

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/2nd February 2025

Christ our Light

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because on this day candles are blessed in many parishes, including ours. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God. The feast is celebrated on 2 February each year, forty days after Christmas. This year, this feast supersedes the *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, as the feasts of the Lord that fall on a Sunday in Ordinary Time and in the Christmas season replace the Sunday liturgy.

This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

The feast celebrates three main ideas. First, Jesus is recognised as the Light of the World, a light for all people. Second, it shows that Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He and His family obeyed the customs of their people. Third, it honors the deep faith of Mary and Joseph, who followed God's will at every step.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read about two holy people, Simeon and Anna, who meet Jesus at the Temple. Both Simeon and Anna see that Jesus is special. They have waited their whole lives for this moment. Simeon praises God and calls Jesus a "light for revelation to the Gentiles." This points to Jesus' mission to save not only Israel but also all nations.

On Candlemas, the Church invites us to remember that Jesus brings light to our lives. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to recognize Jesus in our world. We also look to Mary and Joseph as examples of faith and obedience.

The faith of Simeon and Anna reminds us to watch and wait for God's work in our lives. They recognised Jesus because they were close to God in prayer and worship. Through them, we see the joy of knowing and serving the Lord, even if it requires patience.

At the Presentation of the Lord, Mary showed her obedience to God's law. The law required a sacrifice, and Mary humbly followed this rule, bringing two doves to the Temple. Her actions show her deep humility and her willingness to submit to God's will in all things. Mary lived her life in obedience.

The candles that are blessed during Mass this weekend are a symbol of Jesus, who is called the "Light of Revelation" by Simeon in the Gospel. Just as candles bring light into darkness, Jesus brings light into a world that often feels dark or uncertain. The candlelight reminds Catholics that Jesus guides them and shines brightly, even when life is challenging. Taking your candle home, and lighting it can be a way to keep this reminder close in daily life.

Candlemas is more than a feast day; it is an invitation to live by the light of Christ all year. The blessed candles are a reminder that each person is called to share this light with others. By following Jesus' teachings and bringing kindness, peace, and hope into the world, Catholics honor the meaning of Candlemas in their daily lives.

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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

Grant Sutherland
Seminarist

Br Ted Magee
E.O/ Visitation, Property & Stewardship

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Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

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Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston

Acting-Chair

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Secretary

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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



Today, the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, also known as Candlemas, focuses on Jesus' early life.

Jesus' mother Mary presented him to God at the Temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40-day period following his birth.

Simeon held the baby in his arms and said that he would be a light for the Gentiles (Luke 2:32).

It is for this reason that this day is called Candlemas.

There are some candles at the front of the Church if you would wish to take one to your home after the blessing and lighting today.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL COMMISSIONING:

On **Sunday February 2nd** at the **5.30pm** Mass at Holy Rosary, Fr Don will commission all members of the Stewardship Council.

Members are appointed for a three-year term and can be re-appointed.

The Council has five new members and five continuing members.

The Role of the Council (from its Guidelines):

The council, under the authority of the Parish Priest, considers, and proposes practical conclusions about those things which pertain to pastoral works in the parish.

- Essentially, the Parish Stewardship Council is called to share in and encourage a vision of co-responsibility with the priests of the parish for the mission of the church in the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg. This co-responsibility is manifest by working in a spirit of synodality, reflecting the wider direction of both church governance and mission as a shared responsibility between priests and people, always respecting the role of each person, and their rights and responsibilities under Canon Law.
- Therefore, one of the key roles of the Parish Stewardship Council is actively to implement the vision and values of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg developed in consultation with parishioners. This will entail working in a synodal way, and from time to time, working out ways to stay in touch with the hopes that members of the parish have for their community of faith. In that way, the Parish Stewardship Council is entrusted to engage with the vision and values articulated by the parish, which are the reference points for its discernment in decision making.

We congratulate all members, pray for them, and wish them well as they begin their important role in our Parish life.

JUBILEE PRAYER CARD:

Our Diocese begins with Mass today at the Cathedral at 9.30am (live streamed via the Diocesan website Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton) the Year of Jubilee.

In our Parish we are distributing our own production of the Jubilee Prayer.

Please take a copy and pray the prayer that we all live as Pilgrims of Hope during this year and radiate that Hope to others.

CWL- Catholic Women's League:

The 9.am mass at St Patrick's on Monday, February 3rd will be offered for the CWL..

All ladies are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League on Tuesday, February 4th commencing with morning tea at 9.30 with the meeting to follow at 10.00am. Remember that your subs - (\$35.00) are now due, please place them in an envelope with your name. The usual raffle will be held. For further information contact the Parish Office 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.**



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LITURGIES



ALPHA

Start's next week!

Have you registered?

Contact the Parish Office on 41516666

CAN YOU HELP WITH HOSPITALITY?

If you have some time to provide food for those on the Alpha Journey we would love to hear from you. **Commencing on Thursday February 6th** we are asking for meals to be prepared for our weekly gatherings. These gatherings are very casual therefore the food required is very simple. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office (4151 6666) to give your name, preferred date and meal being provided.



ANNUAL SAFEGUARD TRAINING : Our new Diocesan Safeguarding Representative, **Graham White** will be in Bundaberg to conduct the yearly training required for all those in Parish Ministries.

Graham will be holding two training sessions in the Parish Office on **Monday March 31st at 10.30am and 5.30pm**. To maintain full compliance of our obligations, all parishioners who perform a ministry within the Parish (Cleaners, Readers, Communion, Visitation and many more) are required to attend this training.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS: are still available at the Parish Office for \$8.00. (only a few left)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

If you have a child who will celebrate their Sacraments this year **you must attend one of the Parent Information Sessions. Contact the Parish Office to Register or use the QR Code**

SESSION TIMES:

Wednesday, February 12th 5.30pm in the Parish Office.

Saturday, February 15th 10.30am in the Parish Office.



For more information refer to the details on the back of February's Calendar insert.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Crappa, Grace Formosa (Malta), Bernadette Gadischkie, Elizaldi Cutas, Efficio Dosdos, Margaret Curran, Dawn Fitzpatrick (NSW), Michael Crust, Ugo Hoy, Janine Hand, Margot Wall (Gold Coast), Travis Woltmann, Giovanni and Emma Carosi, Patrick Perrett, Peter Pozzebon, Tom McCracken (Brisbane).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Mooney 26.01.2023, David Potter 02.02.2024, Sylvia Jendra 10.02.2000, Jim Potter 15.02.1990, Anne Andrewartha 17.02.2020, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Lionel Magee 31.01.1979, Paul Galea 09.01.2017, Joseph Attard 25.01.2023, Maria Giuseppina Ciocca 31.01.2005, Aurelia Balobo Sombilon 04.01.1990, Michaelangelo Theuma.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Shaun Milne, Joe Formosa, Ronald John Pizaro, Giuseppe Matteo Marin , Deceased members of the Gieger & Cook Families, Ramon D Andres and Rosa A Andres, Paul Galea, Lavene Bailey, Annette Sutton, Joyce Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

Monday 3 February 2025

St Blaise & St Ansgar
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 4 February 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 5 February 2025

St Agatha

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

Thursday 6 February 2025

St Paul Miki

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 7 February 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 8 February 2025

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 9 February 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A Celebration for the life of

Frank Crappa

St Patrick's Church

Monday

10th February

10.30am



PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 4th February 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

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

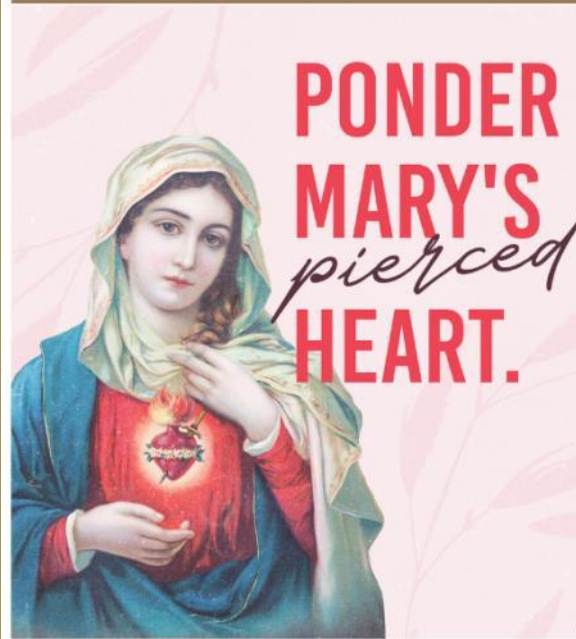
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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

Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear – somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

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USED STAMPS

Knights of the Southern Cross are collecting Used Stamps.

Boxes have been placed in all churches for the collection of these stamps.

They can also be dropped into the Parish Office.

If you are collecting used stamps and don't know what to do with them, you are welcome to send them into State Office, 2078 Logan Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt Qld 4122.

When collecting stamps, there is no need to soak them from the envelope.

Just tear or cut around the stamp including some of the envelope is fine.

The proceeds of these stamps are used to give disabled children an education in PNG, fund training programs for poor women to learn life-skills in Peru, provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste, empowering youth in rural Peru.

Thank you for your support.



Dates for significant Anniversaries

Sunday 2nd February -

Opening of Jubilee Year - 9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral

Sunday 16th March -

Jubilee of marriages- 9.30am Mass, St Joseph's Cathedral

Wednesday 15th October -

Jubilee of opening of St Joseph's Cathedral 1899



| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWL Mass 9.00am St Pat's • Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's | <p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • CWL AGM 9.30am St Pat's Hall • Baptism Prep 4.30pm • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm • United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm | <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm • Parish Stewardship Council Meeting 5.30pm | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy Team Meeting 4.00pm • Rosary - HR 5.30pm • ALPHA Commences 6.00pm Parish Office | <p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm | <p>1</p> <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 • Musicians/Singers Meeting 10.30am HR | <p>2</p> <p>Presentation of the Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Tea St James' after 7.00am Mass • Diocesan Mass - St Joseph's Cathedral 9.30am Opening of Jubilee Year (live streamed) • Parish Stewardship Council Commissioning 5.30pm HR • Young Adults Conversation after 5.30pm Mass |
| <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's • Laudato Si Task Force Meeting 4.00pm | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm | <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm • Parent Sacramental Information Meeting 5.00pm (Option 1) | <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAP Working Group 3.30pm • Music Team Meeting 4.00pm • Rosary - HR 5.30pm • ALPHA 6.00pm Parish Office | <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm | <p>15</p> <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 • Parent Sacramental Information Meeting 10.30am (Option 2) | <p>16</p> <p>6th Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bargara PFG Meeting 2.30pm • Young Adults Conversation after 5.30pm Mass |
| <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's | <p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm • United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm | <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation Ministry Meeting 10.30am • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • St Joseph's School Mass • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm • Parent Sacramental Ses 1 5.00pm • Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm | <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • Rosary - HR 5.30pm • ALPHA 6.00pm Parish Office | <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's In-service Day • Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church • Angelus 12.00pm | <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter's Pence Appeal • Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's | <p>23</p> <p>7th Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter's Pence Appeal • Mass for Children SP 9.00am (Morning Tea) • Young Adults Conversation after 5.30pm Mass |
| <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's | <p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' • Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm | <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm • Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass • RCIA 3.30pm • Parent Sacramental Session 2 5.00pm | <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anointing Mass HR 10.00am • Rosary - HR 5.30pm • ALPHA 6.00pm Parish Office | <p>28</p> <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 • Malayalam Mass HR 6.30pm | | |



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

- 12 February: Parent Information 1 5.30pm *or*
- 15 February: Parent Information 2 10.30am
- 19 February: Parent Session 5.30pm
- 26 February: Parent Session 5.30pm

- 12 March: Parent/Child Session 5.30pm
- 15/16 March: **Ritual of Choosing**
- 19 March: First Reconciliation 5.30pm
- 26 March: Parent Session 5.30pm

- 07 May: Parent Session 5.30pm
- 14 May: Parent/Child Session 5.30pm
- 21 May: Parent Session 5.30pm

- 04 June: Parent/Child Session 5.30pm
- 11 June: Parent Session 5.30pm
- 18 June: Parent/Child Session 5.30pm
- 28/29 June: **Ritual of Belonging**

- 16 July: Parent/Child Session 5.30pm
- 19/20 July: **Confirmation**
- 26/27 July: **First Holy Communion**

• You choose your preferred weekend Mass.

The sessions in black are held at the Parish Office.
The sessions in green are held at the Holy Rosary Church.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

