

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

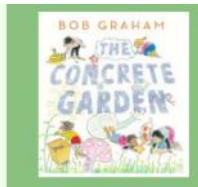
7th/8th Sep 2024

“The Concrete Garden”- News from St Patrick’s

Creative expression, in the form of both art and writing, has formed the vehicle for processing compound emotion since the earliest traces of humanity. A tool that makes sense of the past, sometimes an escape from the now and often, hope for a better future. Story telling also helps human beings make sense of themselves and the world around them and creativity has been aligned with one’s ability to solve problems. This is true of Genesis in the Bible but also captured beautifully this Book Week, in Bob Graham’s shortlisted book ‘The Concrete Garden’ which was shared at Book Week recently by student, Matilda, which can be viewed via the QR Code provided below.

The story captures how it doesn’t take much to be creative, but when done collectively something communally beautiful can be developed. In this book, just a simple piece of chalk brought the talents of a community of young children together to turn a humble existence, in to something extraordinary. If you replaced the piece of chalk with the gift giving Holy Spirit, it could well be a creative expression of the Pentecostal story (Acts 2:1 ‘When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place’).

This Book Week students didn’t just focus on an accessory to wear as a clue to their favourite character, but engaged in thought provoking, activities that engaged them in the true ‘Magic of Reading’. Students even created their own ‘Concrete Garden’. Seeing students and families spill happily across our beautiful grounds, was almost a juxtaposition to where the ‘Concrete Garden’ was set, but parallels can be made. The children in this story may not have been blessed with such a beautiful landscape as St. Patrick’s. However, I certainly witnessed a great sense of community as students, families and staff poured over the pages of a good book whilst enjoying a shared lunch on a technicolour of picnic rugs. Our community is a melting pot of different families, often from converse beginnings, but when brought together the Holy Spirit works, like chalk, to create something magical and collectively beautiful for the betterment of our students and the broader community. This week we also held our School Musical Madagascar, along with our Father’s Day Liturgy. At each of these opportunities it reminded me of the amazing gifts we are all afforded and the recent call from the Stewardship Council asking us to use these to enhance outcomes for our Catholic community. Gifts are best when shared and I think this is what I’ve been reminded of this term, at St.



Patrick’s Catholic Primary School and our Bundaberg Parish. Let’s continue to look collectively for ‘chalk moments’ to make our communities even more alive and beautiful. Thanks to the part you play!

Photos from Reading on deck and concrete garden etc.

By Kim O’Shea Hard

Principal

St Patrick’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

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Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

COMMISSIONING WEEKEND – September 14th/15th: The culmination of our Stewardship Renewal is the Commissioning of more than 250 members of our Parish who have committed themselves, their gifts and talents, to reach out to others. At each Mass there will be a special blessing bestowed and we ask that all join in prayer for those who will bring the person of Christ to others through their service. Obviously we are grateful to each person who ministers, and we know that our God will be with them on this journey.



MEETINGS DURING THE COMING WEEK:

Monday – Core Stewardship Group Meeting 3.30pm

Tuesday – Laudato Si Task Force Meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday – Visitation Coordinating Group Meeting 10.30am

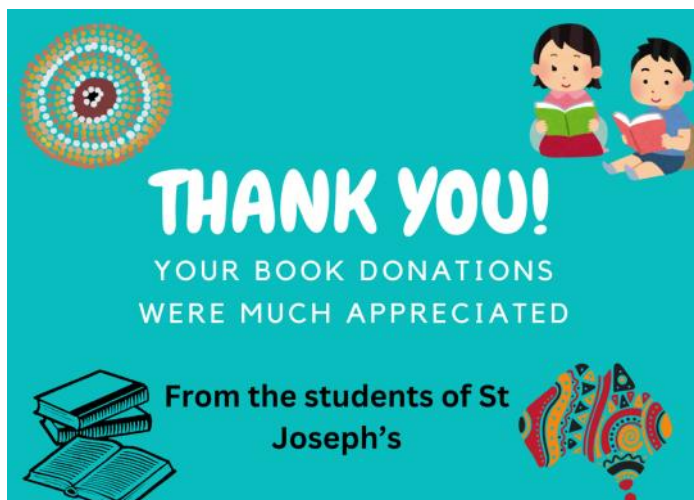
Thursday – RAP Working Group Meeting 3.30pm

Thursday – Music Team Meeting 3.30pm

Thursday – ALPHA 5.30pm

SCHOOL TERM III CONCLUDES: As the third term comes to a close on **Friday, September 13th**, we express our gratitude to all teachers and staff of our schools and College. May our students, teachers and staff enjoy a well-earned break as they prepare for the final term of 2024, which commences on **September 30th**.

