

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

Office Hours: 9.00-3.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

26th/27th October 2024

From Outcast to Disciple: The Story of Bartimaeus

Sometimes we first need to be blind before we can see. The well-known story of Bartimaeus, a blind man, may seem like “just another healing story”, but if we use our imaginations to enter the text, it becomes so much more. This man’s story invites us to reflect on our own moments of transformation, our own moments of courage even, to call out to Jesus, to encounter him, and to follow.

I imagine Bartimaeus sitting on the roadside, alone, detached from community and friendship. In the Gospel of Mark, he is the only person healed by Jesus who is mentioned by name. His name means “son of Timaeus.” And Timaeus means “honoured” or “valued one”. His fate of physical blindness, out casting him, is sharply contrasted from the “inclusive” honour possibly given his father. Now, there is no sign of that father. There is no sign that he will ever again know the bonds of family and community. Yet perhaps he’s heard of Jesus’ miracles and healings.

So, when the crowd comes by and he hears that Jesus is among them, a glimmer hope in his desperation is stirred. And so, he shouts out for him. “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” But the crowd, those supposed followers of Jesus, try to hush him up. But Bartimaeus is not willing to give up his hope. He shouts once more, loud enough to catch Jesus’ ear. “Call him here,” Jesus says. Bartimaeus springs up, throws off his cloak—possibly his only possession—and runs to Jesus. “Let me see again,” he asks him. *Again.* It seems that Bartimaeus was not blind from birth. Perhaps he once shared the honour of his father Timaeus. But since losing his sight he lost the value society once gave him. Here Jesus restores that worth, not only by restoring his sight, but by giving the dignity to name his desire. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asks. Bartimaeus is given freedom, agency, the power to choose.

Perhaps the most striking moment is what happens *after* his sight is restored. Bartimaeus chooses to follow Jesus “on the way”. He becomes one of Jesus’ disciples! His encounter with Jesus was not simply a story of an ophthalmological miracle, but one of profound inner transformation. And what other community to be restored to than the one who brought about that restoration?

Often the stories of Jesus’ healings are said to give glimpses of the kingdom of God where there is no illness, disability, or blindness. We know that it is not the disability that takes away belonging, but the human responses to them that do. Jesus not only undoes the human sin behind Bartimaeus’ outcast status. He brings about the kingdom of God within Bartimaeus himself. The love of God through Jesus shapes Bartimaeus’ heart anew and calls him to leave behind his old life and find a new one in Christ. The cloak he casts off symbolises this and Bartimaeus once again fulfils the worth and value his name symbolises.

We can only imagine what happened next. As Bartimaeus journeyed with Jesus and witnessed his teachings and sacrificial love, his own heart would have been stretched and changed. He would have grown in his understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, to love others, and to live a life of faith. His story becomes a powerful example of how an encounter with Christ can set us on a lifelong journey of growth and discipleship.

The fact that Bartimaeus is the only person Jesus healed in Mark’s Gospel who is named likely indicates that he was known by the early Christian community. If he continued to follow Jesus and became part of the early church, he would have experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the growth of the community, and the challenges and joys of living out his faith in a new way.

Bartimaeus’ story is more than a tale of physical healing; it is a narrative of restored dignity, newfound community, and transformative discipleship. It challenges us to consider our own moments of spiritual blindness and the ways we might call out to Jesus in desperation and hope. Like Bartimaeus, we are invited to shed our old cloaks, embrace the freedom to name our deepest desires, and follow Jesus “on the way.”

Source: God in All Things

By Bill Goodwin
Principal
St Mary’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

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Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
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Bereavement Co-ordinator

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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 Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

The Rosary Month October

A few days to go!

The Rosary Month concludes on Thursday.

The evening of Adoration is a fitting end to the month.

Hopefully, during the month you and your family may have renewed your practice of this devotion.

A prayer that can be prayed at anytime and in any place, alone or with others.

May the blessings that have come to so many through this prayer practice be bestowed on you and your family also.

16HRS WITH THE LORD: Nomination forms where you can add your name to spend one or more of the 16hrs in adoration and prayer are at the doors of each church.

The Prayer time held in **Holy Rosary** begins at **8.00pm** on **Thursday, October 31st** and concludes at **12 noon** on **Friday, November 1st**.

The Prayer will be an effort by our community to bring peace to our world.

