

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

19th/20th October 2024

“Not to be served but to serve” Mark 10:45

It is always encouraging as one ages for someone younger than yourself to comment on how the year has flown and we are nearing the last part of the Church's year. It brings up the question of how much time do we really need to effect any change in our lives that we know needs to be made. When it comes to changing patterns in our own lives, we are great procrastinators. Tomorrow will come and we can change then, or we can leave things as they are until tomorrow. The adage of “tomorrow never comes” has real meaning for us in the busy world in which we live.

2024 has been a year of considerable activity in our Parish. A cursory look at the calendars which accompany our Bulletin at the beginning of each month illustrates the vibrancy of Bundaberg's Catholic community.

Underpinning that vibrancy is a solid foundation of reflection on the Word and reception of the Sacraments. As our Vision Statement so aptly puts it, we are “Nourished by Word and Sacraments”.

Sunday's Gospel has Jesus saying, “*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve*”. (Mark 10: 45)

Jesus' statement follows the request from James and John about what they felt entitled to from having made sacrifices to heed Jesus' call to follow Him.

A sense of entitlement exists in each one of us. *We are keeping the faith, we are doing good works, we are supportive of our neighbour, we are good Catholic Christians. Surely, we are entitled to some accolade or reward.*

Jesus, by His example, invites us to a position and practice of servanthood. The term Servant Leadership is embedded in Church practice. Our highest position (the Pope) is referred to as “the servant of the servants of God”.

During this last week, many have attended ministry training. Each person who attended is a servant either of the Mass communities or the communities who are housebound or in hospital or in care/nursing homes. The service provided by each minister is for others not for themselves. It is the unselfish use of gifts/talents/time which are used to serve others.

In our parish community we can rejoice that more than two hundred and eighty of our brothers and sisters are gifting their service in more than ninety ministries. They serve not for any tangible reward but simply because they are good stewards of the gifts they have been given. What they do may not be noticed by many but without their service our parish and the wider community would be at a loss.

So, hearkening back to the opening comments, there remains the question, “*What can I do today to serve others, without waiting until tomorrow?*”

That one act of service, however big, however small, done today will brighten and strengthen the lives of others for many tomorrows.

Jesus' followers may not be called as He was “*to give his life for the ransom of many*” (Mark 10:45), but we are called to serve in whatever way our gifts and talents lead us.

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

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

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Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

Mrs Jan Aplin

Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mrs Sandra Fox

Receptionist

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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 Barga

Parish News and Announcements

The Rosary Month *October*

We have passed the half-way mark of October and we can ask ourselves have we spent time in praying the Rosary personally, with our families or with the various groups who gather in our churches.

It has been said that the Rosary is the perfect prayer as it incorporates the recitation of oral prayers accompanied with reflection on the events 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).

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: Thankyou for your generous giving last weekend.

Any further donations can be made through the Appeal envelopes in our churches.

Please place them in the normal offertory collection.

MASS OFFERINGS DURING NOVEMBER:

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" 2 Maccabes 12: 46

Envelopes will be available at the church doors for those who wish to have Mass offered for departed loved ones.

Simply fill in the front of the envelope as requested and either return to the office or place in the offertory collection.

All envelopes will be given to the Parish Priest, Fr Don, who will ensure that Masses are offered as requested.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Sunday, October 27th the 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's will be our next Children's Mass. Children are asked to sit towards the front of the Church.

All are welcome to attend. Morning Tea will follow. Please bring a plate to share.

WORKING BEE AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Saturday, October 26th we will have our next working bee before the start of the month of the Holy Souls.

Mowers, whipper-snippers, rakes, spades, wheelbarrows etc will be useful.

It will be a general clean-up of the monumental grave areas.

Start at 7.00am. Morning Tea at 8.15am. **Conclude at 9.30am** approx.

All are welcome to join us for as long as possible.

MEMORIAL SERVICE : Our second Memorial Service for 2024 will be held at Holy Rosary on **Wednesday November 13th at 6.00pm**

Please note the earlier time.

Invitations will be issued to all who have lost a loved one over the past few months.

All are welcome to attend as we remember those whose lives were closely connected with ours and for whom we grieve. A light supper will follow the service.

MINISTRY TRAINING: Thanks to all who were able to attend the training sessions.

The **rosters for November and December have been revised** to include the new Liturgy Ministers. New Visitation Ministers will also begin their ministry.

We trust you enjoy the role and serving your fellow parishioners.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

Anointing Mass – Holy Rosary Church **10.00am Thursday, October 24th**

Friends of the Catholic Cemetery Meeting (Parish Office) **10.15am Friday October 25th**

Bereavement Team Meeting (Parish Office) **11.15am Friday October 25th**.

