

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

15th/16th June 2024

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast"

Alexander Pope (18th Century)

Walk on, walk on

With hope in your heart

And you'll never walk alone

"You'll Never Walk Alone" from the movie *Carousel* – Rodgers and Hammerstein

In his homily during Holy Mass on Tuesday, 29 October 2013, Pope Francis commented on the first Reading of the day taken from St Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18-25).

Pope Francis used the occasion to reflect on the virtue of hope. First, he explained what hope is not. "Hope is not optimism, it is not the ability to look at the bright side of things and move forward", nor is it merely a positive attitude. "This is all good, but it is not hope".

"Hope," he said, "is the most humble of the three theological virtues, for it hides itself in this life". Pope Francis continued: "hope is a risky virtue; as St Paul says, it is a virtue of eager longing for the revelation of the Son of God... hope means striving toward this revelation, toward this joy that will fill our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy", like the Israelites when the Lord delivered them from slavery and restored to them the fortunes of Zion (cf. Ps 126: 1-2). "This is a beautiful image!" he exclaimed.

It is no surprise then that we find the 2025 Jubilee Year has the theme - *Pilgrims of Hope*. For *Laudato Si* week recently the theme was *Seeds of Hope*.

The Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity are pillars of our Faith. Many will remember their childhood learning and recitation of the three prayers – the Act of Faith, Act of Hope and Act of Charity.

The Act of Hope learned was similar to this:

O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

While St Paul in writing 1 Corinthians 13:13 states "And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity", there is no diminishment of the importance of Faith and Hope.

In living our lives with the constant hope of life hereafter, we place our trust in God whom we know to be unconditionally loving, a God who is faithful and keeps promises, a God who walks with us and sometimes carries us so that we are never alone.

St Paul in writing to the Romans 31; 38-39. expressed Hope in this way:

"If God is for us, who can be against us? ..."

"For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. "

Therefore, let us be People of Hope, Pilgrims of Hope glorying in our lives and in our relationships as we share together our journey in Hope with our God here and now and in the life hereafter.

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

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

Congratulations to all our children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend.

As you celebrate your First Holy Communion, remember that God's love is with you always – to comfort you, to guide you, and to bless you.

May you think of Jesus' love for you each time you receive Holy Communion, and thank him for all he has done for you.

We pray that you always follow the path that Jesus has prepared for you, and may you always feel Jesus' love shine upon you. To be a child of God is a blessing for a lifetime.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

Clergy Support Foundation Appeal

June 29th/30th

Your help is needed

Caring for our Priests who have selflessly nurtured us in our spiritual lives.

www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate

Brochures will be distributed this weekend.



The Clergy Support Foundation Appeal provides the financial means to care for sick and retired Priests, providing accommodation, health support and any other services that allow dignity to our Priests in retirement and poor health.

RECLAIM YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: Brisbane Archdiocese is running a young adults retreat in the Sunshine Coast on the weekend of the 5th - 7th of July. A chance to get away, rest, make some new friends and make space for God. Click on the QR code for more info or to register. If you're interested in carpooling with other young adults from our diocese than **contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.**



WHAT IS ALPHA

The Alpha program opens the door to sharing our faith, and creates a space for everyone to freely ask questions about God. You can bring others who are interested in a conversation about Jesus in an informal way.

We are offering this Alpha program in our parish over eight weeks, where each session covers a key element of the gospel in a way that's easy to follow and leaves space for people to explore their questions about life, faith, and God. Each night incorporates watching a short video, sharing, and some hospitality.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED:

- **Register**– Contact the Parish on 4151 6666.
- **Offer to provide a meal for one of the sessions**– A simple Soup, Stew, Casserole or Pasta.
- **Be a part of our Prayer Group** - We invite Parishioners to gather nearby to pray for those currently participating in the Alpha Sessions. It is powerful for them to know we care and are praying for them.

ENVELOPES FOR PLANNED GIVING –Next weekend: It is close to the end of the financial year, and it is time to distribute the planned giving envelopes.

