

## 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

1st Sunday of Advent Year C

30th November/1st December 2024

## Advent: A Time of Hope and Reflection

This weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, is the beginning of our new Church year. A time of reflection and anticipation. A time of devout and joyful expectation. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival".

It is sometimes hard to keep in step with the season when we see all the commercial excitement around us so many months before Christmas – Christmas decorations in the stores and sales everywhere. However, in our churches, it is now that we hear and see many things to remind us of the real meaning of this season. The Advent themes (hope, peace, joy and love) unfold over the next four weeks. They invite us to pause and re-direct our focus on God's promises.

Our church environment changes to purple and our Advent wreaths appear. The four Advent Candles, lit one by one each week, mark the four weeks before Christmas - a symbol of our yearning for the Light of Christ. The circle of the wreath, without a beginning and end, symbolises God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity. The leaves represent growth and hopes for eternal life. This all calls us to expectation and reflection on ourselves.

There was a tendency in the past to consider Advent to be a penitential season like Lent, but the document *General Norms of the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* describes Advent as "a period for devout and joyful expectation" (GNLYC # 39). The Gloria is omitted during Advent, for example, not because it is a season of penance and abstinence, but so that we might sing this hymn, which echoes the song of the angels heralding the birth of Christ, with renewed joy and vigour on Christmas night.

Watching in joyful hope is what the season of Advent is all about. The texts of Advent we hear and pray during mass are some of the richest treasures of the Church's liturgy and can draw us into the true spirit and purpose of the Advent season. I hope this Advent season gives you an opportunity to pause and focus on Jesus more during the lead up to Christmas.

So, I invite you to pray:

**Dear Jesus,  
you are the hope in our messy world.  
This Advent, help us slow down,  
listen to your voice,  
and focus on what's really important.  
We place our hope in you  
as we prepare our hearts  
to celebrate your birth on Christmas.**

*Amen.*

(Dynamic Catholic website)



**By: Pauline Leahy**  
Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-Ordinator

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**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**Shalom College**

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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 - Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm (5.50pm arrival at Kendalls Flats for participants)**

Preparation of the Float will take place on Wednesday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Robert Doyle, Phil Gilchrist, Vince Habermann, or Carmen Wyatt if you can give some time to assist.

**Bethlehem Live - (December 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 6.00pm – 9.00pm)**

Those who nominated and some who were on the list in 2022 have been contacted.

If you are able to help in the Jesse's Tree (Storytellers) tent, please contact Pauline Merefield

If you can assist in the Spinners and Weavers tent, please contact Judy Vollmerhouse.

Those helping with construction and packing away will be contacted by the organising team.

### THANKS:



- For the donations for Woorabinda. Your generosity has been collected and will soon be with Sr Cecelia to share.

- A BIG thank you to the CWL and office staff who prepared the supper for the Thank-you evening.

- Thanks to the following who have taken a step back in ministry during or near the close of this year. Sylvia Breinl, Jan Davidson, Gemma Fordham, Frank and Kath Gambley, Grace Lim and Joe McCorley.



**LITURGICAL ROSTERS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** : A great opportunity exists for one Graduate Accountant to kick off 2025 by joining a dynamic team in a values-based NFP, supporting the Finance Manager and accounting operations of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. The role will assist in meeting management and financial reporting obligations. For further details see Seek <https://www.seek.com.au/job/80380660>, the Diocesan Website and Facebook page.

### 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.



**PARTS SELECTION FOR**

*Children's  
Christmas Mass*



**Tuesday, 3rd December**

**3.30pm-4.00pm**

**Novakoski Centre**

(Behind Holy Rosary)

[litcord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:litcord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au)

4151 6666

**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

**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!



## 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.



## Christmas Carols

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

### St James Church

38 See Street, Bargara  
Sunday, December 22nd  
4.00pm



Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas Music,  
**Christmas Hamper raffles,**  
Followed by a light supper.

Bring your family and friends and join in the spirit of Christmas



### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vivien Hooper, Josie George (Gladstone), Bidy Dwyer, Quang (David) Duong, 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.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Claire Fitzgerald 14.12.1995, Marco Cafolla 1.12.2019, Aurelo Cafolla 1.12.1989, Annunziata Crawford 15.12.1991, Cyril Crawford 30.12.1979, Maria Magliocco 15.12.1970, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Ramon D Andres and Rosa A Andres, Ron Cook, Lenore Scotney, Dominic Attard, Mario Zammit, Charlie and Mary Galea, Patricia Kennedy & Family, Lisa Camilleri, Dominic & Zeppa Formosa & all the Formosa 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 2 December 2024**  
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 3 December 2024**  
**St Francis Xavier**  
8.30am St James' - Penance  
9.00am St James' - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Wednesday 4 December 2024**  
**St John Damascene**  
8.00am Shalom - Mass  
11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Thursday 5 December 2024**  
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 6 December 2024**  
**St Nicholas**  
9.30am Holy Rosary - Exposition  
10.45am Holy Rosary  
**St Joseph's End of Year Mass**

**Saturday 7 December 2024**  
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Sunday 8 December 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

Baruch 5:1-9

#### Second Reading

Philippians 1:4- 6, 8-11

#### Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

### A Celebration for the life of

Quang (David) Duong

Holy Rosary Church

2.00pm



Thursday 5th December

Former Parishioner

**Bidy Dwyer**

Passed away on 25/11/2024

Her funeral will be held in Laidley.



