

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

Office Hours: 9.00–3.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

22nd/23rd February 2025

Proclaiming the Gospel in our times

At the time of writing this note, Pope Francis is in Gemelli hospital in Rome receiving treatment for a serious bout of pneumonia. Please keep the Holy Father in your prayers. Even in the face of illness, the Pope continues his work, including making his weekly phone call to the parishioners of the Holy Family parish in Gaza. He makes this call to encourage Catholics there, only said to number about 100, to keep strong in their care of so many people who come to the Church for refuge, aid, and consolation. Let's also pray that the ceasefire holds and that a just and lasting peace comes to all in the Holy Land, a peace that respect Palestinians and Israelis' rights to live in their homes without fear of war.

Pope Francis' regular phone call to Gazan Catholics is reminiscent of how Pope John Paul II would regularly call priests and other Christian leaders who were in jail for opposing the actions of unjust governments. He would call them to make sure they were still alive and give whatever encouragement he could. We have been blessed with the Popes of our time. Each one different but all with an extraordinary charisma in leading the Church to understand and to proclaim the Gospel in our times. Pope St. John Paul II used the core Catholic value of upholding human dignity and the sanctity of life to stand against what he called a "culture of death" in our world. Pope Benedict XVI renewed our understanding of the beauty of truth, urging us to hold to the eternal truths that are found in the Scriptures and the Catholic Tradition.

Pope Francis has focused on inclusion and synodality in the life of the Church leading us to understand the mission of our faith community and its outreach to the world in troubled times. Each Pope had a charism to lead the Church that we believe is given by the Holy Spirit, and no matter what we might think of how they do that, they are, or were "Peter," and therefore part of the continuing Petrine ministry that is central in Catholicism.

Pope Francis has invited us to share in the Jubilee Year of 2025 by focusing on the virtue of hope. I am happy to offer some thoughts on his virtue as talks during Lent but for now, I recommend reading the Pope's letter proclaiming the jubilee and to share in the various event that will be part of the jubilee, starting with our acknowledgement of the work of volunteers in ministry at our Masses on the weekend of March 8th/9th.

Fr Don White
Parish Priest



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

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Shalom College
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

PETER'S PENCE – Second Collection this weekend.

The proceeds of the Peter's Pence Collection are used to support the activities carried out by the Holy See in service of the Pope's apostolic mission and to support projects of direct assistance to those most in need: families, dioceses, parishes, and religious institutes in need; migrants and refugees; populations affected by war and famine; communities affected by the adverse consequences of climate change; and those in need of humanitarian assistance.

Your contribution will be gratefully received.

menALIVE - March 15th - 'Opening our eyes to those around us'

(menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry. Its purpose is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force of renewal in the Church.)



Breakfast at Parish Office (7:00 am to 10am). \$15.00 pp.

Please contact the Parish Secretary 4151 6666 to register attendance by March 12th.

Guest Speaker - **Moe Turaga** of the Australian Catholic Anti-slavery Network specifically relating his story, national issues of social injustices and the emerging Diocesan policy of The Care and Treatment of Migrant and Seasonal Workers.

Panel: Joy Philippi Rockhampton Diocese Executive Officer - Mission and the Bundaberg representative of CatholicCare describe the respective services being provided at a diocesan and local level to address these and other needs.

THE VIRTUE OF HOPE-THE FORGOTTEN VIRTUE:

Fr. Don White, drawing from his study of St. Thomas Aquinas, will give a talk called *The Virtue of Hope – the Forgotten Virtue* as part of our parish reflections for the Year of Jubilee and its theme of Hope. Hope as a virtue is part of the Christian life, and along with Faith and Love, it is one of the spiritual virtues that give shape to our lives. St. Thomas opens up a way of hope that is largely drawn from the Scriptures. Fr. Don will share his talk for 30 minutes and then some small group discussion will follow. Come along and share your thoughts as a highlight of our jubilee year.

