

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

31st Aug/1st Sep 2024

Father's Day

By: Pauline Leahy

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-Ordinator

Like all roles in our lives, fatherhood is filled with challenges, especially in our current world. Being a father is not something that is taught... fathers can be expected to learn by looking at the example of others.

We can also look to our patron saint of fathers, St Joseph, as an example of good fatherhood. We don't know a lot about St Joseph, but he accepted God's call to care for Jesus and Mary. As we hear in scripture, St Joseph was a carpenter. We could envisage him as a simple, prayerful man who worked hard, shared his wisdom, and taught Jesus about life. Joseph must have been a man of great faith and courage who, along with Mary, was able to nurture Jesus – offering protection, carrying him in his arms, guiding his steps, and listening and teaching him as he grew.

However, there is no better guide to what a "good" father is like than that shown to us by Jesus. We only need to look to scripture to have guidance and inspiration from the relationship between Jesus and God the Father. Jesus showed us how the Father takes delight in his children (Mt 3:17), loves unconditionally (Mt 5:45), provides for us and is responsible (Mt 6:26), pays close and caring attention (Mt 6:8), forgives (Lk 6:36, 15:11-32), teaches (Mt 11:25-26, 16:17, Jn 6:44), lovingly disciplines (Heb 12:5-11), works hard (Jn 5:17, 36), and shares his life (Jn 6:40). What wonderful guides for all our fathers here on earth.

Some wonderful guidance can also be found in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family*, when he said: "And to be close to his children as they grow — when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path. To be a father who is always present. When I say 'present,' I do not mean 'controlling.' Fathers who are too controlling overshadow their children, they don't let them develop. Some fathers feel they are useless or unnecessary, but the fact is that 'children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems. They may try hard not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it.'

Fatherhood is not for the fainthearted. In addition to the significant responsibility of making sure his family has a roof over their heads and food to eat, he is called to teach his children by example in honesty, integrity, generosity, commitment and leading a devout life. He is the one who needs to lead the way in being a strong and safe authority, in setting structure and boundaries. He also needs to be willing to challenge the popular culture, to have Christian goals first and foremost for his family.

But fathers can't properly fulfill their role independently. We (the Church, families and wider community) need to give them a guiding hand and encouraging word so that they can continue to grow as strong examples of God's love. We are each called to help those called to fatherhood so that they can be the type of men God calls them to be.



Happy
FATHER'S DAY

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
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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

THE 2024 – 2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT, TRUTH & PEACE:

A Gospel Word in a Violent World, scrutinises the signs of our own times in the light of the Gospel, sees the violence and asks why the world is as it is and what is needed for there to be peace. It also asks the question: is peace possible? And in a world where many think peace is a mirage, the Statement puts its faith in the possibility of peace.

Drawing upon Scripture, the Statement invites us to put our trust in the power of the crucified and risen Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and also the Prince of Peace. From him, we learn to embrace a culture of encounter and to commit to the way of dialogue at both the macro and micro level.

The full statement is available on our website, is posted on Facebook and a few copies are at the door of our Churches.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL: This interim phase between Commitment and Commissioning is being used by our coordinators, leaders and representatives of our ministries and prayer groups to make contact, have a conversation, or begin training for all who have committed to gifting their time and talents.

If you completed a Commitment Form and have not been contacted, please accept our apology and contact us by phoning the office 4151 6666 or sending an email to stewardship.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

Your gifts are certainly needed as we strive to reach out to all in our Parish and community.

Remember our Commissioning weekend **September 14th** and **September 15th**.

There is still time to commit by scanning the QR code or by going online to the parish website and completing the form.



DIOCESAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER: The August Newsletter is available on the Diocesan website or at the door of the churches.

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

THANK YOU: With a grateful heart I would like to say thank you for the continuous thoughts and prayers for my recovery, following my serious car accident. The prayers and support I have received has been beyond my expectations and reinforced my practice of gratitude. I have so much to be grateful for as I continue my slow journey of recovery. While my recovery is still ongoing I am looking forward to starting to get back to normal routines in the near future. Again, thank you for the prayers that have been offered for my recovery. **Monica White (Principal) St Joseph's School.**



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

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

WELCOME Shane Pianta: From this weekend until October 11th, we are pleased to welcome Shane to our Parish.

