

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

16th/17th November 2024

Gifting for Christ's Mission

In a couple of weeks, I celebrate 34 years since my ordination to the priesthood. When I was ordained way back then, parish life had some differences. There were a lot more people and lot more priests in our parishes. Some of our parishes were still new and had just finished building their church or were adding to their schools. There was a lot of fundraising going on back then. I can remember in my first appointment, the parish had two Christmas fairs, just weeks from Christmas and both would attract large crowds. There was one on a Friday night, and one on Saturday night. I remember my parish priest requesting that I give a short homily on Saturday night so the ham wheel could start on time; and we had to pray that there would be no storms.

From those days, many of us will remember other ways that parish raised the funds they needed for their buildings and their mission. In particular there were many planned-giving programs carried out in our parishes. People got involved, and it was obvious that people saw the importance of what they were giving to, just as we do today. We know that for our parishes to play their part in the mission of Christ they need to be funded, and there is only one way that happens - through the generosity of parishioners.

Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) tells us that the parish is not an outdated institution, but rather is a vital place, where people feel part of God's people, sharing their joys and hopes, their sufferings and challenges. It is the place where people hear the Gospel and offer to each other and to the wider community the light of Christ in both words and actions. For our parishes to be that place, we need to be good stewards of our gifts so our parishes can function.¹

Back in August, we renewed how we use our gifts for ministry. Next week at a special meeting we renew the membership of the parish stewardship council. And so, I commend this last part of our stewardship renewal, the discernment of our financial giving which aims to ensure our parish has what it needs to play its part on the mission of Christ. Simply, what can we give to ensure our parish has what we need to play its part in the mission of Christ? Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to the mission of Christ and His Church in our local community.

In Christo,

Fr. Don White, P.P., V.G.

¹ Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), no. 28.

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 Preshy Varghese

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

PARISH THANK YOU EVENING:

All who are involved in ministry in the Parish are invited.
Finger Food and beverages will be provided.

Thursday, November 28th from **5.30pm** at the Parish Office

For catering purpose, please contact the Office to advise your attendance by **Monday 25th**.
Our ministers and ministries are worthy of Celebration.

CAN YOU PLAY THE ORGAN, KEYBOARD OR GUITAR?

We are needing to have more musicians to play during our weekend masses. Can you help? Some of our organists are rostered to play almost every weekend, and we're keen to share this ministry with more musicians. You'd be rostered to fit in with your availability, and we'll give you all the support you need as you become used to playing during mass. Please contact Pauline at the parish office if you are interested at all. We would love to hear from you.



VISITATION TEAM MEETING : Our final meeting for the year will take place on **Wednesday, November 20th** at the Parish Office at **10.30am**

All visitation ministers are encouraged to be present.

It will be a time to look at the holiday period and ensure we are able to maintain our visits.
Hopefully, you can attend.

DONATIONS FOR WOORABINDA MISSION: Shalom College is having a fundraiser in support of Woorabinda Mission and would like to invite the Parish to join us.

If you have any sheets, towels, children's football boots, children's jeans, summer clothes, good clothes for formal occasions size 8-14 or dressups in good condition, please consider donating them to this worthy cause. You will find a poster at the front of the church with some other items Sr Cecilia has requested as well. If you don't have a surplus of any of these items, please consider a monetary donation so we are able to purchase whatever is needed. Donations may be left at either the Parish office or at Shalom College by **Monday 25th November**. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: Once again, you have been most generous in support of the Catholic Missions Appeal. \$ 11639.20 has been transferred.

This financial support to our Missionary Church will benefit Mongolia and other missionary countries. THANK YOU.

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.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS FOR 1ST QUARTER (JAN, FEB, MARCH) :

Could you please contact the office notifying your availability during the three months?

The rosters will be prepared before the end of December.

We are very grateful for all who minister at our Liturgical celebrations but realise that other commitments may see some not available at times.

BUY NOW: Don't delay purchasing God's Word 2025 (\$22.00) and Advent Booklet- Hope Reigns (\$5.00) from the Parish Office. Once they have sold out we are unable to purchase extra copies.

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: December 5th is fast approaching.

We are still looking for participants of all ages to be involved.

Please contact the office if you are able to be involved.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24 – FEAST OF CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING.

• Children's Mass – 9.00am at St Patrick's.

All are invited to this Final Mass for the year.

Let us make it a true celebration of the last Sunday of the Church Year.

Please bring a plate to share after Mass.

• HOLY HOUR at Holy Rosary 11.00am

An hour of adoration in thanksgiving for the blessings received during this 2024 Church Year.

Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 12 noon.

All are welcome during the hour.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Bereavement Team was pleased to welcome the many relatives and friends who came to the service last Wednesday. Praying for our departed as well as praying for our comfort and strength were very much to the forefront in the service.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace.

In your mercy, turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore.

Amen.

Special thanks to all who prepared and served the supper and to Des Allen Funerals for the beautiful commemorative roses.

BETHLEHEM LIVE VOLUNTEER SHEET: Sheets are available at the doors of the churches for volunteers who can help with Bethlehem Live. The Parish will have two stalls again. The Spinning and Weaving Tent and Jesse's Tree. If you can help with the construction, transporting or participation, please add your name to the sheet. Bethlehem Live will be held in December on 17th-20th. We are hoping you can help us with this Community Event.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Bodhi Thomas Goleby, Lucas Bradley Munckton and Matthew Kerry Snoddy.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Karen Woods, Mary-Anne Cutajar (Melbourne/ Gozo), Paul Simpson, Rita Ross, Ian Seaby, Br Owen Brown, Lenore Scotney, Patricia Kennedy, Br Peter Hancock, Gerard Drent, Juan del Rosario (Philippines), Annie Doherty (Nth Ireland).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa Feltrin 5.07.1988, Raimondo Feltrin 10.11.1966, Diomira Feltrin 10.11.2018, Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013, Marie Mooney 4.11.2016, 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 18 November 2024

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

Tuesday 19 November 2024

8.30am St James' - Penance

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5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 20 November 2024

8.00am Shalom – Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary – Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

Thursday 21 November 2024

The Presentation of

Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 22 November 2024

St Cecilia

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary – Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary

Malayalam Mass

Saturday 23 November 2024

7.30am St Patrick's – Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's – Mass

Sunday 24 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 7:13-14

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5– 8

Gospel

John 18:33-37

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

AT ST JAMES' :

Sunday 22nd December

4.30pm. The theme this year is Christmas Around the World.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHAPEL:

Presented by Saint Stella.

Holy Rosary Church, 2.00pm

Sunday 15th December.

Tickets \$35.00 pp

PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 19th November commencing at 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre.

ROSARY GROUP

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

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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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



I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds." He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir

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Summer Camp 2025

Ignite Summer Camp Diocesan Group

When: 8th-12th January, 2025

Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)

Who: Any 2025 high school students

Ignite Summer Camp is back in 2025, with four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and even providing an extra night's accommodation so we will be ready to go when the camp begins on the morning of the **9th of January.**

To register with our diocesan group, scan the QR code or go to <https://rok.catholic.net.au/services-agencies/pastoral-services/youth-ministry/summer-camp/>
For more details contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



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.