

## 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

9th/10th November 2024

## “When I became a father, I understood God.”

Honoré de Balzac (19<sup>th</sup> Century French Novelist).

Rembrandt's *The Prodigal Son* is his most moving painting, but it is also his quietest. It captures a moment stretching into eternity. In the painting, the son has returned home in a wretched state and kneels before his father in repentance, whilst the prodigal son's older brother, stands at the right and crosses his hands in judgment.

In Luke 15, Jesus tells this story to a group of Pharisees and religious leaders who keep criticising him for welcoming and eating with tax collectors and others seen as sinners.

*The Return of the Prodigal Son - A Story of Homecoming* is also a book by the great Dutch theologian and Catholic priest Henri Nouwen. Regardless of whom of the three key figures of the parable we might identify with, this classic work asks all of us, “Where has my struggle led me?”

The messages behind this parable and painting and book are also the focus of the MenAlive retreat at Shalom College this coming **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Using the wisdom of their own lived experience, three of our peers will lead us through a reflection of the person with whom they most identify and how that has changed their life.

Bundaberg MenAlive is a parish branch of a National Men’s Ministry helping men become fully alive and lead an intentional life filled with purpose and meaning. Our purpose is to bring men together, to reflect on their faith, and to encourage them towards personal and community renewal.

Our aims are:

- ◆ to create opportunity for men to gather
- ◆ to enhance our spirituality and faith in God
- ◆ to grow as persons and as a Church community

We do this because we believe that everyone has been created by God with the purpose to make a difference in this world: In our families; In our workplaces; In the life of the Church.

For the last ten years this group has been very capably led by Joe McCorley and Kerry Devine, who very recently passed the mantle of responsibility to Lyle Jones, Aaron Brown, Steven Jenes and me. Kerry will continue to serve as our mentor and guide. We pray we can live up to the great work of Joe and Kerry, and pray also, that the many other men who provide support through catering and cooking, and other acts of service, continue to do so.

“I have come to give you life and life to the full” (John 10.10).

Ken Avenell

**For Catering purposes**, please contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance at the MenALIVE Retreat by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cost is \$15.00, payable by **EFTPOS in advance at the Parish Office** or **Cash Only on the day**.

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

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begeda**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Dr Presly Varghese**

**Mr Michael Walker**

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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

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** At 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. It became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. Originally known as Armistice Day, it was renamed Remembrance Day after World War Two to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars. The loss of ANZAC lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.

**Let us remember today all who have died in wars and face death in wars today.**

### CAN YOU HELP?

Can **you** play the organ? Or a keyboard? We will give the support you need as you become used to playing the instruments in the church. Or can you play a guitar? We would love to hear from you. We especially need someone for our 8.00am masses but are keen to have more musicians on any roster. Depending on your availability, you may be rostered to play twice a month or so.



**Please contact Pauline at the parish office if you have any questions.**

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS:** Envelopes are available at the Church doors for any parishioner who wishes to have Mass offered for departed loved ones.

Please fill in the front of the envelope and place it in the Offertory Collection or return it to the Parish Office.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE :** The names of all who are recorded in our 2024 Book of Remembrance will be mentioned in Masses during November.

There is a Book in each Church.

Please list those you wish in the Book at your convenience.

**CWL NOVEMBER MEETING:** Will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** in St Patrick's Hall. Commencing with Morning Tea at 9.30am followed by the meeting at 10.00am.

After the meeting there will be a working bee to prepare the cent sale cards.

Please bring your staplers, staples, scissors and lunch and enjoy the last meeting of the year. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**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<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00pm.**

We will gather to pray with our Family and Friends who have lost a loved one in the past six months. An invitation is also extended to other members of the Parish, who would like to remember their loved ones. A light supper will be served after the service in Novakoski.



## PARISH BOOKSTORE

THIS CHRISTMAS VISIT OUR BOOKSTORE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

We have a range of Christmas items for sale including:

- +Ornaments
- +Christmas Cards
- +Children's Books
- +Columban Calendars



**Looking for something different?  
We can order it for you.**

**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

## PAGEANT of LIGHTS

A small enthusiastic group will ensure we have a float in this year's event on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. In 2017 this was our Parish entry!