This will occur next weekend (June 23rd/24th). We will strive to have the envelopes at your regular worshipping centre, but please contact us if we have placed them elsewhere.

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/>

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: The Bereavement Team was pleased to welcome the many relatives and friends who came to the service last Wednesday. Praying for our departed as well as praying for our comfort and strength were very much to the forefront in the service.

O God, this prayer time revives in us memories of loved ones who are here no more.

What happiness we share when they walk among us!

What joy, when, loving and loved, we live our lives together.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Amen

Special Thanks to all who prepared and served the supper and to Browns Funerals for the beautiful commemorative roses.

VISITATION TEAM MEETING: We look forward to meeting with all our Visitation Ministers on **Wednesday, June 19th at 10.30am.**

As the weather changes, we will need to look at covering some gaps that are appearing. Your attendance as always is greatly appreciated.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: The monthly prayers will be held at the Catholic Cemetery on **Thursday June 20th at 9.30am.**

All are welcome to join in praying for our deceased relatives and friends.

FR DON ON LEAVE: From this Sunday, Fr Don will be on leave until mid-July. We wish him a relaxing and refreshing time away. Safe travels and enjoyable holiday.



SCHOOL TERM CONCLUDES: Friday, June 21st sees the close of our schools for the winter recess. To all the staff of our schools and college we extend our thanks and wish them a relaxing break. To our students we trust they also enjoy the time away from the school routine.

A special thanks to the many teachers who assisted us during the term in the Sacramental program, the children's Mass, the Anointing Mass and various other parish events.

"DO IT FOR CANCER" Luncheon: Saturday July 13th at the Brothers Sports Club commencing at 12noon. Tickets are on sale through the Parish Office, \$30.00pp for a two course luncheon with Entertainment and a multi-draw raffle on the day.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED: Chibundom Edwin Mmadu, Rubi Ann Weller and Ameleigh Eve Peardon.



FUNERALS

Mary Dinneen

St Patrick's Church Tuesday, June 18th

1.30pm



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Dinneen, Josephine Catasti, Ron Hancock, Peter Watson, June Conroy, Trevor Russell (Hervey Bay), Kevin McCusker (Mackay), Kathleen Barnes, Damien Gambley, Paul Feeney (Brisbane), Stephen Smith, Carmelina Lemura, Paul Schleger, Roy McGuinness.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Sebastiano Litori 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, 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, 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 17 June 2024

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 18 June 2024

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 19 June 2024

St Romuald

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 20 June 2024

7.00am St Patrick's-LWC

Friday 21 June 2024

St Aloysius Gonzaga

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 22 June 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 23 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

Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

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.

BLANKET BUDDIES

- Wednesday Weekly
- 9.00am-12.00noon
- Novakoski Centre
(Behind Holy Rosary Church).

Blanket Buddies gather every week for a cuppa and a chat while knitting and crocheting items that support our local community and Country.

Everyone is welcome.

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

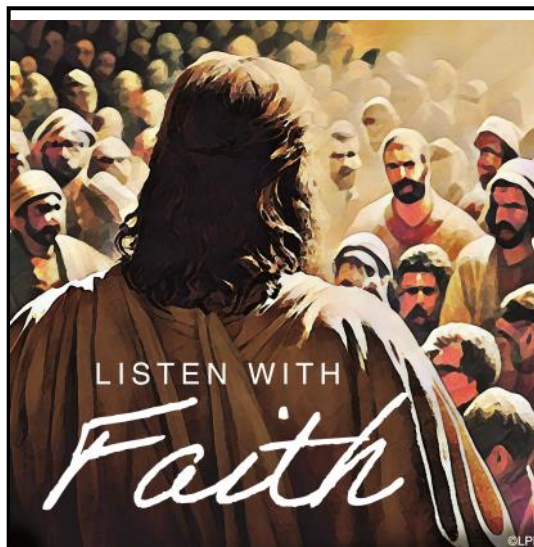
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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



My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, **“he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.”** Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

