

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

17th/18th August 2024

“Never see a need, without doing something about it.”

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

The Gospels of Mark 9:37 and Luke 10:2 have the well-known statement “the harvest is great, but the labourers are few.”

In our Parish the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop inspire us as we continue our Stewardship Renewal, and the words of the Gospel encourage us to offer our service as “labourers” to meet the needs of our community.

We are indeed blessed that we have so many ministries and outreach in our Parish and local community. More than two hundred people have completed Commitment Forms, and many have responded with availability for multiple ministries.

Both Gospel accounts ask our Prayer Groups and all of us “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest”. Our Stewardship Prayer asks God to help us recognise the gifts in others as well as in ourselves so that we can go out to welcome and to share God’s love. May we continue to pray, over the next few weeks as we work together in preparation for the re-commissioning of all who serve.

During the week, as I was locking Holy Rosary Church, I met a visitor who was praying in the church. In conversation he offered that he was from Lithuania and was travelling around. He had just taken a photo and sent it to friends back home, remarking how beautiful was the church and built like a Cathedral but small in comparison with those in Europe. He asked how we maintain such a beautiful building.

The simple answer is that we would not be able to maintain the building if we did not have a community who shared their gifts, time, talent and treasure. The other simple answer is that we would not be able to celebrate our Eucharist and other liturgies if we did not have priests and the many who minister at and behind these celebrations. A quick look at our ministries sees more than forty have an important function to perform so that we can be nourished by Word and Sacraments within our churches which are the nourishing space for all people of God.

Bundaberg Parish is not just people who are Sunday-Catholics. If it were, our churches, our outreach, our ministries would be non-existent.

In the next couple of weeks, the ten Year 8 classes at Shalom have a religious Education assignment to complete. Some of our ministers have agreed to assist them with their assignment by having a Zoom conversation on the topic:

How is the Catholic Church a sign of God’s presence and work in our world?

The ministers will speak about their discernment of their gifts, where they minister and why the ministry and gifting of their time and talents is essentially important in living out their Faith.

The assignment and the conversation fit beautifully within our Stewardship Renewal. We thank the Religious Education teachers at Shalom for this opportunity.

In conclusion, may I be so bold as to quote the words of the founder of my own Congregation of Christian Brothers, Blessed Edmund Rice. In speaking of ministering to others, Edmund once wrote, "Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we should prize it more than silver and gold."

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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 Presly Varghese

Mr Michael Walker

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Mr Dan McMahon
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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

Focus continued

Whatever the ministry/ministries to which you commit, be assured that your service for the love of God is worth more than silver or gold in bringing God's love respectfully to all people.

If you have not yet completed a Commitment Form, you are welcome to do this through the QR code or by the hard copy available on the Church pews.



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.



VISITATION TEAM MEETING : Wednesday 21st at 10.30am (cuppa before)

All in our Visitation ministry are urged to attend this meeting.

There will be a brief input from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Document – "To Witness and To Accompany with Christian Hope".

We will look at the section of the document – "Reflections for Healthcare Professionals, Chaplains and Pastoral Carers".

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL OPEN MEETING : Wednesday, 21st August 5.15pm.

All are invited to a presentation of a report from the Finance Council.

There will be time for questions after the presentation.

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly anointing Mass will be celebrated at Holy Rosary at **10.00am on Thursday, August 22nd**. All are welcome to Morning tea after Mass.

THE CWL YOUNGER SET will meet for dinner at The Melbourne Hotel on **Tuesday 20th August** at 6.15pm. New members are always welcome. For more information contact the Parish Office.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY AND BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETINGS:

In the Parish Office, **Friday 23rd August** at **10.15am** and **11.15am** respectively.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Sunday, August 25th at St Patrick's 9.00am.

All Children and their families are welcome.

Please bring a plate to share at Morning tea with the community after Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are Hosting The Mothers Union to a Morning Tea.