WHERE:

Catholic Parish Office

WHEN:

Thursday March 20th
or
Saturday March 29th
10.30am

A NEW TIME OF DEVOTION FOR OUR PARISH: Each Wednesday, starting 19th March there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 6pm to 7pm at Holy Rosary Church. As an offering for the Jubilee year, in which Pope Francis invites us to a renewal of the hope our faith calls us to, and as part of his request for reconciliation to be more available during the Jubilee year, Fr. Don will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) from 6pm to 6.30pm on the following Wednesdays during Lent – **26th March, 2nd April, and 16th April** (in Holy Week). Please come along and share some time in prayer as part of this Jubilee of Hope.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025- COOK ISLANDS: Please join in for the World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 7th** at the Bundaberg Uniting Church, Barolin Street. Commencing at 9.30am. **Everyone is welcome.**

"DO IT FOR CANCER" - Fundraising Luncheon :Saturday, April 5th at Brothers Sports Club.

Our annual fundraising luncheon for Cancer has been scheduled to coincide this year with the "Jubilee of the Sick". This is a great opportunity for our Parish Community to come together to show our outreach to the wider community. This is the fourth year we have had the luncheon and it has always been well supported. We are again asking for donations towards our multi draw raffle. If you wish to ask a business you regularly visit for a donation eg Hair dresser, Butcher, Green grocer or Pharmacy the Parish Office will give you an Official Donation request letter.



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

ALPHA



Alpha is off to a great start, we welcomed more new people last week.

A group of 27 enjoyed a simple meal provided by our generous parishioners.

The video last week was thought provoking and well received by all.

This week's video is "Why did Jesus Die?"

It is not too late to register!

We are also accepting simple meals to nourish our gathering. If you can help by providing a light meal for our Thursday night Alpha participants, that would be greatly appreciated.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025:The first session was held last week. We welcome all those families who are preparing their children for their sacraments.



We ask all parishioners to keep these families in their prayers.

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 28th**.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-St Patrick's Day Cent Sale: Monday, March 17th

at Brothers Sports Club. Doors open at 9.00am for a 9.30am start. \$10.00pp

Tickets can be purchased by phoning 0414 513 395 or 0447 766 123



LENTEN BOOKLET - Metanoia (Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong).

These booklets will be available from the Parish Office from Friday, March 27th. The cost will be \$3.50 which has been subsidised by a generous parishioner.

USED STAMPS:

Knights of the Southern Cross would like to thank all those parishioners who have donated their Used Stamps. You can continue to place your used stamps in the Boxes provided at all the churches or drop them off at the Parish Office.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John O'Reilly (Melbourne), Milan Acero Ocampo (Bulacan-Philippines), Joseph Galea, Kerry Ahern, Harry and Margaret Bonanno, Frank Crappa, Elizabeth Perry, Peter Luyt, Maria Mignogna (Bendigo), Br Patrick M McKeon (Brisbane), Dawn McGahan (Atherton), Sr Mary Katherine OCD (Ormiston), Grace Formosa (Malta).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Burton 9.03.2008, Ted Burton 23.04.2019, John 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Lily and James Ballinger, Darryl Lambertson, Maria Alesha, Nilo Fransisco Cutas, Juan Alcoseba, Kerry Ahern, 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, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, 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 24 February 2025

9.00am St Patrick's –Mass

Tuesday 25 February 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 26 February 2025

8.00am Shalom - Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary –Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

Thursday 27 February 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

(Anointing Mass)

Friday 28 February 2025

St Peter Damian

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

(Malayalam)

Saturday 1 March 2025

7.30am St Patrick's – Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 2 March 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's –Mass

12.00noon-Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A Celebration

for the life of

Joseph "Joe" Galea

Monday 24th February

2.00pm

Holy Rosary Church



**CHRISTIAN UNITY
PRAYER GROUP:**

Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, February 25th** at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church commencing at **10.00am**.

Everyone is 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

**Celebrating a significant wedding
anniversary in 2025?**

As part of our year of Jubilee, Bishop Michael extends an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding this year to join him to celebrate a Jubilee of Marriage.

**St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Sunday, 16th March during the 9.30am Mass**

Please RSVP to the Bishops Office
by 10th March on
4887 3070 or email
bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au



Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle after 9.00am Mass St Patrick's Safeguarding Training Session 1: 10.30am Safeguarding Training Session 2: 5.30am 					<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>8th Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Tea St James' after 7.00am Mass Young Adults Conversation after 5.30pm Mass
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Meeting 9.30am St Pat's Hall Meditation 10.00am Parish Office Chapel Baptism Prep 4.30pm Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm 	<p>5</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Compassion Commences Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary - HR 5.30pm Parish Stewardship Council Meeting 5.30pm 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Prayer 9.30am at Uniting Church Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church Angelus 12.00pm 	<p>8</p> <p><i>Jubilee of Vounteers</i></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 ALPHA Retreat St James' 	<p>9</p> <p>1st Sunday Lent</p> <p><i>Jubilee of Vounteers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rite of Election - St Joseph's Cathedral Morning Tea after 8.00am Mass Holy Rosary El Shaddai Prayer Group Novakoski Hall 10.00am MacKillop PFG Lunch 12.00pm 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 & RAP Working Group Meeting 3.30pm 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' Meditation 10.00am Parish Office Chapel Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm St Mary's Sunday School Adults Retreat 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 St Mary's Sunday School Adults Retreat 5.00pm Parent/Child Sacramental Session 5.30pm St Pat's 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Team Meeting 4.00pm Rosary - HR 5.30pm St Mary's Sunday School Adults Retreat 5.00pm ALPHA 5.30pm 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> <p><i>Jubilee of Marriages</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ritual of CHOOSING Men Alive Breakfast 7.30am Adoration after 7.30am Mass St Pat's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion after Exposition at St Pat's 	<p>16</p> <p>2nd Sunday Lent</p> <p><i>Jubilee of Marriages</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ritual of CHOOSING Young Adults Conversation after 5.30pm Mass Bargara PFG Lunch
<p>17</p> <p>St Patrick's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWL Function Brothers Sports Club 9.00am 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' Meditation 10.00am Parish Office Chapel Rosary - St Pat's 5.00pm United Hearts Charismatic Prayer Group 7.00pm 	<p>19</p> <p>St Joseph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blanket Buddies 9.00-12.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet after 12.15pm Mass RCIA 3.30pm Sacramental First Reconciliation St Pat's 5.30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.15pm Adoration: Holy Rosary Church 6.00-7.00pm 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemetery Prayers 9.30am Virtue of Hope Seminar 10.30am Parish Office Rosary - HR 5.30pm ALPHA 5.30pm Parish Office 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration: 11.00-12.00pm Holy Rosary Church Angelus 12.00pm 	<p>22</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 	<p>23</p> <p>3rd Sunday Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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> <p>ANNUNCIATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoration after 9.00am Mass St James' Christian Unity Group Anglican Church 10.00am Meditation 10.00am Parish Office Chapel 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 Stewardship Vitalisation Support Team 5.00pm Parent Sacramental Session 5.30pm Adoration: Holy Rosary Church 6.00-7.00pm Reconciliation 6.00-6.30pm 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anointing Mass HR 10.00am Rosary - HR 5.30pm ALPHA 5.30pm 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 18 Hours with the Lord commencing after 12.15 Mass Malayalam Mass HR 6.30pm 	<p>29</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 Virtue of Hope Seminar 10.30am Parish Office 	<p>30</p> <p>4th Sunday Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Adults Conversation after 5.30pm Mass

A new time of devotion for our Parish

Holy Hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 Starting 19 March
 6.00-7.00pm Holy Rosary Church
 on Wednesday during Lent



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Sacraments of Penance (Confessions)
 26 March
 2 April
 16 April
 6.00-6.30pm
 Holy Rosary Church

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Wednesday 5 March 2025



St James' Church 7.00am
 Shalom 8.00am
 Mater Hospital 10.00am
 Holy Rosary Church 12.15pm
 St Patrick's Church 6.30pm

COME ALONG AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

The Virtue of Hope



Fr Don will deliver a seminar as part of our parish reflections for the Year of Jubilee and its theme of "HOPE."



Session Times:

- Thursday 20 March 10.30am Parish Office
- Saturday 29 March 10.30am Parish Office

Along with Faith and Love, Hope is one of the spiritual virtues that give shape to our lives.

The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

This is an annual requirement for all involved in Church ministry. We look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions.

Monday 31 March - Parish Office
 Session 1: 10.30am
 Session 2: 5.30pm

Presented by:
Graham White
 Professional Standards and Safeguarding Manager



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON