



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

## Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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CHRIST THE KING

*Welcome to the Parish*

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical "Quas primas" (In the first) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognised that attempting to thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This "Solemnity of Jesus Christ" reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century many communist countries popularised militantly secularistic regimens based on atheism. Karl Marx, the pioneer of communism, famously said "Religion is the opium of the people". Friedrich Nietzsche, another famous atheist during that period, criticised Christian faith saying that "God is dead". These movements in history threatened not just the Catholic Church but countries' civilisation itself, built on Christian values. But history proved that these "movements" failed, and Christianity prevailed through many saints and martyrs. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. He said Jesus Christ is the very truth and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind (Quas primas,7)

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Churches' teaching on the Incarnation, which means God assumed a human nature and became man in the form of Jesus Christ. "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:5-11). He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

*"He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -Quas primas, 33*

Today the challenge for Christianity is "Secularism". It has infiltrated every aspect of human society including Christian churches, organisations and institutions. The name of God and Jesus has been slowly removed from public offices, schools and hospitals. We tend to dilute Biblical and Church teachings to fit into modern secular ideologies. Religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public places, we may not speak anything that relates to our faith. Proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ to another person or publicly, is considered offensive and part of proselytising. Laws have been made to silence those who speak truth from the Bible. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalised in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalising our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in our social life. As Paul says, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow; in heaven and on earth and under earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord". Let us root our faith firmly in Jesus who has revealed himself through the Holy Spirit in the Bible, Sacraments and Church teachings. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

*Dr Preshy Varghese*  
Chair of Parish Stewardship Council

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.

# Parish News and Announcements

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Peter Tonti PP**  
Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**  
Associate Pastor

**Br Ted Magee**  
Executive Officer/Stewardship

**Mrs Anne Sheehan**  
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-ordinator

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**  
Finance & Marketing Officer

**Mrs Marcia Sharp**  
Visitation Co-ordinator

**Miss Elizabeth Kelly**  
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

**Mrs Jan Aplin**  
Safeguarding Representative &  
Bereavement Co-ordinator

**Mr Norm Whyte**  
Property Officer

**Mrs Sandra Fox**  
Receptionist

**ADULT FAITH - "The Mass"** : The **Greeting** at Mass, following the making of the Sign of the Cross, is no ordinary encounter between a man and a group – the Mass is on a much different plane. While a greeting implies the beginning of a dialogue, the liturgical greeting reminds us that we are engaged in a dialogue which expands onto three different levels: between the Priest and the People; between Church and God; and between Me and God. In the 1970's the Altar was turned to face the people, as in the early Church, to emphasise the fact that the Priest and the People of God bear witness together. Secondly, every major prayer during the Mass is addressed to the Father through *Jesus Christ our Lord*. Thus, the Priest, in a special way through Holy Orders, prays to the Father with us in the Mass. Finally, there is the sublime dialogue going on between our individual souls and God with the Holy Spirit breathing where the Spirit will. At this level, our prayers become absorbed at Mass into the great and timeless intercessions Christ is making to his Father and take on a significance they could otherwise never claim for themselves. (Notes from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

**TWILIGHT RETREAT:** Approximately 65 parishioners attended the Retreat at St James. All agreed it was a wonderful experience and a chance to stop and reflect. Special thanks to Br Damien for his heartfelt presentation. Thanks also to Sandy Fox for catering and to Frank and Kath Gambley, Anne Carlsen, Phil Gilchrist, and all others for their assistance.

**THE BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE:** are in all Churches for you to record the name/s of your loved one/s who have died. These and all the departed will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

## NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

9.30am followed by a "cuppa".

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**EVERYONE** is welcome. Wear a Hat and bring a chair if you wish.

**PARISH "Thank you" to all Ministers:** The Parish will host, at the Parish office, a "Thank You" to all involved in our seventy-five ministries in the Parish on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** from **5.00pm – 7.00pm**.

Drinks and finger food will be served from 5.00pm and conclude at 7.00pm.

The Function will have one formality at 6.00pm when Fr Peter will express our gratitude to all ministers.

ALL ministers are invited and can come and go as their time allows.

Thank you to the CWL for catering.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS:** Held each year on **Christmas Eve, 5.00pm**, in Holy Rosary Church. Selection and allocations of parts for the dramatization of the nativity gospel story will take place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-4.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre. More information contact Anne at the parish office.

**CATHOLIC MISSION COLLECTION:** The Parish donated \$4202.80 to this worthwhile cause. Thank you once again for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING APPEAL:** This weekend we launch our Christmas Appeal. In 2022 we will be supporting both **Catholic Care through School Savvy** and **St Vincent de Paul Society** through cash donations for Christmas vouchers for families in need at this time of year.

There is a list of goods for School Savvy in the insert and there are envelopes for cash donations to St Vincent de Paul at the door of each Church.