You are welcome to join other parishioners for as much time as you wish.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: Envelopes are available at the Church doors if you wish a Mass to be offered for a departed loved one or ones.

Simply fill in the front of the envelope and place it in the normal offertory collection.

Fr Don will arrange for Masses to be celebrated.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE : In each Church from the middle of this week the Book of Remembrance will be available.

Please write the names of all whom you remember during this Month of the Faithful Departed.

Prayers at Parish Masses during November will refer to the names in the Book.

menALIVE RETREAT : This annual event will be held on **Saturday November 16th** from **7.00am – 12 noon** at **Shalom College**.

Please see the notice on the back of the calendar.



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.



MEMORIAL SERVICE – HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 2024 – 6 PM



Over the past years in our Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, it has been a wonderful custom to hold a Memorial Service twice a year for family and friends who have lost a loved one in the six (6) months prior to the service.

“We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death” - St Ambrose

On Wednesday 13th November at 6 pm in Holy Rosary Church we will gather to pray with our families and friends. Invitations will be posted out shortly, but we also extend an invitation to other members of the Parish, who would like to remember their loved ones. You are all very welcome. A light supper will be served after the service in Novakoski Hall. Please register your attendance by contacting the Parish Office (in person) or call 4151 6666.

BY BEREAVEMENT COORDINATOR

JAN APLIN

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

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

If you are attending the 6.30am Mass at the Cemetery, remember to bring a chair.

You are welcome to stay afterwards for light refreshments.

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).

PAGEANT OF LIGHTS: On Thursday **December 5th**, Bundaberg Regional Council is hosting the Pageant of Lights in Bourbong St coinciding with "turning on of the Christmas Tree lights" in Buss Park.

Four of our Parish community have nominated to support this community event.

One meeting has been held and we are now seeking extra support from you to assist in making a parish entry in this event possible.

Speak to Carmen Wyatt or Vince Habermann for any further details.

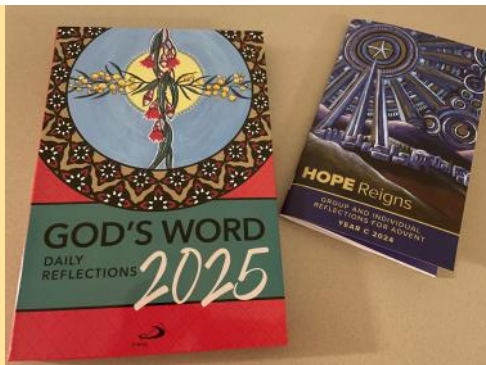
If you are interested in assisting, please come to a meeting on **Tuesday, October 29th, 5.00pm** at the **Parish Office**. You will be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT THE PARISH GIFT STORE: We have received our Christmas Cards, Columban Calendars and a variety of Gift ideas. If you are looking for a particular Christian inspired gift, call in to the Parish Office and check out our supply. We may be able to order other gifts.

AVAILABLE NOW

from the Parish Office

God's word 2025
Daily Reflection



HOPE Reigns

ADVENT Booklet

\$5.00

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lenore Scotney, Patricia Kennedy, Br Peter Hancock, Gerard Drent, Juan del Rosario (Philippines), Annie Doherty (Nth Ireland), Bill Steele, Alexandra Donovan, Br Bernard Crawford, Brian Kehoe (Emu Park), Helene Duck, Jocelyn Josefski, Ron Turner (Toowoomba), Odilla Pakaj.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Jena Bennett 16.10.1980, Elizabeth Maglicco 22.10.2002, Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, Suzanne Boisen 10.11.2022, 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, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Christopher Dellwin Moss 13.09.2014.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Patricia Kennedy & Family, Lisa Camilleri, Dominic & Zeppa Formosa & all the Formosa Families, Deceased members of the Cook & Geiger Families, Dulcie Schafer, Shane Hocking, Cameron Hocking, Rosina Thompson, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria Mary Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, Lawrence Galea, John Mooney, Marie Mooney, Fr Karl Emerick O.P, Grima, Formosa & Camilleri Families, Paul Galea, Lavene Bailey, Annette Sutton, Joyce Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mary and Charles Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 28 October 2024

St Simon and St Jude
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 29 October 2024

9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 30 October 2024

8.00am Shalom - Mass
11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 31 October 2024

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 1 November 2024

ALL SAINTS

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am St James' - Mass
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 2 November 2024

ALL SOULS

6.30am Catholic Cemetery - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 3 November 2024

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
12 noon Baffle Creek - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

A celebration for the life of
LENORE SCOTNEY

MONDAY
4th NOVEMBER 2024

11.00 AM

Branyan Gardens
Chapel.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Weekly Session

Tuesday:

10.00am-10.30am

Sessions are held in the Chapel in the Parish Office.

