

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

24th/25th August 2024



Today's Gospel urges us to think about our dedication to Christ. The passage recounts how many of Jesus' disciples were unsettled by his teachings about the spiritual aspect of life rather than the limitations of the physical body. Some found Jesus' words unacceptable and decided to leave him.

It's easy to judge those who turned away from Jesus, believing that we would never do the same. However, we also encounter teachings and choices that test our

faith and understanding of God's plan. During these challenging times, we should recall Peter's reply to Jesus when he asked if the Twelve would abandon him: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Like Peter, we are called to cling to our belief in Jesus, even when we struggle to comprehend his teachings or when they appear difficult. We must trust that he possesses the message of eternal life and that genuine peace and fulfilment can only be attained through him. By strengthening our faith and nurturing our relationship with Jesus, we can transcend the limitations of the physical body and embrace the spiritual aspect that brings life.

In today's world, which is full of distractions, it is common for us to become content in our spiritual journey, prioritizing earthly desires over our spiritual growth. We may question the relevance of the Church's teachings or find it challenging to align our beliefs with societal expectations. Nonetheless, during moments of uncertainty, we must remind ourselves that Jesus is the Holy One of God, the sole route to eternal life.

As we ponder on today's Gospel, it is crucial to examine our hearts and minds, identifying areas where we may struggle in our commitment to follow Jesus. As we continue our journey of faith, let us grasp onto the words of Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

By: Fr Sijo George
Associate Pastor

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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Mr John Begea

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Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Michael Walker

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Principal
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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are Hosting The Mothers Union to a Morning Tea.
Wednesday 28th August in St Patrick's Hall at **10.00am**.

CEMETERY WORKING BEE – Saturday August 31st.

This is a pre-Fathers' Day clean-up.

7.30am – 9.45am (with a cuppa at 8.30am)

We will complete the work on the Grove, look at a general tidy-up of the Monumental Graves and Lawn section and cut back the frontage to allow better visibility at the entrance/exit.

Mowers, whipper/snippers, spades, rakes, brush cutters, chain saw, wheelbarrows, etc will be needed. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FUNDRAISER for Motor Neurone Disease.

A luncheon will be held at the Spotted Dog on **Tuesday 3rd September** commencing at **12.45pm for a 1.00pm 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT – follow-up

By now, you should have been contacted by the Coordinator or Liaison person of the Ministry/Ministries to which you have discerned and committed.

Hopefully, our system has not made any errors.

If you have not been contacted, and you have completed a Commitment Form, please contact the office and we will ensure your name and ministry is recorded.

There is still time to complete a Commitment Form, but this will be the last weekend forms will be available in our churches.

The form is available on our website and can be completed and submitted online or you may wish to scan the QR code in the Bulletin.

There may be some training or conversation over the next couple of weeks and we hope you can attend.

On behalf of Fr Don and the Core Stewardship Team, we thank you for your commitment to our Parish Vision and to the Stewardship of your Time, Talents and Treasure.

OPEN FINANCE MEETING: Wednesday night saw a small number of parishioners gather to hear from the Finance Council and Fr Don. Peter Byrne from the Finance Council gave us a financial Report for the Parish, a property report, the Parish Outreach and Planning for the Future.

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

BAFFLE CREEK MASS: The Bundaberg Parish would like to invite all Parishioners on the First Sunday of every month to join with the Baffle Creek Community and any visitors to celebrate Mass followed by a cuppa. **Next Mass will be Sunday 1st September, 12.00noon.**

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

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.