We will accept both at the Parish Office and at the Church doors each week until December 11th. All donations will be gratefully received by both groups.

**Thank you for your generosity.**



**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.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

**Dr Preshy Varghese**  
Chair

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Deputy-Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begea**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Mrs Maryanne Taylor**

**Mr Michael Walker**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**St Patrick's Principal**  
**Mr Mark Fox**  
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**Shalom College Principal**  
**Mr Dan McMahon**  
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## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**  
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

**St Patrick's Church**  
14 Powers Street

**St James' Church**  
38 See Street Bargara

# Parish News and Announcements

**POWER OUTAGE and CANCELLATION:** We have been notified that there will be a power outage from 8.00am at St Patrick's next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. As this will greatly inhibit our liturgy, we have decided reluctantly to **cancel the 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's** and to invite parishioners to attend one of the other Masses next weekend. We apologise for this inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you at St James' or Holy Rosary next Sunday.

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ORDER OF CATECHUMENS:** This Sunday during the 5.30pm Mass we celebrate a Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens with our Inquirers: Glen & Cameron Windsor, Sylvia How and Hanahlin Whittard. This is the first liturgical rite that formalises their desire to become one with us through the sacraments of Initiation at Easter and move forward to a more intense period of preparation, the catechumenate. The candidates are accepting the Christian gospel way of life.

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Will be held at Anglican Christ Church **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am**, followed by fellowship. All welcome.

**ROSTERS TERM 1, 2023:** These will need to be organised and sent before Christmas. If you have any dates that you know you will be away for, would like to come off the roster, or have changed your contact details, please contact Sarah on [wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) or 4151 6666, before Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Registrations are still being taken for the 2023 programme. Contact Anne at the parish office for information and registration forms. Registrations close February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CONSULTATION ON FORMATION AND EVANGELISATION :** The Stewardship Council and the Parish Team have been fortunate to have Dr Ken Avenell agree to accept the role of Consultant on the Formation programs we offer in our Parish. Dr Ken will evaluate our Parish Formation programs and discover any gaps/omissions in our present suite of offerings.

Ken is highly respected in many circles in education in our society and is on the adjunct faculty at the Broken Bay Institute - The Australian Institute of Theological Education. Until recently he was very involved in the Toowoomba Diocese where he was Director Formation and Identity for Catholic Schools, Chair of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Deputy Chair for Toowoomba Catholic Care as well as Cathedral Sacristan. Before that he was Manager Professional Learning and Leadership Development for Brisbane Catholic Education and principal of several schools across Queensland.

Ken has recently returned to his home city of Bundaberg and is quite active in our Parish.

**An invitation is extended to any parishioner** who wishes to speak about Formation in our Parish with Ken.

Please contact the Parish Office 4151 6666 and we will inform Ken of your request.

**GOD'S WORD:** for sale for \$20.00 at the Parish Office.

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS "Hearts of the Disciple",** Produced by the Brisbane Archdiocese. On sale for \$5.00. at the Parish Office and at the church doors from this weekend. **Limited Copies available**

## Recently Baptised:

Addison Amanda Dick, Lennox David Dick, Edna Grace Rimmington, Zakariah Hassan Dean, Lachlan Bradley Barr, Charlee Jean Halpin and Maeve Jo Crossan.

## Recently Deceased:

Sr M. St Pius, Petronella Meerman, Sue Boisen, Ben Clutterbuck, Patricia Norcott, Riccardo Bianchin, Leah Dray, Doreen Fox, Edward "Ted" Carey, Maureen Lines, Vincent "Bill" Smith, John Moller, Sybilla Rohen.

## LITURGIES

**Monday 21 November 2022**  
**Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

**Tuesday 22 November 2022**  
**St Cecilia**  
9.00am St James' Mass  
Followed by Rosary and Adoration  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 23 November 2022**  
**St Clement & St Columban**  
8.00am Shalom - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

**Thursday 24 November 2022**  
**St Andrew Dung-Lac**  
6.30am St Patrick's- Mass  
10.00am Holy Rosary  
Anointing mass  
6.30pm Holy Rosary  
Malayalam Mass

**Friday 25 November 2022**  
**St Catherine**  
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass  
6.00pm Holy Rosary  
REIGNITE

**Saturday 26 November 2022**  
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**27 November 2022**  
**Year C(2)**  
7.00am St James'  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am **Cancelled**  
5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### For next Sunday

#### First Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

#### Second Reading

Romans: 13:11-14

#### Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44



## PRAYER GROUPS

**ROSARY GROUP:** The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

**ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

**CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP:** Takes place every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7.00pm in the Novakoski Centre.

## The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, 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](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net)

**Diocesan website for more information:**

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

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

[www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Mrs Judy Pidcock:** 4887 3080  
Diocesan Safeguarding

**Catholic Care:** 1300 523 985  
**St Vincent de Paul:** 4151 5455  
**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

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.



It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together. ©LPi

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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.

Time Talent Treasure

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