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

16HRS OF ADORATION: Commencing on the evening of October 31st at **8.00pm** and concluding with Mass at Holy Rosary on All Saints Day at **12.15pm**.

Can you join us for an hour or so during that time?

The time will be devoted to praying for Peace in our World.

Nomination sheets are at the door of each church.

Please nominate a time/s when you can take part in this Parish prayer time.

MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints Day, Friday November 1st

- o Mass 7.00am St Patrick's
- o Mass 9.00am St James'
- o Mass 12.15 Holy Rosary

All Souls Day, Saturday November 2nd

- o Mass at Catholic Cemetery 6.30am
- o Mass at Holy Rosary 8.00am
- o Mass at St James' 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 training which can be viewed at any time during office hours at the Parish Office. The video takes 30 minutes.

NOTICE BOARDS – A REMINDER: If you wish to place a notice or leave literature/pamphlets etc in any of our Churches, please seek the permission of the Parish Priest.

If you cannot see Fr Don personally, please leave a copy of what you wish to publicise at the office, and it will be given to Fr Don, and we will get back to you.

Thanks for your assistance.

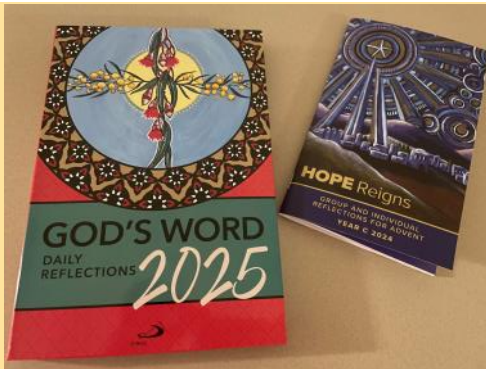
CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE CHRISTMAS DINNER: Will be held on **Tuesday November 19th** at Brothers Sports Club. Tickets (\$30.00) will be available at the Parish Office from Monday 28th October to Monday November 11th. Tickets will also be available at the November 12th CWL meeting. There will be no tickets available after these dates.

Please bring a gift for Secret Santa. (Something you would like to receive – approx. \$20).

AVAILABLE NOW
from the Parish Office

God's word 2025
Daily Reflection

\$22.00



HOPE Reigns
ADVENT Booklet

\$5.00

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Br Peter Hancock, Annie Doherty (Nth Ireland), Bill Steele, Alexandra Donovan, Damian Mullins, Br Bernard Crawford, Brian Kehoe (Emu Park), Helene Duck, Jocelyn Josefski, Ron Turner (Toowoomba), Odilla Pakaj (Gold Coast).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Colin Mooney 11.10.1995, John Edward Clarke 25.09.1969, Sam Camilleri 26.10.1957, Wenzu Formosa 30.10.1981, Carmen Grima 4.11.1971, Gonzala Castellano, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Christopher Dellwin Moss 13.09.2014.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Lawrence Galea, John Mooney, Marie Mooney, 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 21 October 2024

9.00am St Patrick's –Mass

Tuesday 22 October 2024

St John Paul II

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 23 October 2024

St John of Capistrano

8.00am Shalom –Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary –Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

Thursday 24 October 2024

St Anthony Claret

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 25 October 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary –Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary

Malayalam Mass

Saturday 26 October 2024

7.30am St Patrick's– Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 27 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading

Hebrews 5 :1– 6

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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The Annual retreat for all men of the Parish will be held on **Saturday November 16th**

Venue– **Shalom College**

Breakfast 7.30am.

Retreat commences at 8.30am

Concludes as 12 noon

Cost \$15.00



PRAYER GROUPS

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP:

Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, October 22nd** at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church commencing at **10.00am**.

ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's Church 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

All are 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

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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



From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory" (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indignant reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

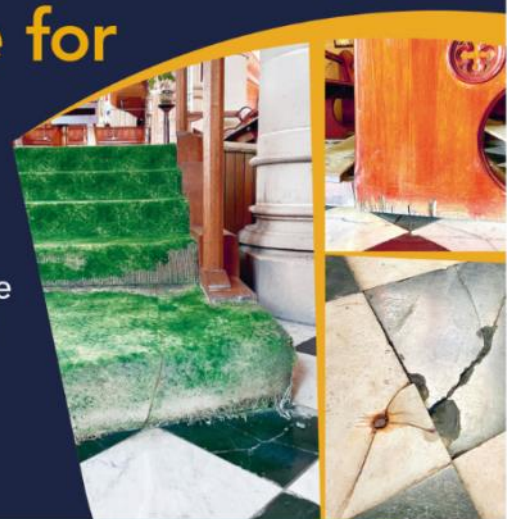
How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance ("you do not know what you are asking."). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the "slave of all." The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

November 9th/10th

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for this beautiful space of
prayer and worship



Right of
Christian
Initiation of
Adults

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