

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



23rd/24th November 2024



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Madonna Davitt and Kaye Beston
Parish Stewardship Council members

This time of year is an appropriate time to reflect on the Parish Stewardship Council's achievements. Our strategic plan is developed under these five focus areas -

Reaching out in Love
Faith Formation and Service
Welcoming and Vibrant Community
Children and Youth Development
Building our Parish Strength and Sustainability.

For 2024 we chose to highlight focus areas:

Welcoming and Vibrant Community and Children and Youth Development.

The council provided involvement and leadership in:

- Stewardship Renewal of Gifts and Ministry
- Alpha program
- Revisit Summit 2024
- Endorsement of Parish Stewardship Council Guidelines
- Strengthening connection between Catholic schools/college
- Establishment of sub-committees that meet regularly – Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party, Laudato Si Taskforce and Stewardship Vitalisation Support Team

As we come to the conclusion of this year, we look forward to the 2025 Jubilee Year the theme of which is **Pilgrims of Hope**.

In the words of Pope Francis stated in his letter announcing the Jubilee 2025:

“We must fan the flame of Hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision... “I entrust responsibility for finding suitable ways for the Holy Year to be planned and celebrated with deep faith, lively hope and active charity... with promoting the new evangelization, this season of grace a significant stimulus to the pastoral outreach of Churches which are called in these years to intensify their commitment to synodality.”

These beautifully expressed words resonate with the role, direction and hope of our Parish vision statement. Our Parish Stewardship Council Guidelines, highlight the guiding principle of co-responsibility, that “is manifest by working in a spirit of synodality.”

Possibilities for genuine action and response to Pope Francis' call to join this pilgrimage could be reflected in the Stewardship Council's strategic plan for 2025.

The Pilgrims of Hope logo and mascot contain symbols of communal journey and capture the essence of the message of shared journeying.

Next week, the Parish Stewardship Council will engage in a process of discernment to welcome new members. We ask for your prayers that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Parish Stewardship Council will continue to provide leadership in intensifying their commitment to Synodality, journeying forward in “active charity and lively hope” as we embrace this Advent and Jubilee Year as “pilgrims of hope”.



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

BUNDABERG COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Pageant of Lights December 5th and **Bethlehem Live** December 17th-20th.

We still need volunteers to assist with both of these events.

With **Pageant of Lights**, we need primary school age children accompanied by their walking parents for the float.

Adults and youth to walk with the float.

Please let the office know if you are willing to join the pageant asap.

With **Bethlehem Live**, we need spinners and weavers and story tellers for our two "tents" As in previous years we will need people who can assemble the "tents" and dismantle them afterwards.

Please place your name on the forms at each Church door or contact the office, by early December.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER: This is the last week when you can write the names of those you wish remembered in our Books of Remembrance.

Mass Offering envelopes are in our Churches for you to request Masses for departed loved ones.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AND MEETINGS.

(Please note there are a couple of changes in times/dates)

Sunday (November 24)

- **HOLY HOUR at 11.00am** at Holy Rosary.

You are invited and welcome to join the hour of prayer in thanksgiving for the blessings of 2024.

Tuesday (November 26)

- **Christian Unity Group** at Christ Church 10.00am

All are welcome.

Wednesday (November 27)

- **Parish Finance Council** 5.15pm
- **Parish Stewardship Council Discernment** 6.30pm

Thursday (November 28)

- **Prayers at the Catholic Cemetery** 9.00am (note earlier time)
- **Anointing Mass** at Holy Rosary 10.00am (Final for this year. Next one on 23rd January)
- **Parish Thank You** to all who minister 5.30pm

Saturday (November 30)

Musicians and Singers 10.30am (a date change!)

LITURGICAL ROSTERS FOR 1ST QUARTER (JAN, FEB, MARCH) : Could you please contact the office by **Monday 9th December** notifying your availability during these 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.

RECENTLY BAPTISED : Brydee Anne Hills.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST JAMES'

Christmas Around the World

We invite all Parishioners to the annual Carols at St James' in Bargara.

Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm.

Enjoy the beautiful story of Christ's birth. Join in the singing of the hymns and Carols, Christmas Hamper Raffle followed by a light supper.



DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank you for your support.**



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PARISH THANK YOU EVENING: All who are part of our many ministries are invited.

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

Finger food and beverages will be provided.

Thanks to the CWL in advance for their help with catering.

Please let the office know by this coming week if you are attending and if you have special needs for catering purposes.



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.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE: every Monday at St Patrick's Church after the 9.00am Mass. All are welcome.

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. 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**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by Sr Cecilia..

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHAPEL: Enjoy an enchanting afternoon of Christmas music and carols in the upcoming event, **Christmas in the Chapel**. The show will be held on **Sunday, December 15th at 2.00pm** Our Holy Rosary church will be transformed into a festive haven filled with beautiful melodies and seasonal cheer.

Experience stunning performances by an exceptional lineup of artists: the powerful tenor Sebastian Maclaine from Opera Queensland, the talented Simon Chamberlain, a renowned Australian touring artist, the captivating classical crossover soprano Suellen Cusack, and the remarkable musical theatre specialist Jessica Savage. Each artist will bring their unique flair to traditional and contemporary Christmas favourites.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Bout Time Music Store or through Eventbrite. Secure your seats today and join us for an unforgettable afternoon of joy and inspiration!

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jeanine Hand, 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)

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth (Bessie) Mooney 18.11.1973, 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, 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: Dominic Attard, Mario Zammit, 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, 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 25 November 2024

St Catherine of Alexandria

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 26 November 2024

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 27 November 2024

8.00am Shalom - Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 28 November 2024

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 29 November 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 30 November 2024

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 1 December 2024

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

12.00noon Baffle Creek - Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading

Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

GOD'S WORD 2025

AND

ADVENT BOOKLET

Hope Reigns

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.

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

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

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

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatshirt. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

Father John Muir ©LPi



PARTS SELECTION FOR

*Children's
Christmas Mass*

Tuesday, 3rd December

3.30pm-4.00pm

Novakoski Centre

(Behind Holy Rosary)



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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.