

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

10th/11th August 2024

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

LOVE FAITH COURAGE

As the oldest Catholic Primary School in the Rockhampton Diocese, St Joseph's, Bundaberg takes pride in its history and close association with the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. It was the sisters of this order who started our school in 1876. Last week, our school celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, as the founder of the order and Australia's only saint. Our school values are based on the key virtues demonstrated by St Mary MacKillop of love, faith, and courage.



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Love: *"Do all you can to assist and love one another"* (Mary MacKillop: 28.01.1890)¹

Mary's deep love for God inspired her dedication to educating the poor and caring for the marginalised. These acts of care, kindness and love inspire us today. Our students are encouraged to follow in Mary's footsteps through acts of charity. Each year, the community at St Joseph's engages in several social justice actions. These include donations through Project Compassion, the Leukaemia Foundation, Catholic Missions, Vinnies, and Hummingbird House. Later this term, we will hold a book swap to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Students are taught that these actions are part of our mission to help create God's kingdom on Earth.

Faith: *"God has always helped me and I have every cause to trust in Him"* (Mary MacKillop: 10.3.1874)²

Mary's enduring faith in the goodness of God and His love for all meant that she never gave up on her commitment to helping others in need. She inspired other women to follow her belief in God's providence and love, even when times were tough. The faith life of students at St Joseph's is nurtured and guided through daily prayer and meditation practices, attendance at weekday Mass and preparation for receiving the Sacraments. Our Religious Education curriculum invites all students to engage in dialogue and to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Courage: *"Have courage, no matter what your crosses."* (Mary MacKillop: 7.5.1890)³

One of the virtues St Mary MacKillop displayed was courage. She not only braved the physical trials of isolation, poverty and ill-health but also those of ridicule, excommunication and opposition. Throughout these trials, Mary remained resolute in her convictions and mission to bring God to those living in poverty and need. Students at St Joseph's are reminded of these virtues every week through the presentation of our weekly "Shout Out" awards. Staff and students are nominated for these awards based on the three virtues of love, faith and courage. We see courage in our students when they stand up for others, take on personal challenges and encourage others to do their best.

The students of St Joseph's attended Mass on the day of her feast and applied their learning from the Arts curriculum to recognise St Mary's extraordinary life and amazing faith. Our community gathered for a celebration night where each class presented drama, visual art works, poetry, music and media arts dedicated to our dear and inspiring saint – Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

"Let us be joyful and thank God." (Mary MacKillop: 19.3.1874)⁴

Laura Campbell – Acting Principal, St Joseph's

1, 2, 3, 4: Mary MacKillop quotes from the Daily Thoughts Perpetual Calendar (2012)

www.sosj.org.au

By Laura Campbell

Acting Principal

St Joseph's Primary School.

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

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Dr Preshy Varghese

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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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT – WHAT NEXT?

Thanks to all who submitted online or in hard-copy your commitment. As was said, you can continue to send in forms through the normal Collection time at Mass and you can use the QR code at any time and submit your form.

Continuing Ministers are asked to complete the Form also as we have a new database and onboarding from the form or by QR code will hasten our capturing of all information.

We hope to contact all who have submitted a form during the week beginning Monday, August 12. This is simply to touch base and have a brief conversation about the ministry. (Some of you may be contacted more than once, depending on the ministries you have committed to.)

In the weeks following from **August 19th to September 13th**, there will be training for new ministers to which existing ministers will be invited.

If there is need for checks etc to be undertaken, we will assist you in securing these.

Through the first phase of commitment, a **new ministry** has emerged.

Prayer Partners. This ministry is one suitable to those of us whose involvement in the more active ministries has become a little difficult. Praying in solidarity with others is something which can be done by all of us. The prayer partnering would be a wonderful way to offer our gift of prayer and compassion to others in need of prayerful support.

If you feel you can gift this to our community, simply add it to the Commitment form or contact the parish office (07 4151 6666) and we will ensure that you will be welcome into this mutually supportive partnership.

Ignite Conference: Rise Up! Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Our diocese is taking a group which is open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite runs from **September 19th to 22nd**. For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.



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>

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP: meets in the Parish Office every Sunday evening after 5.30pm Mass.

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

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING SESSIONS: Our annual Safeguarding sessions were held in June. **Anyone who does a ministry in the Parish needs to do this training.**

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. The video takes 30 minutes.

WHAT ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND WHEN ARE THEY?