## PRAYER GROUPS

### UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly  
Novakoski Centre  
(Behind Holy Rosary Church)  
7.00pm

### 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](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net)

Diocesan website for more  
information:

[https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-  
diocese/safeguarding/](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](http://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

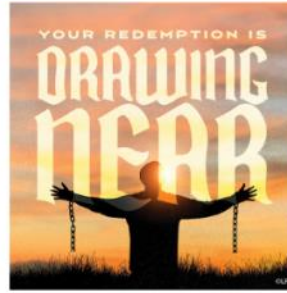
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## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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 priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## 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](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au) or 0433 897 973.





MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 1st Sunday Advent
2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's</li> <li>Adult Faith Formation Conversation 5.00pm</li> </ul>	3  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James'</li> <li>St Patrick's School Graduation 9.00am</li> <li>Meditation Office Chapel 10.00am</li> <li>Christmas Children's Mass parts selection HR 3.30pm</li> <li>Baptism Prep 4.30pm</li> <li>Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm</li> <li>United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm</li> </ul>	4  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm</li> <li>Mater Advent Mass 10.00am</li> <li>Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass</li> <li>RCIA 3.30pm</li> </ul>	5  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosary - HR 5.00pm</li> <li>St Joseph's School Graduation 5.30pm</li> <li>Pageant of Lights 7.00pm</li> </ul>	6  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Term Concludes</li> <li>End of Year Liturgy St Patrick's School 9.00am</li> <li>Shalom Staff Mass 9.15am</li> <li>Adoration: 9.30-10.30am Holy Rosary Church</li> </ul>	7  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's</li> <li>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's</li> </ul>	8 2nd Sunday Advent
9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's</li> </ul>	10  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James'</li> <li>Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm</li> </ul>	11  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm</li> <li>Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass</li> <li>RCIA 3.30pm</li> </ul>	12  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosary - HR 5.00pm</li> </ul>	13  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church</li> <li>Angelus 12.00pm</li> </ul>	14  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's</li> <li>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's</li> </ul>	15 3rd Sunday Advent
16  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's</li> </ul>	17  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James'</li> <li>Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm</li> <li>Bethlehem Live 6.00pm</li> <li>United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm</li> </ul>	18  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm</li> <li>Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass</li> <li>RCIA 3.30pm</li> <li>Bethlehem Live 6.00pm</li> </ul>	19  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cemetery Prayers 9.30am</li> <li>Rosary - HR 5.00pm</li> <li>Bethlehem Live 6.00pm</li> </ul>	20  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church</li> <li>Penance HR 11.30-12.00pm</li> <li>Angelus 12.00pm</li> <li>Bethlehem Live 6.00pm</li> <li>Malayalam Mass HR 6.30pm</li> </ul>	21  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's</li> <li>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's</li> <li>Penance HR 9.00-10.00am (Two Priests)</li> </ul>	22 14th Sunday Advent
23  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's</li> <li>Penance St Pat's 9.30-10.00am</li> </ul>	24 Christmas Eve  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Penance St James's 8.30-9.00am</li> <li>Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James'</li> <li>Children's Mass Rehearsal 10.00am</li> <li>Office closed 12.00pm</li> <li>Children's Mass HR 5.30am</li> <li>Mass St Pat's 6.00pm</li> <li>Mass HR 8.00pm</li> </ul>	25 Christmas Day  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass St James' 7.00am</li> <li>Mass Holy Rosary 8.00am</li> <li>Mass St Pat's 9.00am</li> </ul>	26 Boxing Day  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Closed</li> <li>Mass Holy Rosary 9.00am</li> <li>Rosary - HR 5.00pm</li> </ul>	27  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Open 9.00 - 1.00pm</li> <li>Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church</li> <li>Angelus 12.00pm</li> </ul>	28  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's</li> <li>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's</li> </ul>	29 Feast of the Holy Family
30  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Open 9.00 - 1.00pm</li> <li>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's</li> </ul>	31  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Open 9.00 - 1.00pm</li> <li>Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James'</li> <li>Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm</li> </ul>	01 New Year's Day  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office Closed</li> <li>Mass Holy Rosary 9.00am</li> </ul>				

# Christmas MAY TIMES

**Tuesday 24 December**

*Christmas Eve*

Childrens' Mass - Holy Rosary 5.30pm

22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

St Patrick's Church 6.00pm

14 Powers Street, Bundaberg

Holy Rosary 8.00pm

22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

**Wednesday 25 December**

*Christmas Day*

St James' Church 7.00am

38 See Street, Bargara

Holy Rosary 8.00am

22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

St Patrick's Church 9.00am

14 Powers Street, Bundaberg



# Christmas Carols

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas Music,  
Christmas Hamper raffles and  
a lot more....

**St James' Church**

38 See Street, Bargara

**Sunday 22 December 4.00pm**

Followed by a light supper

*Bring your family and friends and join in the spirit of Christmas*

All the Blessings of Christmas and  
may the little light of Christ  
continue to grow in you, in your  
Families and in your Ministries.

*Happy Christmas!*

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



Reconciliation



Confirmation



First Holy  
Communion

**Sacramental Program for 2025**  
**Enrol Now!**

Preparation for children eight years or older,  
who are Baptised in the Catholic faith,  
will begin early next year.  
(If your children are 8 years or older, and not yet Baptised,  
please contact Pauline at the Parish Office for details for their preparation.)

Use this QR Code or  
go to our Sacraments page on our website  
([www.bundabergcatholic.net.au](http://www.bundabergcatholic.net.au))  
to enrol now!

