

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

12th/13th October 2024

What Restricts? What Frees?

As we go through life we have many rules and expectations that impact us - to attend school, follow road rules, obey the country's laws, and respect others. They are there to guide us on how to interact with others; and are vitally important to help us live in a safe, fair and flourishing society.

Whilst rules can feel restrictive, they can also be freeing. We can focus our energy on all the "thou shalt not" rules of life (a good place to start), or we can use them as our foundation and then concentrate on what we *should and can do*.

When asked which was the greatest commandment, Jesus gave us positive action. He asked us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and that the second is to "Love your neighbour as yourself". Rather than dwelling on what we shouldn't do, Jesus was focused on what we *should do*; and if we follow Jesus' request we are freed from all the worries of obeying the many rules of life. We still obey them, but we can be centred on positive action instead. If we love and care for others we, without fail, will not steal from them or hurt them by our actions (or inactions).

By this, Jesus shows us the way to live which guides and frees us. As Patrick Hyland SJ shared, "If we understand Christ to be the gate, rather than the fences or guardrails, we can be certain that our entrance will not be by any way whatsoever, but by an intentional, and personal path.

It is this example of how to follow Christ which takes us even deeper into freeing ourselves so we can love and serve others. In this weekend's Gospel (Mark 10:17-31) Jesus shows us that clinging to our earthly things creates 'chains' which bind us. However, we are freed when we focus instead on the true 'treasures' given to us. Not the earthly possessions we accumulate, but the gift of being in a close and loving relationship with God, and with all peoples. This focus brings about a greater awareness of others (rather than on earthly goods). The struggle for earthly wealth traps us, but the richness of a deep relationship with God, and others, frees us.

So we are asked to turn our focus on positive actions rather than the things of the earth that bind us. Each of us has things in our life that can distract us from God's purpose for us. We are asked to search deeply to identify them, and (with God's strength and healing) to strive to shift our focus to more important things.

Possessions aren't necessarily bad, but when they become a primary thing our lives can be lost in the pursuit of "more", leaving our faith and relationships the poorer. So, during this time of our Catholic Mission Appeal, maybe we could let go of some of the things we cling to and, instead, share our resources with others who are in more need than us. It is not material possessions that will bring us everlasting joy but our relationship with God, with our own inner spirit, and with all people in the world (known or unknown).

By: *Pauline Leahy*
Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-Ordinator

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

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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 Novena for Peace began on Monday, October 7th and will Conclude on Wednesday, October 15th.

We hope you took the opportunity to pray in solidarity with all in our Diocese.

As October continues, could we spend time in praying the Rosary with our families?

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five **Joyful Mysteries** (said on Monday and Saturday), the five **Sorrowful Mysteries** (said on Tuesday and Friday), the five **Glorious Mysteries** (said on Wednesday and Sunday), and the five **Luminous Mysteries** (said on Thursday),

The Joyful Mysteries: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Our Lord, The Presentation in the Temple, The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

The Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning with thorns, The Carrying of the Cross, The Crucifixion.

The Glorious Mysteries: The Resurrection, The Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption of Mary, The Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven.

The Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of the Lord, The Wedding in Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the call to conversion, The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Eucharist.

SHALOM COLLEGE – 40 years' celebration.

Congratulations to all who have been a part of Shalom College these past forty years. Shalom College was opened in 1984 with a combination of the boys from the former Christian Brothers High School and the girls from Loyola College who were attending Years 11 and 12 at the time.

In 1985, all students from Loyola joined the Shalom student population and staff from both Colleges became one staff.

The growth of Shalom College in the intervening years has been accomplished through the support of parents, the enthusiasm of staff, Diocesan Catholic Education, and the vision of its leadership.

The 5.30pm Mass on Sunday, October 13th, is our Parish thank you for the blessings that have come to the Bundaberg community through the many who have been part of the Shalom story.



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.

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



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

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

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MINISTRY TRAINING

A big week ahead, at the Parish Office. Check the dates and times and select the training/s which suit you best. **(Booking is not required.)**

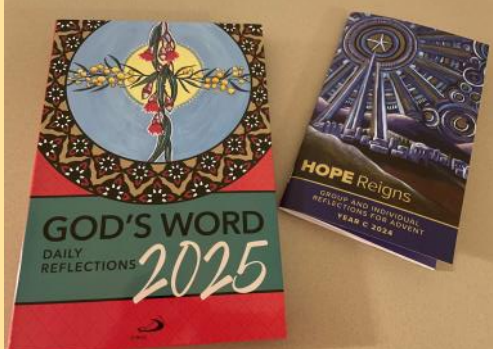
- Monday October 14th** – Minister of Communion Training 10.30am
- Tuesday October 15th** – Visitation Minister Training 5.00pm
- Wednesday October 16th** – Visitation Minister Training 10.30am
- Wednesday October 16th** – Minister of Word Training 5.30pm
- Saturday October 19th** – Minister of Communion Training 10.00am
- Saturday October 19th** - Minister of Word Training 11.00am

THE BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER GROUP : will meet again for dinner on Tuesday October 15th at 6.15 at the Melbourne Hotel. If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

AVAILABLE NOW
from the Parish Office

God's word 2025
Daily Reflection

\$22.00



HOPE Reigns
ADVENT Booklet

\$5.00

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Eden Lee Gibson, Elliana Louise Garrett and Logan Reid Gibson.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alexandra Donovan, 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).

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, Christopher Dellwin Moss 13.09.2014, Lawrence Galea 1.10.2022.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Fr Karl Emerick O.P, 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 14 October 2024
St Callistus I
9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

Tuesday 15 October 2024
St Teresa of Jesus
8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 16 October 2024
St Hedwig and St Margaret Mary Alacoque
8.00am Shalom –Mass
11.45am Holy Rosary –Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

Thursday 17 October 2024
St Ignatius of Antioch
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 18 October 2024
St Luke
11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary –Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

Saturday 19 October 2024
7.30am St Patrick's– Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 20 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

Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading

Hebrews 4 :14– 16

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

A celebration for the life of
ALEXANDRA DONOVAN

WEDNESDAY
16th OCTOBER 2024

10.00 AM
St. James' Church
Bargara.

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

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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.

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Meditation



This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS -

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS