

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

5th/6th October 2024

Prayer for Peace

Shorter form of the Prayer of the Holy Family, October 2023

Mary, look at us! We stand here before you.
You are our Mother, and you know our struggles and our hurts.

Queen of Peace, you suffer with us and for us, as you see
so many of your children
suffering from the conflicts and wars that are tearing our
world apart.

In this dark hour, we look to you,
we entrust ourselves and our problems to your maternal
Heart,
which knows our anxieties and fears.

How great was your concern when there was no place
for Jesus at the inn!

How great was your fear when you fled in haste to Egypt
because Herod sought to kill him!

How great was your anguish before you found him in the
Temple!

Yet, Mother, amid those trials, you showed your strength,
you acted boldly:

you trusted in God and responded to concern with
tender care,

to fear with love, to anguish with acceptance.

Now, Mother, once more take the initiative for us,
in these times rent by conflicts and laid waste by
the fire of arms. Turn your eyes of mercy towards
our human family.

Queen of Peace, we appeal for peace!

Touch the hearts of those imprisoned by hatred;
convert those who fuel and foment conflict.

Dry the tears of children - at this hour, so many are
weeping! - be present to those who are elderly and
alone; strengthen the wounded and the sick;
protect those forced to leave their lands and their
loved ones; console the crestfallen;
awaken new hope.

Queen of all peoples, reconcile your children,
seduced by evil, blinded by
power and hate.

You, who are close to all, shorten our distances.
You, who have compassion on everyone, teach us
to care for one another.

Mother, Queen of Peace, pour forth into our
hearts God's gift of harmony.

Amen

The Bishops of Australian Catholic Bishops Conference are inviting all Christians of this land to pray for peace in the Lands of the Bible and in the Middle East.

I would ask that all our communities and people of the Diocese pray for peace. Next Monday, 7th October, it is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary which was instituted by Pope Pius V.

I have attached a prayer Pope Francis used at the end of his talk in October last year. May I suggest that this prayer becomes a part of a Diocesan novena for peace in all the troubled sites of this world, especially in the Middle East and the Ukraine. A novena would begin on Monday and go for nine days.

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton

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

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Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee

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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 Rosary Month *October*

The **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** will be celebrated on **October 7th**.

A Public Rosary will be held at St Patrick's church on Saturday 12th October at 2.00pm

All are welcome.

Hopefully, you have made a start as a family to recite the rosary in your home this month.

THANKS – SHANE PIANTA: It has been a joy for us to have Shane with us these past few weeks. He has taken an active part in the parish and has been an enquiring and engaging presence at whatever has been happening in parish life. He will head to Rockhampton on October 8th and from there to Longreach. We are grateful for his time with us and pray God's blessings on him in the future.

PRIESTS' FORMATION GATHERING: From Tuesday October 8th until Friday October 11th, our priests will be in Rockhampton.

We pray that their time together is a blessing for each one of them.

There will be some changes to our normal pattern of liturgies for the four days.

Please check the list on page three of the bulletin.

ANOINTING MASS: Each fourth Thursday of the month, the parish conducts an Anointing Mass at **10.00am** at Holy Rosary church.

At the Mass all who wish to receive the Anointing of the sick, infirm, or elderly are welcome to the Sacrament.

There is no restriction on the reception of the Sacrament, and it can be received each month.

You are welcome to join the many who attend and seek comfort and healing individually and as a community.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Our parishioners involved in the Visitation Ministry take Communion to the sick and housebound during the week and on Sunday after Mass.

We are grateful for all who minister in this way.

If you would wish to receive Communion at home or if you know someone who wishes to receive Communion, please contact the office and we will arrange this.

Thanks for your assistance.



Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

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Explore and Discover

A wonderful journey to discover the richness of our faith

For more information, please contact Pauline at 07 4151 6666

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank you for your support.**



Parish News and Announcements

MINISTRY TRAINING: In the week of **October 14th – 19th** there are six ministry training times for the Minsters of Communion, Ministers of the Word, and Visitation Ministers.

Please check the October Calendar and choose the date and time which suit you best. (Bookings are not required). It is a great opportunity for new minsters as well as those who have been in the ministry for some time to meet others involved.

Following the training, there will be adjustment to the rosters to accommodate any new ministers. **We look forward to welcoming you.**

SHALOM COLLEGE CHAMBER STRING ENSEMBLE AND COLLEGE CHOIR: Treat yourself to 'An Afternoon of Beautiful Music' from the Shalom College Chamber String Ensemble and College Choir as they give their final performance for 2024. The program includes a variety of music from inspiring classics to catchy contemporary works, it is sure to have something in it for everyone. At this concert, the groups will celebrate their senior cohort who have been valued members of the music community at Shalom since 2019.

The concert will take place at Holy Rosary Church on **Sunday October 20th** commencing at **2pm**. Entry is by donation. All are welcome.

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.

YOUNG ADULT'S CONVERSATIONS GROUP: Meets in the Parish Office every Sunday evening after 5.30pm Mass.

GOD'S WORD 2025 (Daily Reflections): Are now available at the Parish Office for \$22.00. Parishioners who put their name down, the book/s are awaiting collection.



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

catholic MISSION Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Br Bernard Crawford, Brian Kehoe (Emu Park), Helene Duck, Angelo Facchiano, Jocelyn Josefski, Ron Turner (Toowoomba), Odilla Pakaj (Gold Coast), Terence O'Shea, Nicota Fish, Gerard Conheady, Colleen Brosnan (Brisbane), Damien Mullins, Kev John Bennett (Gold Coast), Peter Harding.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: John Edward Clare 25.09.1969, Sam Camilleri 26.10.1957, Wenzu Formosa 30.10.1981, Carmen Grima 4.11.1971, Clem Healey 19.09.2016, Gonzala Castellano, Edna Callaghan 26.09.2019, Jack Callaghan 28.10.1956, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Lina Baggetto 30.09.2012, Kerry Maike 08.09.1995, Christopher Dellwin Moss 13.09.2014, Lawrence Galea 1.10.2022, Joseph Jendra 24.09.2007, Gus Asnicar 01.09.2019.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Grima, Formosa and Camilleri Families, Paul Galea, Nicota Fish, Mila Schneider, Lavene Bailey, Pat Kerley, Min Kerley, Joe Della-Vedova, Cesarina Della-Vedova, Lew Della, Alma Della, 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 7 October 2024

Our Lady of the Rosary

9.00am Holy Rosary –Mass

Tuesday 8 October 2024

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 9 October 2024

St Denis and St John Leonardi

12.15pm Holy Rosary –LWC

Thursday 10 October 2024

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 11 October 2024

St John XXIII

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

Saturday 12 October 2024

7.30am St Patrick's– Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 13 October 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

Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading

Hebrews 4 :12– 13

Gospel

Mark 10:17-27

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection

The Bundaberg
St Vincent de Paul
Society would like to
thank those who gave
so generously last
weekend.

\$2500.00 was raised.

Donations are still
being accepted



At the time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."

- MK 9:38-39 -

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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

Diocesan Safeguarding: 4887 3080

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700

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Mater Hospital: 4153 9539

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts

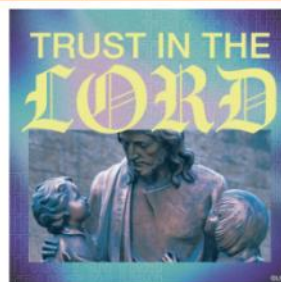
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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.

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Meditation



As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS -

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS