

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

27th/28th July 2024

HOW TO BE A MISSIONARY SYNODAL CHURCH?

Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Last week Bishop Michael emailed the latest from the Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops regarding the upcoming Synod (October 2024). Bishop Michael encouraged us all in our parish and agency groups to discuss the material and be abreast of the synod when it commences later this year.

Below are links to two documents. The first is from the General Secretariat of the Synod which explores five theological perspectives in view of the Second Session of the Synod. (You will need to scroll through to find the English version or identify the translation required.)

<https://tinyurl.com/Five-theological-perspectives>

The second is an “*Instrumentum Laboris*” (working papers) for participants in the October conversations.

[Instrumentum laboris_IN - II Sessione XVI AGO.pdf](#)

A cursory skimming of the more than fifty pages affirmed strongly what our Parish is doing at this very time.

We are in the process of renewing our commitment as a Stewardship Parish – something we have been for more than fifteen years. The focus of the Synod is our focus – “*everyone’s participation in the one mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world*”, and “*we will reflect on the contribution to the mission from the recognising and promoting the specific gifts of each member of the People of God*”. (From the Foreword from the General Secretariat of the Synod.)

Last Sunday we looked at discerning our spiritual gifts – built on the natural gifts we have. This week we will be inspired as we read of the more than ninety ministries and prayer groups in which we and our fellow parishioners participate.

These ministries are the “*common work*” of our Parish. Our good works, our ministries, our prayer groups carry out the work of service and pastoral care of our community in co-responsibility with our Parish Priest.

This unity in the diversity of all that we do has its validity in our Parish when it is supported by all the baptised and given life by our priests who lead us in pastoral ministry in our local Church.

As we pray and discern over the next couple of weeks, know that we are living out what our Church is discussing right now – we are a synodal Church on mission. We cannot rest on the laurels of what has been achieved already, great as it is. We have the right and the obligation (the Great Commission) as one of the baptised to *go out and preach the Gospel to the whole world* (Mark 16.15).

May each one of us pray and gift our time, talents, treasure in whatever way we can.

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL: At each Mass this weekend there will be a second collection for the ministries. The ministries and we are grateful for your generosity.

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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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 6

A Disciple's Response

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

(The following relies heavily on the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS 1992.)

A Steward's Way.

Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

Have we stopped often/ever to consider the phrase, "This divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours"?

Our belief that God created the world is not challenged by the reference to our world as both God's and our workshop. Indeed, our belief is strengthened as we know that we are co-responsible with God for the ongoing creation of our world. The world of Jesus' time was circumscribed by the knowledge and the understanding of the time. How exciting it is for us to learn new and ever-revelatory knowledge of our world.

St Paul's words (1 Corinthians 13:11) have some reference here: *When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put the ways of childhood behind me.* Knowledge grows with maturity, and we build on the knowledge and discoveries of others. Our simple understanding of the world as a child does not become us as an adult.

Co-responsible for the ongoing creation of our World is linked closely with co-responsibility for this Church of ours. Our Church is simply what it says, "OUR". We as good stewards are required to own our Church; be co-responsible for the Mission; never allow maintenance of the *status quo* to be our guiding principle but always be surprised by the Spirit calling us to new and different ways of being in Mission.

The Spirit shows us the way.

John 3: 8 *The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

Everyone born of the Spirit refers to each one of us reborn in baptism and confirmed in our Faith. The Spirit is all pervasive as is a gentle breeze or blistering gale. If we allow ourselves to feel the gentle breeze of the Spirit, there will be no need for the Spirit to blow us off our feet to use our gifts in Mission.

Let us be in-spirited/inspired as we serve our world, our Church in a steward's way.



ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING SESSIONS: Our annual Safeguarding sessions were held on Wednesday June 5th 2024. A good number of nearly 100 people attended.

For those who could not attend, we are offering the video which can be viewed at any time during office hours at the Parish Office.

Anyone who does a ministry in the Parish needs to do this training.

NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME FUNCTION: – Wednesday, August 7 at 5.00pm

The Parish will host a short welcome function at Rossolini Place (the Parish Office).

We will invite all whom we know are new to our Parish in 2023 and 2024.

If you are new to our Parish and perhaps, we may have missed your arrival, and you would wish to join us, please contact the office and let us know of your attendance.

4151 6666 between 9.00-3.00pm Monday to Friday.

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.**



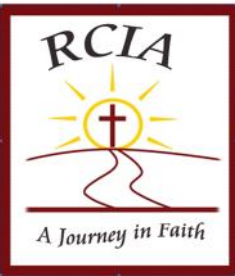
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PRIESTS' RETREAT :From the evening of Sunday July 28th until the afternoon of Friday, August 2nd our priests will be participating in their Annual Diocesan Retreat at The Haven, Emu Park.

From Monday through to Friday, some Masses will be replaced with Liturgy of Word and Communion. **(Please check the Liturgies Column)**

The emergency phone will be answered by our lay ministers, and they will minister as needed.

How grateful we are that our priests can avail themselves of this opportunity to take time for reflection which, as we saw in last week's Gospel, is what Jesus told his Apostles to do. We pray for our parish priests and all the priests who gather for the week.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Come and join us. The RCIA is the journey that adults take as they find out more about the Catholic Faith. It is an important life decision, so the journey is a gradual one with no set timeframe. Though it usually takes about a year, some take longer before they come to the point to commit to a life of following Christ.

ALPHA UPDATE

The Alpha team welcomed a group of enthusiastic guests at our first Alpha session. All enjoyed chatting over a casual meal prepared by members of our team, before viewing a video and moving into discussion groups.

It's still not too late to still register! This week's video is *Who is Jesus?*

We are grateful to parishioners who continue praying for our team and guests during the program.

Thank you also to those parishioners who have already volunteered to take turns to make food for our gathering.

Even if you can't join us, it would be great if you could help by providing a simple meal eg soup, casserole, pasta.

Please ring the Parish office 41516666 to register for Alpha or to indicate that you will supply a meal.

**Thursdays
5.30pm**



FUNERALS

Vinko Silic	St James	Monday 29 th July	10.00am (Mass)
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Please note everyone is invited to this Funeral Mass.

Karen Egan	Des Allen Chapel	Friday 2 nd August	10.30am
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WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brenden Mooney (Canberra), Josipa Dakic, Rufino Ramos Snr (Philippines), Karen Egan, Kenneth Alan Decker (Geelong), Paul Lastavec, Vinko Silic, Rozalind Foran, Margaret Cheong (Malaysia), Br Denis Sullivan, Marie Schmeider, Carmel Sheehan (Brisbane), Sandra Hargreave, Antonio Gorza, Tony Sawyer, Ronald Pizaro, Kevin Geiger.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Paterson 29.07.2023, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, James Oguiche 17.07.2017, Joe Grima 22.07.1976, Ramon D Andres 27.06.2006, Lavene Bailey 03.08.2023, Darinka Borovac 10.07.2023, Joseph Formosa 11.08.1999, Joyce Galea 17.07.2023, Stan Bryant 18.07.2023,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Louis Grima (Malta). Tony Gorza, Ronald Pizaro, Marie Schmeider, Elizabeth Castro, Rosa A Andres, Elizabeth Castro, Beatrice Tapic, Noela Olsen (Brisbane), Annette Sutton, 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 29 July 2024

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9.00am St Patrick's -LWC

Monday 30 July 2024

St Peter Chrysologus

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 31 July 2024

St Ignatius of Loyola

8.00am Shalom - LWC

11.45am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Thursday 1 August 2024

St Alphonsus Liguori

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 2 August 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

12.15pm Holy Rosary -LWC

Saturday 3 August 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 4 August 2024

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's- Mass

12noon Baffle Creek- Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading

Ephesians 4 :17, 20-24

Gospel

John 6:24-35

NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME FUNCTION

RSVP to the Parish Office for Catering purposes by

Friday, August 2nd

This is a great opportunity to meet members of the Parish in a social setting, and know that you are very welcome.

PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 6th August commencing at 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre.

ROSARY GROUP

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

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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

Ms Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
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

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "**The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs**"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

The Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all to their annual gathering for 2024 – **Encounter School of Ministry Winter Intensive** at Emmaus College, Rockhampton. Commencing **Friday 23rd August @ 6pm** concluding Sunday 25th August @ **12.30pm**. Registration Adults \$90-00, Students and Young adults 18 to 25yrs \$45-00 includes all meals.

This will be a powerful experience over 3 days that helps bridge the gap between the supernatural lifestyle of Jesus and the everyday experience of many believers, and a chance to hear from engaging and faith-filled speakers.



You can scan the QR code or click the below link for further information and ticket purchases. If you have any queries please contact Deirdre 0419 028 016.

<https://app.tickets.org.au/ESMbrisbane/EncounterWI>

World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024 Lord, faithful God,

Sunday
July 28th

You who created us in your image,
You who never leaves us alone
And who accompanies us through every
season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us,
and grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
And recognize that we are your children.
Renew our hearts with your word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.

May your spirit of love fill us with your
tenderness
And teach us to say:
"I will not abandon You!"
To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,
May we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness
of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with re-
newed hope,
And make the World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness, and a day abun-
dant with the first-fruits of your peace.

Amen