This period of time is an immersion experience for Shane as he prepares himself for entrance to the Seminary in 2025.

Shane will be fully involved in the life of the Parish and will accompany the priests and parishioners as they take part in our ministries.

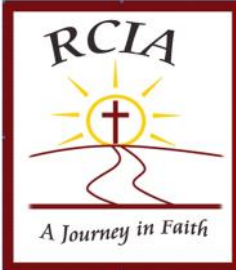
Please make yourself known to Shane and extend to him a warm Bundaberg welcome.

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.

BLANKET BUDDIES: Blanket Buddies gather every week for a cuppa and a chat while knitting and crocheting items that support our local community and country.

Please join us Wednesday's from 9.00am-12.00 noon in the Novakoski Centre. (Behind Holy Rosary Church). **Everyone is welcome.**



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.

JUDITH RENSHAW : Last week we heard of the sudden passing of Judith. We appreciate all the ministries Judith has served in for the Parish over several decades. Judith has been in charge of our library, bookstore, led the Adult Faith sessions, helped with RCIA and many other roles both liturgically and pastorally. See below for Funeral Details and details of a Memorial Mass which will be held in Bundaberg.

The Funeral will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane (Located in the Cathedral grounds of St Stephen) **Thursday September 5th at 11.00am** with the burial at Esk Cemetery. The Parish will hold a Memorial Mass for Judith at Holy Rosary Church on **Friday September 20th at 12.15pm.**



FUNERALS

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

Cathy Crust St James Church' Thursday 5th September at 10.30am



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Renshaw, Elsa Morgan, Cathy Crust, Jean Bates, Nita Marano (Ayr), Vid Jankovic, Paul Lastavec, Vinko Silic, Dany Jankovic, Roy Burton, Walter McClure, June Kimber, Albert Portelli, Graham Wallace, Jennifer Barnes, Neville Soppa, Arthur Wise, Milada Hulkova.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Gus Asnicar 01.09.2019, Josephine Cafolla 24.08.2024, Filipinas B Cruz 14.08xx, Rosa A Andres 09.08.xx, Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Jovita Porciuncula Espiritu, 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, 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 2 September 2024
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 3 September 2024
St Gregory the Great
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 4 September 2024
8.00am Shalom - Mass
11.45am Holy Rosary- Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Thursday 5 September 2024
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 6 September 2024
11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 7 September 2024
7.30am St Patrick's- Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 8 September 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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading

James 2 :1-5

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

ROSTERS

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

Please notify the Parish Office by **Monday 16th September** if you are unavailable in October, November and December

PRAYER GROUPS

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Twice weekly sessions

Tuesday:

10.00am-10.30am

Friday: 11.30am—12.00nn

Sessions are held in the Chapel in the Parish Office.

During School terms.