“Holy Days of Obligation” are special occasions on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

“On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body” (#2185).

Aside from every Sunday of the year, there are two “Holy Days of Obligation” in Australia. These are Christmas Day (25 December) and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August). These two holy days are to be observed each year, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: It is always lovely to meet new parishioners.

The informal gathering of about thirty people was welcomed by Fr Don.

The food and hospitality were greatly appreciated, and many remarked on being welcomed so warmly into our Parish.

Each new Parishioner told us a little about their story.

The staff members introduced themselves and advised how they could help them in the future.

A member of the Stewardship council spoke, and a member of the Passionist Family Group also offered an invitation to join.

Please look out for any new faces and offer a friendly and welcoming word or smile.

Thanks to all who helped make the night so special.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED THIS WEEKEND : Lily Dunbar, Olivia Maree Gilliland and Luca Valentine Brimelow.



FUNERALS

Jennifer Barnes

Holy Rosary

TBA



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jennifer Barnes, Neville Soppa, Arthur Wise, Milada Hulkova, Reynaldo Castro Espiritu (Philippines) , Brenden Mooney (Canberra), Josipa Dakic, Rufino Ramos Snr (Philippines), Karen Egan, Kenneth Alan Decker (Geelong), Paul Lastavec, Vinko Silic, \Br Denis Sullivan, Marie Schmeider, Carmel Sheehan (Brisbane), Sandra Hargreave.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Peter Felsina 01.09.2001, Jovita Porciuncula Espiritu, Genoveffa Lituri 07.08.2023, Abin A Mathew 05.08.2022, Mary Paterson 29.07.2023, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, James Oguche 17.07.2017, Joe Grima 22.07.1976, Ramon D Andres 27.06.2006, Lavene Bailey 03.08.2023, Joseph Formosa 11.08.1999, Stan Bryant 18.07.2023,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria Mary Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Family, Mausoru, Lalh-Bui, Mausoko, Dau-Mau, Ronald Pizaro Inacio Freitas, Maria Auxili, Adora Da Conc, Eicao Ximenes, Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza and members of the Benvenuto and Parussini Families, Louis Grima (Malta). Tony Gorza, Ronald Pizaro, Marie Schmeider, Elizabeth Castro, Rosa A Andres, 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 12 August 2024

St Jane Frances de Chantal

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 13 August 2024

St Pontian & St Hippolytus

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 14 August 2024

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

8.00am Shalom - Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Thursday 15 August 2024

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am St James- Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Friday 16 August 2024

St Stephen of Hungary

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 17 August 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 18 August 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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Second Reading

Ephesians 5 :15-20

Gospel

John 6:51-58

QR Code for
Stewardship Commitment



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.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

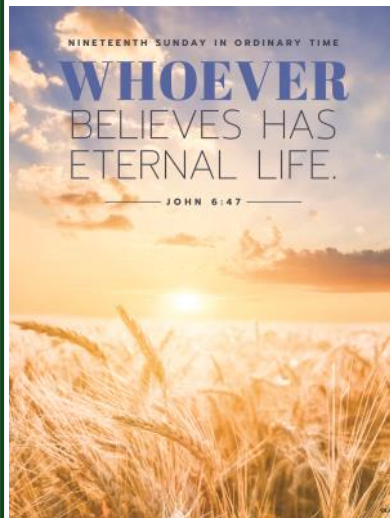
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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



This week we hear Jesus say, “**He that believes in me, has eternal life**” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— *Father John Muir*

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**CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON**

**Current Employment
Opportunities**

Property Manager: The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications from professionals with relevant qualifications in facilities management, project management, construction or property management.

The position of Property Manager reports to the Director of Diocesan Services and is responsible for the administration and operational management of the Buildings and Property portfolio of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton in accordance with it’s ethos, philosophy and structure.

Pastoral Coordinator: Rockhampton Parishes.

The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton are recruiting for a Pastoral Coordinator to assist the Parish Priest with the development and implementation of the Pastoral Plan of the Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral coordinator, in exercising co-responsibility for the mission, will assist the Parish Priest with:

Inspirational leadership of the operational aspects of the parish.

The development and supervision of the operation of the parish’s enterprise.

The responsibilities of the Pastoral Coordinator are based on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and it’s priorities in these three areas.

- 1.Evangelisation and Mission**
- 2.Co-Responsibility and Mission**
- 3.Celebration and Mission**

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/employment/>

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/77854364>

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/77852278>