Wednesday 28th August in St Patrick's Hall at **10.00am**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FUNDRAISER for Motor Neurone Disease.

A luncheon will be held at the Spotted Dog on **Tuesday 3rd September** commencing at **11.30am for a 12.00noon start**. Lunch can be purchased. If possible bring a prize for our raffle. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance or if you have any further questions.

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.

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

Re: Respect@Work Training in our parish on Monday, 26th August 2024

From Holly Tucker – Diocesan HR Manager to all Ministers

On 12 December 2022, the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect@Work) Act 2022 (Cth) (the Act) came into effect.

The Act makes important amendments to the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth) and the Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 (Cth).

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to abiding by these legislative changes and creating safe, inclusive and respectful workplaces for employees and volunteers.

Therefore, you are invited to attend a Respect@Work training session at the Bundaberg Parish Office at Rossolini Place at **10:30am on Monday, 26th August 2024**.

The session is expected to go for approximately 1.5 – 2 hours.

Please let the parish know if you will be attending (ph. 4151 6666) .

If you are interested in participating in the training but cannot make this session, please contact hr@rok.catholic.net.au and we will consider conducting another session or give you details for an online session.

We appreciate all the work you do as ministers and place great importance on your safety and wellbeing.

While this training is not mandatory for ministers, we strongly encourage your attendance.

PENANCE TIMES: Please note the updated Penance times.

Tuesday	St James'	8.30am (There will be no Penance while Fr Daly is away)
Wednesday	Holy Rosary	11.45am
Friday	Holy Rosary	11.30am
Saturday	Holy Rosary	9.00am

WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED THIS WEEKEND: Eleanor Sophia Gail Ahlstrom.



FUNERALS

Jennifer Barnes	Holy Rosary	Monday, August 19 th at 11.00am
Albert Portelli	Holy Rosary	Thursday, August 22 nd at 12.00noon



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Walter McClure, June Kimber, Albert Portelli, Graham Wallace, Jennifer Barnes, Neville Soppa, Arthur Wise, Milada Hulkova, Reynaldo Castro Espiritu (Philippines), Brenden Mooney (Canberra), Josipa Dakic, Rufino Ramos Snr (Philippines), Karen Egan, Paul Lastavec, Vinko Silic, Br Denis Sullivan, Marie Schmeider, Carmel Sheehan (Brisbane), Sandra Hargreaves.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Felipinas B Cruz 14.08xx, Rosa A Andres 09.08.xx, Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Peter Felesina 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, Joe Grima 22.07.1976, Lavene Bailey 03.08.2023, Joseph Formosa 11.08.1999.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ramon D Andres, Len Potter, David Potter, Robert Potter, 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, Noela Olsen (Brisbane), Annette Sutton, Joyce Galea, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Forte and Theresa Galea, Mary and Charles Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 19 August 2024

St John Eudes

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

Tuesday 20 August 2024

St Bernard

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

Wednesday 21 August 2024

St Pius X

8.00am Shalom - Mass
11.45am Holy Rosary– Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

Thursday 22 August 2024

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary-Anointing

Friday 23 August 2024

St Rose of Lima

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass
6.30pm Holy Rosary
Malayalam Mass

Saturday 24 August 2024

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

Sunday 25 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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading

Ephesians 5 :21-32

Gospel

John 6:60-69

July Diocesan Newsletter

is now available at the main door of all the churches or on the Diocesan website.

PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 20th 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

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **“bread of life come down from heaven.”** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **“eat my flesh and drink my blood”** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— *Father John Muir*

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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications for the following:

Property Manager: 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 its 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.

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND SAFEGUARDING MANAGER (RE-ADVERTISED)

The Diocese is looking for an experienced professional in justice, social work, child protection or education to support the Bishop with safeguarding and professional standards within the Diocese of Rockhampton. This role is responsible for fostering and enhancing a culture that encourages cultural safety for children, young people, and adults-at-risk in compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

The link is <https://www.seek.com.au/job/78079092>

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.

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