During School terms.

New members welcomed

Please note sessions are now only held once a week.

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

Graham White: 4887 3080

Diocesan Safeguarding

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

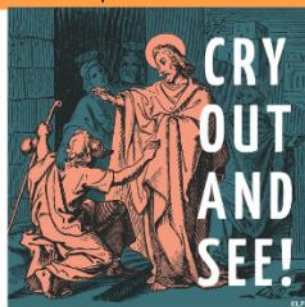
& follow the prompts

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.

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Meditation



Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "Master, let me receive my sight." Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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prayer and worship



ST MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, BUNDABERG

IS INVITING YOU TO

FAITH FEST

SAT | 02 | NOV

5.30PM

BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE

RSVP by 28th October
To the Parish Office
4151 6666

Special Guest:

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 All Saints Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass St Pat's 7.00am • Mass St James' 9.00am • Mass HR 12.15pm • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm 	2 All Souls Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass Catholic Cemetery 6.30am • Mass HR 8.00am • Mass St James' 9.00am • Musicians/Singers Meeting 10.30am HR • St Mary's Sunday School Anniversary 5.30-9.00pm 	3 31st Sunday Ordinary Time
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship Vitalisation Support Group 3.30pm 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • Meditation Office Chapel 10.00am • Baptism Prep 4.30pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm • United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Liturgy Team Meeting 4.00pm • Rosary - HR 5.00pm 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Joseph's Cathedral Restoration Appeal • Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's 	10 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Joseph's Cathedral Restoration Appeal
11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • CWL Meeting 9.30am • Meditation Office Chapel 10.00am • Laudato Si Task Force Meeting 3.30pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Catherine McAuley Day at the Mater Hospital • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm • Memorial Service Holy Rosary 6.00pm 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Reconciliation Action Plan Group meeting 3.30pm • Music Team Meeting 4.00pm • Rosary - HR 5.00pm 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • menAlive Retreat at Shalom 7.00am • Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's 	17 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Passionist Family Group PFG Christmas Lunch St Pat's 11.30am
18	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • Meditation Office Chapel 10.00am • CWL Christmas Party 6.00pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm • United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • Visitation Meeting 10.30am • Parish Stewardship Council Meeting 6.00pm 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Rosary - HR 5.00pm 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOCC Meeting 10.15am • Bereavement Team Meeting 11.15am • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm • Bishop's Thank you Rockhampton 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's • Diocesan Pastoral Council Rockhampton • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's 	24 34th Sunday Ordinary Time <p style="text-align: center;">Feast of Christ the Universal King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass for Children SP 9.00am • Holy Hour Holy Rosary 11.00am-12.00noon
25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • Meditation Office Chapel 10.00am • Christian Unity Group Christ Church 10.00am • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm • Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Anointing Mass HR 10.00am • Rosary - HR 5.00pm • Parish Thank You/Farewell to Ministers Parish Office 5.30pm 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's 	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Advent STARTS</p> </div>



Retreat

THE POWER OF PARABLE

Saturday 16 November
Shalom College Chapel
7.00 am - 12.00 noon

Coffee, Breakfast and Spiritual Reflection

RSVP by 12 Nov

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Registration
\$15.00

November : *Month of the Holy Souls*

All Saints' Day Mass
1 November

7.00am St Pat's Church
9.00am St James' Church
12.15pm Holy Rosary

All Souls' Day Mass
2 November

6.30am Catholic Cemetery
8.00am Holy Rosary Church
9.00 St James' Church

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Holy Rosary Church

Wednesday
13 November
6.00PM



Feast of Christ, the Universal King

Holy Hour

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 11.00AM

Holy Rosary Church

Benediction at 12.00 noon

In thanksgiving for the blessings of the Church Year and peace throughout the Universe.
Looking towards a hope-filled Jubilee Year 2025.

THANK YOU

*to all who minister with their time and talents
in our Parish.*

Thursday, 28 November
at the Parish Office 5.30pm

Finger food and drinks will be provided

RSVP: 4151 6666 by Monday, 25 November - Dietary Requirements