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



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 training which can be viewed at any time during office hours at the Parish Office. The video takes 30 minutes.

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	

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

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL: Nominations are called for membership of the Parish Stewardship Council.

The term of office is three years, and a person can serve for more than one term.

All present Council Members have completed one term and do not require to be re-nominated.

Nomination Forms are available at the Church door, and you can nominate a parishioner. Make sure you speak with the parishioner. There is a small section you can complete or you may ask your nominee to do so.

We ask all parishioners to discern, whether the Parish Stewardship Council is a ministry to which they wish to commit their time and talents.

Forms are to be returned to the Parish Office (for the attention of Fr Don)

by **September 27th**.

FEBRUARY SUMMIT REPORT : This weekend the bulletin will contain a report from the Summit held in February. It is timely that the report is presented during the last weeks of our Stewardship Renewal.

The report is a summary of the day and gives some indication of the suggestions to be taken on board by the Stewardship Council.

Already some of these have been implemented.

It is fitting that as we call for nominations for the Stewardship Council, this report gives some indication of the breadth of the role of a member of Council.

We trust you find it informative and helpful.

GOD'S WORD 2025 (Daily Reflections): If you would like to secure a copy of God's Word 2025, please leave your name with the Parish Office. We will place our order next week. The books tend to sell out quickly and sometimes it is difficult to re-order more.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED THIS WEEKEND IN ST PATRICK'S:

Anna Thien Duong and Angelina Thao Duong.



FUNERALS

Mila Schneider

Branyan Gardens Chapel

Friday, 13th September at 10.00am



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Milagros "Mila" Schneider, 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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Hugh Malcolm Bell 05.09.2012, Jim Dunphy 10.09.2018, 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, Joe Grima 22.07.1976, Lavene Bailey 03.08.2023, Joseph Formosa 11.08.1999.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Mila Schneider, Nerisa Ortega, Joren Laxamana, Ron Cook, Arthur Jolly, Ramon D Andres, Len Potter, David Potter, Robert Potter, Ronald Pizaro 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 9 September 2024

St Peter Claver

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 10 September 2024

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 11 September 2024

11.45am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Thursday 12 September 2024

The Most Holy Name of Mary

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 13 September 2024

St John Chrysostom

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

Saturday 14 September 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 15 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 50:5-9

Second Reading

James 2 :14-18

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

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

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 17th September commencing at 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre.

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



One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— *Father John Muir*

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REFLECTION 2

Are we responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the poor? Are we considering how our choices will affect all forms of life, especially those who are most vulnerable?



God of All,
You made us in your image
and likeness,
Open our eyes to see you in others,
Open our ears to your cry,
And open our hearts to love like you,
So that we may live as one
human family.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, #48

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP: Gather every Monday night in St Patrick's Hall from **7.00pm – 8.30pm**. This is an anonymous and confidential support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. For more information contact 1300 252 666 or email al-anon.alateen.org/au



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

REVISIT THE SUMMIT

P A R I S H R E P O R T

24 Feb 2024

STEPHEN DALE

FACILITATOR

The summit commenced at 9.00 am with an opening welcome.

Session 1

01 The Vision Statement and Values

02 Where we had come from

03 Joe McCorley gave input on the Summits of 2019 - 2021

04 The reflection questions posed to the groups who were to engage in "Conversations of the Spirit" were - What Have I heard? What are my reflections? and How are they enacted in the Parish?



The Vision Statement and Values as relevant and meaningful for our Parish were affirmed by all groups.

Some challenges were brought forward.

Session 2

After one year as Parish Priest, Fr Don, gave some thoughts from his first year as parish priest. Fr. Don made five points

01 He indicated that he was prepared to work with the model of the stewardship council as a governance body that emerged from previous summits, but indicated his concern at the complexity of it, and highlighted some points in the stewardship council charter that need to be addressed.

02 He also noted that the stewardship council appears to be working more as an effective and highly functioning pastoral council, something he identified as necessary for parish life. He mentioned a number of achievements of the present stewardship council.

03 Fr. Don also spoke about the need for a renewal of the concept of stewardship.

04 He outlined that a Young Adults Conversations group has been formed and meets every Sunday night after mass. He believes that it has had a positive impact on many young people and the group is growing in numbers.

05 He raised the need for a regular Mass with Children, ideally supported by our Catholic schools.

Members of the Stewardship Council spoke to the progress of various priorities that had been identified from the previous summits. They identified the 5 Focus Areas that guide development of the strategic plan and elaborated on goals within each of these areas.

Five Focus Areas



Reaching out in love



Faith formation and Service



Welcoming and Vibrant Community



Children and Youth Development



Building Our Parish Strength & Sustainability

Several examples of priorities include:



Establishment of an Alpha program within the Parish with plans for an Alpha Youth



A Parish Working Party to develop a Parish Reconciliation Action Plan aligned with the Diocesan Reconciliation Plan



Formation of a Laudato Si Taskforce

The Executive Officer (EO) spoke of the EO role as it has been developed over the twenty-six months.

The attendees were asked to reflect and converse in their groups on the following:

Reflect & Converse

- What difference has the stewardship plan (Big Rocks) made to you as a parishioner?
- Has the Stewardship Council fulfilled its role as was envisaged from the previous Summits?
- What impact has the role of Executive Officer brought to the Parish?

SOME RESPONSES

01 An essential model providing guidance and leadership.

02 Implementation is taking time but making good progress.

03 Feel Pastoral is the same as Stewardship (Council).

04 Parish Stewardship Council (PSC) - helps the Parish Priest in Governance-advisory Role, The Parish priest still has ultimate authority, The PSC is multi-skilled and with the Parish Finance Council (PFC) assists the Parish Priest, The PSC has functioned well in forming the Strategic Plan, PSC reporting is enlightening to the Parish, some have seen a difference and acknowledge their (PSC) efforts.

05 More feedback on PSC and EO re-work being done, A need to concentrate more on pastoral role, The impact of the PSC is not obvious to Parish community overall, but communication as we have heard today has helped us realise the work of the PSC.

06 EO role, overwhelming, to coordinate and implement the strategic plan and Parish Mission, very effective, Improved the implementation of Council objectives behind the scenes, positive feedback on EO role and work done

During the Lunch break, attendees were encouraged to read the consensus of all the group work in Sessions 1 and 2. On reflection, attendees then were invited to bring to the final session their insights from the contributed responses of all groups.

Session 3

Fr John Daly was asked to begin the feedback from his reading of and reflection on the contributed thinking of all from Sessions 1 and 2.

Three points in Fr John's summary



Unity in Diversity

"so the world may believe that it was you who sent me".
Witness was essential.



Planning

Plan ahead but not too far. Generations change every five years; short term planning is essential but don't be obsessed with rigidity in planning.



Communication

At present this is poor; it has lost its effectiveness; the parish has to find better ways of communicating.

Following Fr John's summary, attendees were asked to return to their groups and engage in spiritual conversations on the following question.

What does our parish need to focus on to further bring the parish Vision Statement to life?



Communication

- 01 Council reporting might be better in written form in Bulletin rather than verbal reporting.
- 02 Social Media communication with Parishioners.
- 03 Mutual communication between PFC/PSC and parishioners/groups.
- 04 Website.



Formation

- 01 There is a need for Formation for specific ministries within the Parish.
- 02 There is a need for Formation open to all parishioners in faith and Spiritual Formation.
- 03 Focus on Young People and their Parents.



Acknowledgement

- 01 The value of each person who makes a contribution.
- 02 Affirmation for the role of the parish priest as the leader of the faith community, and a vital resource for the parish to move forward. Avoid confusion about the role of the parish priest.
- 03 That the work of the Stewardship Council in our Parish be focused on pastoral needs. More reflection is needed on how the council is involved in governance matters.
- 04 The large number of parishioners involved give a great impetus to meeting the parish vision.
- 05 Support for Fr. Don's initiatives of the young adults' group and the children's Mass.
- 06 The good that has been achieved and the actioning of previous Summit recommendations.
- 07 Affirmation of the role of the Executive Officer, and lay leadership roles in the parish.
- 08 The need to revise the Parish Stewardship Council charter.
- 09 Children and Youth involvement in Masses to be increased – altar servers and Youth Choir.
- 10 That the Stewardship Council gives some focus on the migrant community and engage with cultural groups within the parish
- 11 Follow up Gifts and Talents. Survey needs to be done asap.
- 12 Vision Statement
 - 12.1 Promote
 - 12.2 Connect with it regularly.