Philippines), Francis Gil Cruz (California).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Sebastiano Lituri 9.06.2008, Merie Figallo 15.06.2013, Pasquale Brillante 8.06.1999, Annette Sutton 23.05.2022, Tonino Crawford 9.06.2020, Francesco Cafolla 22.06.1948, Lawrence Formosa 2.06.2014, Norman Dutton 23.05.2023, 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: Johanna Krah, Noela Olsen (Brisbane), Sunny Joseph, Ross Joseph, Paul Formosa and Family members, Zillah Geiger, Joseph Formosa, Joyce Galea, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Forte and Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 10 June 2024

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

Tuesday 11 June 2024

St Barnabas

9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 12 June 2024

8.00am Shalom – LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary – LWC
7.00pm Holy Rosary
Memorial Service

Thursday 13 June 2024

St Anthony of Padua

7.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Friday 14 June 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 15 June 2024

7.30am St Patrick's– Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 16 June 2024

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's– Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Thursday 13th
Combined Meeting**

Laudato Si Task Force
and
RAP Working Group
3.30pm

**Thursday 13th
Music Team**
3.45pm

PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's Church 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 18th June commencing at 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre.

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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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

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: **“How can Satan cast out Satan?”** To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: *“How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!”* But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. *“I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She's already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.”* And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the **“stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.”** This week let's notice the ways we **“cast out Satan by Satan,”** and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Professional Standards and Safeguarding Manager.

Applications for this position will close on Monday, June 17th.

The position description can be found on the below site.

Diocesan website <https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment/administration-officer-safeguarding/>

“DO IT FOR CANCER” Luncheon July 13th at the Brothers Sports Club:

Doors will open at 11.30am for a 12noon start. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office, \$30.00pp for a two course luncheon. Tickets can be purchased using cash or Eftpos. Entertainment will be provided by Rhythms of the Reef. A continuous raffle will be held on the day.

Prize donations can be dropped into the Parish Office and would be gratefully appreciated.



TERM 3 ROSTERS: The compiling of these rosters will begin soon. If you would like to be added to this roster or are unavailable on certain dates, please email Sarah at the Parish Office, wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au **before June 21st**.

ONLINE YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 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**