New members welcomed

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

Diocesan Safeguarding: 4887 3080

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

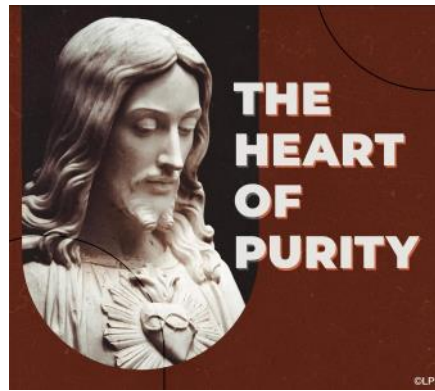
& follow the prompts

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



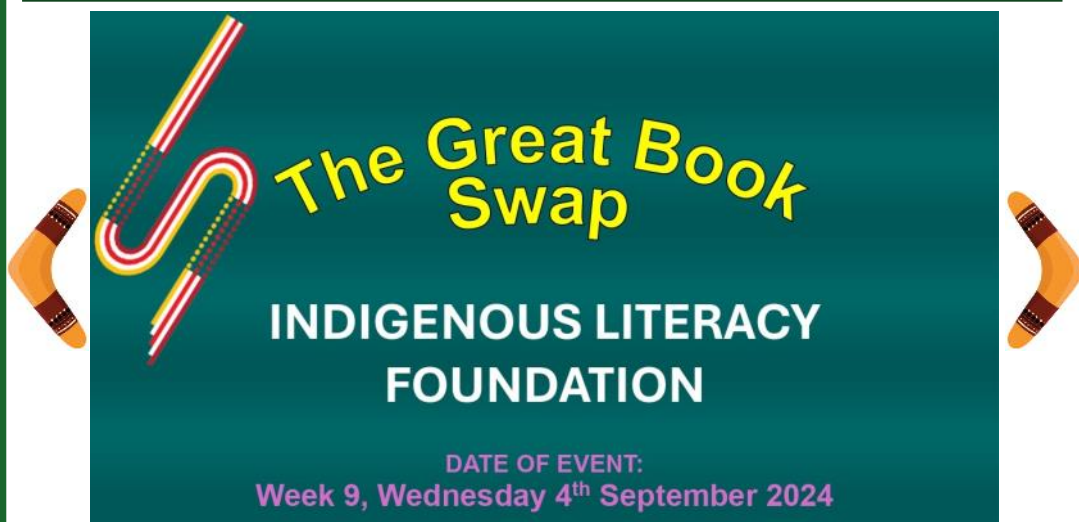
Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, **"Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"** (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, **"There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person"** (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— *Father John Muir*

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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.





MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time • Season of Creation begins • Fathers' Day
2	3 • Baptism Prep 4.30pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm	4 • Indigenous Literacy Day • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • School Leadership Team and Parish Council Conversation 4.00pm • Parish Stewardship Council Meeting 5.30pm	5 • Liturgy Team Meeting 3.30pm • ALPHA 5.30pm • Rosary - HR 5.30pm	6 • St Mary's School Mass 9.00am	7 • Musicians/Singers Meeting 10.30am HR	8 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time • SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • MacKillop PFG Lunch, Botanic Garden
9 • Core Stewardship Group Meeting 3.30pm	10 • Laudato Si Task Force Meeting 3.30pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm	11 • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Visitation Coordination Group Meeting 10.30am	12 • Reconciliation Action Plan Group meeting 3.30pm • Music Team Meeting 3.30pm • ALPHA 5.30pm • Rosary - HR 5.30pm	13 • School Term Concludes	14 • Stewardship Commissioning weekend	15 24th Sunday Ordinary Time • Stewardship Commissioning weekend
16	17 • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm	18 • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm	19 • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Rosary - HR 5.30pm	20	21	22 25th Sunday Ordinary Time
23 • Retreat St Mary's Sunday School Catechists 6.00-9.00pm	24 • Retreat St Mary's Sunday School Catechists 6.00-9.00pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm	25 • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Mercy Day Mass at the Mater 10.00am • Retreat St Mary's Sunday School Catechists 6.00-9.00pm	26 • Anointing Mass HR 10.00am • School Savvy Launch 10.00am • Retreat St Mary's Sunday School Catechists 6.00-9.00pm • Rosary - HR 5.30pm	27 • FOCC Meeting 10.15am • Bereavement Team Meeting 11.15am • Malayalam Mass HR 6.30pm	28 • St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection	29 26th Sunday Ordinary Time • St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection • World Refugee and Migrant Sunday
30 • School Term IV Begins						

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind, and often he knows what you have on your mind. He's someone who listens, suggests and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends; He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, a dad can be patient and helpful and strong. In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. And each year that passes, you're even more glad, more grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

Thank you Dad....

for listening and caring, for giving and sharing, but especially, for just being you!

Happy Fathers' Day!



The Passionist Family Groups

Your gifts are certainly needed



as we strive to reach out to all our Parish community

Every

"Every conversation matters"

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 2024

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



SEASON OF CREATION 2024



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION

1 September - 4 October