LITURGIES

Monday 26 August 2024
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 27 August 2024
St Monica

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

Wednesday 28 August 2024
St Augustine

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

Thursday 29 August 2024
The Passion of

St John the Baptist
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 30 August 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 31 August 2024

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

Sunday 1 September 2024

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's- Mass
12.00noon Baffle Creek-Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Second Reading

James 1 :17-18, 21-22, 27

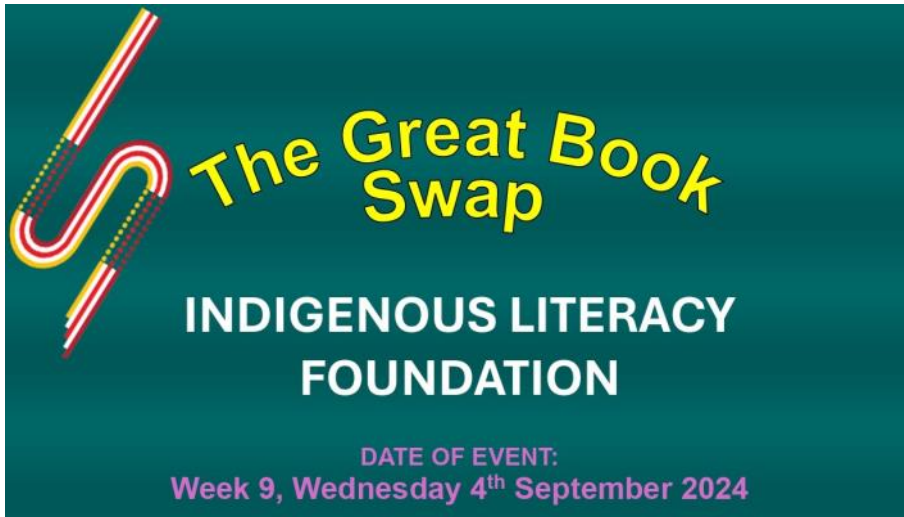
Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ROSTERS

The preparation of Term 4 rosters will be commencing over the coming weeks.

Please notify the Parish Office if you are unavailable in October, November and December



INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY - September 4th.

Parishioners are asked to gift any children's books to St Joseph's so that together we can support young people to acquire this basic skill.

Books should be in good condition and age appropriate for school children.

Books can be brought to the **Parish Office** or **St Joseph's Office** by **September 3rd**.

All monies raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE MARRIED THIS WEEKEND:

Lewis Francis NEVIN and Maria Angelica Orense REYES



WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED THIS WEEKEND AT HOLY ROSARY:

Braxton Ross Anthony Frendo



FUNERALS

Jean Bates Holy Rosary Church Tuesday, 3rd September at 11.00am



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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Filipinas B Cruz 14.08xx, Rosa A Andres 09.08.xx, Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Jovita Porciuncula Espiritu, Genoveffa Lituri 07.08.2023, Abin A Mathew 05.08.2022, Joe Grima 22.07.1976, Lavene Bailey 03.08.2023, Joseph Formosa 11.08.1999.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ron Cook, Arthur Jolly, 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). 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.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY
PRAYER GROUP:**

Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, August 27th** at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church commencing at **10.00am**. 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

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

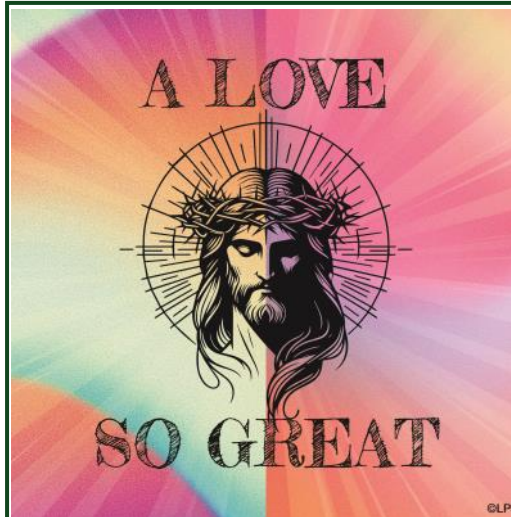
**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
OPEN HOURS**

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 famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, “Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.” In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus’ teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, “**This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?**” (John 6:60). We

shouldn’t imagine we’d do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, “**Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him**” (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus’ disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God’s love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— *Father John Muir*

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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton invites applications for the following:

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/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>

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