### We are now asking for

- any primary school age children who wish to be a part of the pageant.
- parents are asked to accompany their children by walking beside the float.
- parishioners who wish to walk the couple of kms with the float also.

We need approx. numbers to forward to the organisers by the end of this week.

### **SORRY for the urgency.**

Costumes for the children will be supplied or you may wish to supply your own Nativity

Scene costume. Adults and walkers will be asked to dress appropriately.

Please contact the office (4151 6666) if you are able to join us in this community celebration.

**WELCOME GRANT SUTHERLAND:** Most will remember our seminarian Grant who was with us last year. We are fortunate that Grant will spend his Pastoral Year in our Parish arriving on January 25<sup>th</sup> and concluding on December 25<sup>th</sup> 2025.

During his year with us Grant will join our ministries and take a vital part in all parish activities.

We assure Grant of our welcome and support as he rejoins our Parish community.

**ALL SOULS DAY – Month of Holy Souls-** A good crowd made the early Mass at the Cemetery. Similarly good numbers attended the other two Masses celebrated on the day. Thanks to the Friends of the Catholic Cemetery who served a welcome cuppa with food donated from Targo St Bakery. May we continue to remember our departed loved ones in prayer during the month.

Prayers will be held at the cemetery each Thursday in November at 9.30am. All are welcome.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED** in Holy Rosary Church, Elliana Louise Garrett



## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rita Ross, Ian Seaby, Br Owen Brown, Lenore Scotney, Patricia Kennedy, Br Peter Hancock, Gerard Drent, Juan del Rosario (Philippines), Annie Doherty (Nth Ireland), Bill Steele.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Adv. P.D Joseph 20.11.2021 & Thankamma Joseph, Margaret Cagney 4.11.2007, Forte Galea 2.11.2023, Renzo Crappa Nov 2012, Bill Della Vedova Nov 2013, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Desmond John McGrath 6.11.2023, 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, 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:** Charlie and Mary Galea, 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, 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 11 November 2024**

**St Martin of Tours**

9.00am St Patrick's –Mass

**Tuesday 12 November 2024**

**St Josaphat**

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Wednesday 13 November 2024**

8.00am Shalom –Mass

10.00am Mater-Mass

**Catherine McCauley Day**

11.45am Holy Rosary –Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

**Memorial Service**

**Thursday 14 November 2024**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 15 November 2024**

**St Albert the Great**

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary –Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

**Saturday 16 November 2024**

7.30am St Patrick's – Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

**Sunday 17 November 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**

*Daniel 12:1-3*

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 10 :11– 14, 18*

**Gospel**

*Mark 13:24-32*

*A celebration for the life of*  
**RITA ROSS**

**MONDAY**  
11th NOVEMBER 2024

**10.00 AM**

*Holy Rosary*  
*Catholic Church.*



## PRAYER GROUPS

### Divine Mercy

Wednesday Weekly Devotions  
Holy Rosary Church  
after 12.15pm Mass  
All are welcome.

### The Angelus

Friday Weekly Devotions  
Holy Rosary Church  
12.00pm  
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](mailto: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](http://www.rock.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

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Meditation

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives "everything she had."

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## St Mary's Sunday School 7th Anniversary.

In a prayerful and joyous evening on Saturday, November 2, the students of the school were presented with awards and then entertained all with a "Faith Fest" in which each year level performed on stage.

It was a night of praise, thanks, joy and hope inspired by the learnings each group had achieved during the year. Bishop Michael was the special guest and he spoke of the Pope's most recent Encyclical – "Dilexit nos – He has loved us". Congratulations to all award winners and to all who took part in the entertainment. A fine supper concluded the evening.

## Help us care for St Joseph's Cathedral

Donate today to help care  
for this beautiful space of  
prayer and worship

November 9th and 10th



**Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner:** Tuesday, 19th November at Brothers Sports Club commencing at 6.00pm. Tickets available (\$30.00) from The Parish Office until Monday, 11th November.

Tickets will also be available at the CWL Meeting on 12th November.

There will be **no tickets sold after these dates.**

Please bring a gift for Secret Santa.

(Something you would like to receive- approx \$20.00)