

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



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st/2nd March 2025

'Opening our eyes to those around us'

My initial experience with MenAlive was only because a man I greatly respected (Joe McCorley) suggested I might find it worthwhile. I went almost reluctantly and certainly with a degree of wariness. I'm an introvert, and I was worried I'd have to get up and talk to the group about my feelings and personal convictions. That wasn't the case. Yes, there was discussion, but in small groups of our own choosing, and we only shared to the degree we were comfortable. What I remember most was the sense of no judgement and that we are all on a journey. I remember also feeling that I wasn't alone in some of my thoughts about spirituality and religion and it was good to hear other's point of views.

MenAlive is a National Catholic Ministry founded out of a response to an expressed need in the lives of men to reflect on and discuss their faith. In doing so, many become an active force of renewal in the Church.

Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

As with Ash Wednesday which marks a beginning, and where the ashes remind us of our humble origin, so too does MenAlive help men make intentional our focus on contemporary spirituality. Through listening, and quiet conversation we examine our heart and attitude toward God and the God we see reflected in those around us.

With relevant talks, personal testimonies and opportunities for discussion in small groups it provides the safety, space and environment for men to personally reflect and connect with each other.

The experience of men gathering together is dynamic and powerful. Many men feel encouraged that they have a clearer sense of purpose and understanding through this opportunity to recharge their spiritual batteries by being in fellowship with other men.

During 2025 our theme is: '**Unconditional Love**'. Each event will per Pope Francis, remind us that we are all 'in community' and are called to practice a faith that inspires action to assist the poor and marginalised.

We invite all men of the parish to our first event on **March 15th** - '**Opening our eyes to those around us**'. With a 10am finish, we **start with 7:30am breakfast** at the Parish Offices. Our **guest speaker Moe Turaga** will give a synopsis of the **Australian Catholic Anti-slavery Network** and specifically relating this to the emerging Diocesan policy of **The Care and Treatment of Migrant and Itinerant Workers**.

Dr Ken Avenell
Coordinator MenAlive
Bundaberg Parish

Tickets \$15.00

Contact the Parish
Office to Register

4151 6666



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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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

LENTEN OBSERVANCES– Lent begins Wednesday.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia.

Source: ORDO 2025

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025 – Unite Against Poverty

Envelopes are available at the doors of our churches this weekend. There is a change in the promotion this year with only one envelope per person/family not one per week.



However, if you wish to continue to contribute weekly, simply place your gifting in an envelope marked "Project Compassion" and place it in the ordinary collection.

The project this year highlights Caritas work in Samoa, Vietnam and the Democratic republic of the Congo.

Our parish has contributed wonderfully in the past. Thank you.

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.**

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.

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.

18 HOURS with the LORD : This Jubilee devotion has been called by Pope Francis .

We will celebrate the event with Adoration in Holy Rosary Church

- **commencing** after the 12.15pm Mass on **Friday March 28th**.
- **Concluding** at 6.00am on **Saturday March 29th**.

Let us join with the whole Church in praying for peace and reconciliation across our world. Next weekend, there will be forms available for you to add your name for the hour you can spend in prayer.

NEXT ROSTERS ARE OUT SOON: We will be soon creating the Mass rosters for April, May and June. If you are planning to be away, could you please let the Parish Office know by **Wednesday 12th March**. Thank you for sharing your gifts with your parish.

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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ALPHA Team Invites you

An afternoon of hospitality, song,
prayer, sharing, personal/video talks
and small group discussion.

Saturday 8 March 12.00- 4.30pm
St James' Church Bargara

Special Guest: **NET Team**



To register
07 4151 6666

LITURGIES

Monday 3 March 2025

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 4 March 2025

St Casimir

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Ash Wednesday

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Shalom - Mass

10.00am Mater - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 6 March 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 7 March 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 8 March 2025

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 9 March 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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading

Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Stations of the Cross

Friday During Lent

St Patrick's 5.30pm

St James 5.30pm

Holy Rosary 6.00pm

Malayalam



JUBILEE OF VOLUNTEERS : On the weekend of **March 8th/9th**, we join in the Jubilee of Volunteers. **This is another special event of the Jubilee Year.**

The homily, prayers and blessing will honour the parishioners who volunteer in our many ministries. To you all, the parish is grateful, and we know the difference you make through the use of your gifts of time and talents. **THANK YOU**

MORNING TEA HOLY ROSARY AFTER 8.00AM MASS: From **Sunday March 9th** there will be morning tea at the front of the church after Mass.



This will continue each second Sunday of the month for the remainder of the year.

Please bring a plate to share and join our community for a cuppa and chat.

All are invited and welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March 9.30am at St Patrick's Hall.

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**



PETER'S PENCE: We have forwarded the amount of \$2807.40 to the Diocese to transfer to Rome for the charities that the Pope supports.

Thank you for your generosity in support of others in all parts of our world.

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

These booklets are available from the Parish Office. The cost will be \$3.50 which has been subsidised by a generous parishioner

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Curran (in Wales), Mafy Lou Monck (Darwin), Con Krebbs, Fr John O'Reilly (Melbourne), Milan Acero Ocampo (Bulacan-Philippines), Joseph Galea, Kerry Ahern, Harry and Margaret Bonanno, Elizabeth Perry, Peter Luyt.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Cresenzo Maglicco 6.03.2005, Mariantoria Cafikka 12.04.1984, Marcello De Paoli 6.03.2024, Lucie Wildenberg 4.03, Leone Munckton 29.03.2023, Maria Terrizo Vitagliano 10.03.1952, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Frank Crappa, Lily and James Ballinger, Darryl Lamberton, Maria Alesna, Nilo Francisco Cutas, Juan Alcosoba, Kerry Ahern, Lawrence Formosa, Formosa & Grima Families, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Pope Francis who remains in a serious condition in Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

and

Fr Terry who suffered a fall at his residence on Tuesday.

He is seriously ill in hospital.

Please keep Pope Francis and Fr Terry in your prayers.



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

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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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

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

– Father John Muir ©LPi

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



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 are required to attend this training.

DO IT FOR CANCER

This year the Parish will hold the fourth annual Cancer Fundraising Luncheon. This year it will coincide with the weekend for the **Jubilee for the Sick**.

All monies raised goes to the Cancer Council for Research, Prevention and Support.

Brothers Sports Club
Saturday April 5th
commencing at 12noon



Tickets are now on sale through the Parish Office.

\$30.00pp for a 2 Course Meal

Lucky Door Prize and Entertainment

There will be a continuous Raffle.

Prize donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.