

### 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

6th

Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

15th/16th February 2025



## Gratitude for 150 years

by: *Br Ted Magee*  
Executive Officer

Last Friday I attended the 'Terrace 150 Community Mass' at St Stephen's Cathedral. The Mass was the first of many celebrations by St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace to mark its sesqui- centenary.

From a beginning on July 5, 1875, with three Christian Brothers and twenty-nine students at the Pugin Chapel – the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Chapel – the Christian Brothers began their ministry of education in Queensland. They arrived in Bundaberg in 1919 and in more than thirty other locations throughout the State until 2007. In that year, they handed over all schools and assets to Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) who today continue the ministry using four "touchstones" to describe the culture of a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. These are: Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community, and Justice and Solidarity.

Shalom College is an affiliate school of EREA as are many of the schools which the Brothers administered throughout the Dioceses of the State (excluding the Cairns Diocese).

While history may have differing opinions in its critique of Christian Brothers, their schools and their pedagogy, there remains one thing which cannot be disputed – the Catholic Church in Queensland for the past 150 years and Australia since 1868 is indebted to the Christian Brothers for the education they brought to so many young people and to the commitment they brought to the Mission of the Church.

Their founder, Blessed Edmund Rice, saw the need in his native Ireland and responded. He was a wealthy merchant, a widower, a father of a young child, and a committed Irish patriot. In founding a religious Congregation, he broke new ground. However, despite no formal teacher training and with only his own wealth, he and his early followers established free schools to teach, clothe and feed the poor boys of Waterford and beyond.

His followers of which there were many continued his work. The Christian Brothers' motto was "To Do and To Teach". For more than two hundred years, his followers lived by that.

Today, there are fewer than two hundred Brothers in Oceania and approximately six hundred throughout the world. The Congregation is in decline because its work is done and now it is time for a "graceful transformation" for us brothers in this part of the world.

The work begun more than two hundred years ago will continue with many laymen and women imbued with the ideals set forth by Edmund Rice to carry on this great work.

The Christian Brother legacy is not only the memory of its members in all their human frailty and weakness and in their human strength and fortitude but more so in the gift of educating the young which has risen and remains as liberating, compassionate and present.

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**  
Seminarian

**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**  
Chair

**Ms Madonna Davitt**  
Deputy Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Dr Ken Avenell**

**Mr Steve Jenés**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

**Dr Preshy Varghese**

**Mr Matthias Visona**

**Mr Michael Walker**

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Principal

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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

### PASTORAL CARE PRACTITIONER – HOSPITAL AND VISITATION.

The Parish is seeking the services of a person in a part-time capacity in this new role in the Parish.

The successful applicant will support and work with Hospital Faith Visitors and Visitation Ministers.

Appropriate qualifications are required.

To receive a copy of the Position Description, please contact the office 4151 6666 Expressions of interest will close on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**POST MASS BRIEF MEETINGS:** Fr Don would like to meet with all Mass Assistants and Sacristans for a short time after the 7.00am and 9.00am Masses this weekend.

**VISITATION MEETING:** On **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, there will be the monthly meeting of all involved in Visitation.

The meeting commences at **10.30am** and there will be a cuppa before the meeting from 10.00am.

Please "save the date" as we hope to finalise arrangements for all regulatory requirements at this meeting.

All present ministers and anyone who is interested in this ministry are very welcome to attend.

### PETER'S PENCE – Second Collection February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

The collection is earlier this year so that it does not clash with other Appeals in the Diocese.

Besides the proceeds of the collection being used as above, it supports relief donations by the Holy Father to war-torn areas in our world and to areas hit by natural disasters.

**Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.**

### CHILDREN'S MASS – Morning Tea

On **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we recommence our Children's Mass at St Patrick's at **9.00am**.

The Liturgy will be led by children of the parish and Fr Don will preside.

**All are welcome** to attend.

Morning Tea will follow at the front of the church, and **you are asked to bring a plate to share**. At future Children's Masses (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) we will look to roster different groups to help with the catering.

**BISHOP'S JUBILEE PASTORAL LETTER:** Copies available at the front doors of the churches.

### ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>) MASSES

**7.00am** – St James

**8.00am** – Shalom

**12.15pm** – Holy Rosary

**6.00pm** – St Patrick's

**(Blessed ashes can be collected at either the 7.00am or 8.00am masses.)**

**Lent – commencing March 5** (for noting)

- Soon we will have available a daily meditation for Lent booklet.
  - \*The booklet may be used individually or with a group.
  - \*If you would like to be part of a group or be willing to lead a group, please contact the office.
- On the Wednesdays in Lent from **6.00pm – 7.00pm** there will be a Holy Hour.
  - \*This will commence from Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>
  - \*On some Wednesdays during Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available.

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



Save  
the  
Date



# Parish News and Announcements

## ALPHA



Our new Alpha program started last week. An enthusiastic gathering chatted over a casual meal provided by parishioners and the Alpha Team. After watching a video small discussion groups were formed to give those who wished to, the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts. **We are grateful to parishioners who continue to pray for our team and guests during the program.**

Thank you to those parishioners who have already volunteered to support us by providing a meal for our gatherings. Even if you can't join us, it would be great if you could help by providing a light meal; either homemade or ordering it to be delivered eg quiches, pasta, salads, simple desert eg Fruit platter, slices or cake. Everything is appreciated to make our guests feel welcome.

### It is not too late to register!

This week's video is "Who is Jesus"?

A very thought-provoking question, especially as we soon move into our Lenten Season.

Please ring the Parish Office 4151 6666 to register for Alpha or to indicate that you will help with a meal.



**PRAY  
INVITE  
BRING**



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025:** To all those who attended our parent sessions, last week. **Welcome.** We look forward to praying for your family, and supporting you and your child as you prepare for their sacraments.

**PARISH CANCER LUNCHEON - "Do it for Cancer"** Planning is underway for our annual Parish Fundraiser. A meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February** at **4.30pm** for anyone who would like to help prior to or on the day. Suggestions and new ideas are always welcome to make the event more successful this year.



**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:** Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5.15pm.

**CEMETERY PRAYERS:** Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

**RECENTLY CONFIRMED:** Steve Civic



**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Lucas Alexander Watson, Jacob Henry Watson, Amarlia Fay White, and Andrew Vincent-John Kerr.



## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joseph Galea, Kerry Ahern, Harry and Margaret Bonanno, Frank Crappa, Peter Luyt, Maria Mignogna (Bendigo), Br Patrick M McKeon (Brisbane), Dawn McGahan (Atherton), Sr Mary Katherine OCD (Ormiston), Grace Formosa (Malta), Bernadette Gadischkie, Elizaldi Cutas, Efficio Dosdos, Dawn Fitzpatrick (NSW).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Mooney 21.02.2008, Raimondo Feltrin, Teresa Fletrin 6.02.1990, Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Lawrence Formosa, Formosa & Grima Families, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria Mary Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, Shaun Milne, Joe Formosa, Ronald John Pizaro, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, 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.

## LITURGIES

**Monday 17 February 2025**  
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 18 February 2025**  
8.30am St James' - Penance  
9.00am St James' - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's

**Wednesday 19 February 2025**  
8.00am Shalom - Mass  
11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Thursday 20 February 2025**  
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 21 February 2025**  
**St Peter Damian**  
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Saturday 22 February 2025**  
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Sunday 23 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

*Samuel 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

### Second Reading

*Corinthians 15: 45-49*

### Gospel

*Luke 6:17, 27-38*

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

### The Younger Group:

invite ladies to a dinner at the **Melbourne Hotel** on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** Commencing at **6.15pm.**

For more information phone the Parish Office 4151 6666.



**St Patrick's Day  
Cent Sale.**



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Brothers Sports Club

## St Mary's Sunday School

**When:** Each Sunday after  
9.00am Mass.

**Where:** St Patrick's Hall.

For children and youth 3yrs old  
—16years.

**Contact:** Dr Preshy Vaughese  
(Principal) and Josmy Jithin  
(Vice Principal).

## 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.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  
rituals in the Church.

## Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing this love was totally different

than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us – that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— Father John Muir

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WORLD DAY OF PRAY 2025  
COOK ISLANDS

**DATE:** Friday, March 7th

**TIME:** 9.30am

**LOCATION:** Bundaberg Uniting Church  
Barolin Street.

**Everyone is Welcome**



**ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING :** Our Diocesan Safeguarding Representative (Graham White) 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.