

## 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 *Lent*

8th/9th March 2025

## *Journeying towards Easter with Hope*

**By: Pauline Leahy**

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-Ordinator

During this Jubilee Year we are asked to be pilgrims of Hope. As Pope Francis expressed it “We must fan the flames of hope that have been given to us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision”.

At our Bishop’s invitation, this weekend some of our adults will be on a spiritual and physical pilgrimage to Rockhampton. They will be participating in the *Rite of Election*, which leads them towards celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Easter. Others, who are unable to be there this weekend, will have a shorter journey (but no less significant) as they celebrate this rite here in Bundaberg during our 5.30pm the following weekend.

God chose these people to grow in Faith through the RCIA journey, and become fully initiated into the Catholic Church this Easter. They join us as disciples of Jesus. Like us, they are on a life-long journey of growing in Hope, Faith and Love; and sharing this with others they encounter throughout their lives.

This Rite of Election is a significant turning point for our catechumens. They each joined our RCIA process at a different point in their personal faith journey, and have regularly met with our team and sponsors over a long period of time. During this Rite of Election, the Church recognises them as being chosen by God, and deem them ready to take on the responsibilities of discipleship. They are asked if they wish to enter fully into the life of the Church, to follow Christ in all his ways. They then inscribe their names in the *Book of Elect* as an act of their commitment to be true to God and their faith. After this they are declared to now be ‘the elect’

In these times of ‘freedom to choose’, it can be difficult to remember that we did not choose Christ. Christ chose us (John 15:16). Through the Rite of Election, they join a long tradition of being chosen. Like the apostles chosen by Jesus, our catechumens are accepting the invitation to follow Christ. To share in the very mission of Christ, and be a light for the world.

Our “Elect” now begin a period of Purification and Enlightenment – the final period of preparation for their sacraments at Easter. During Lent, three Scrutinies (rites of self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord’s Prayer take place. Lent is an especially appropriate time for this final step of reflection and examination for the Elect. It is like a spiritual retreat, calling them (and us all) to renewal of heart and recommitment. The word “Lent” (from the word *lencten*) originally simply referred to the season of spring. Very fitting, as it is generally seen by us as a time of spiritual renewal. A time of Hope for us all, especially for our Elect.

As our Elect now enter this time of deeper spiritual preparation, we ask you to pray for our Elect - Ethan, Lolita, Max, Nelson and William. You may like to use these words, or similar:

**Loving Father,  
you have drawn these Elect to yourself,  
and they look with Hope towards their initiation at Easter.  
May you continue to guide and strengthen them  
in the weeks ahead,  
and may the hope Christ brought to us  
always shine in their lives.**

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 Jenes**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

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**Mr Matthias Visona**

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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



We have just heard the news that **Grant Sutherland** has been awarded the University Medal by the Australian Catholic University on successfully completing his double bachelor's degrees in philosophy and theology.

The Medal is awarded to the graduate who attained the highest academic achievement in the Faculty.

Congratulations, Grant. We look forward to viewing the graduation photos in mid-April.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** - Lenten devotions have begun. Our public devotions include:

**Stations of the Cross** at each church on Friday evenings (see times in the bulletin)

A **Holy Hour** each Wednesday **commencing on March 19<sup>th</sup>** will be held at Holy Rosary Church from **6.00pm**

Additional **Reconciliation** times (see times in the bulletin-page 3 Liturgy Column).

**"18 hours with the Lord"** (see separate notice).

**Please note:** In the Lenten Observances mentioned in last week's bulletin the final paragraph should have read, Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion once per year **between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT:

St Patrick's and St James

**5.30pm**

Holy Rosary

**6.00pm (Please note this will be in Malayalam).**



**A NEW TIME OF DEVOTION FOR OUR PARISH:** Each Wednesday, **starting 19<sup>th</sup> 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 – **26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 -register.**

**Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm – Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 6.00am**

**At each church door is a time sheet on which you can register** to take part in this Jubilee Year Lenten adoration time.

Our aim is to have at least two people rostered for each hour.

**NEXT ROSTER :** 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 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Lenten Retreat**

2025 March 11, 12, 13  
Time  
5.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Fr. Benny Narakathinal &  
Team for Gospel Ministries

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**  
Bundaberg

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS RETREAT—Malayalam

From the time of Plato, we have the statement which says, "you cannot teach what you don't know".

Our St Mary's Sunday School teachers and adults will this week from 5.00pm – 8.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday take time to listen, pray and reflect on their own lives so that they can better bring the message of Christ to the young people under their care.

With our Faith it is equally true you can't give what you haven't got.

We applaud all who take part in this retreat as they strive to be better able to communicate their faith and lives to others.

**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

**GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS:** We often sing words taken from St Paul in writing to Philippians 1; 3-5, "I thank my God each time I think of you and when I pray for you, I pray with joy."

This is the exact sentiment which comes clearly to heart and mind when we celebrate this weekend the **Jubilee of Volunteers**.

You in our parish who gift your time, talents and treasure for others have our deep gratitude and know that we pray for each of you with joy in our hearts.

Thanks is but a small word but when said from the heart is so powerful.

To all of you, **THANKS**.

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2025** – In alignment with the Lenten call to almsgiving, Caritas Australia launched Project Compassion 2025 with the theme **"Unite Against Poverty."** This annual fundraiser supports vulnerable communities globally, empowering them to overcome poverty through sustainable development programs. Each year, approximately 1,700 schools and 1,200 parishes across Australia participate, making a tangible impact on the lives of those in need. Our Parish has been particularly generous over many years.

An envelope is available at the door of the churches or you may wish to contribute weekly by using your own envelope marked "Project Compassion" and placed with the usual offertory collection. Thank You.

**MenALIVE BREAKFAST : "Opening Our Eyes to Those Around Us"**

**Saturday March 15 from 7.30am – 10.00am** Cost \$15.00 pp

For catering purposes, please let the Parish office know of your attendance.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE- St Patrick's Day Cent Sale: Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** 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**



**DO IT FOR CANCER LUNCHEON- Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at Brothers Sports Club 12.00noon.**

Tickets are on sale at the Parish Office for **\$30.00pp** this includes a two course Meal, Lucky door prize and entertainment. This is our only Parish Fundraiser for the year.



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

**The parish is also seeking donations from Parishioners and Businesses towards our multi-draw raffle. These donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.** All donations are gratefully accepted.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Thank you for sharing your gifts with your parish.

### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bill Noble, John Curran (in Wales), Mafy Lou Monck (Darwin), Con Krebs, 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:** Denis Donovan 21.02.2020, 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:** Fr Pat Mooney, Anthony Mooney, Frank Crappa, Lily and James Ballinger, Darryl Lamberton, Maria Alesna, Nilo Fransisco 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.

## LITURGIES

**Monday 10 March 2025**  
9.00am St Patrick's –Mass

**Tuesday 11 March 2025**  
8.30am St James' - Penance  
9.00am St James' - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's

**Wednesday 12 March 2025**  
8.00am Shalom - Mass  
10.00am Mater-Mass  
11.45am Holy Rosary –Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary –Mass

**Thursday 13 March 2025**  
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 14 March 2025**  
11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 15 March 2025**  
7.30am St Patrick's – Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

**Sunday 16 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

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

#### Second Reading

*Philippians 3: 17-4:1:*

#### Gospel

*Luke 9:28-36*

*A Celebration  
for the life of  
William "Bill" Noble*

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am**

**St Patrick's Church**





## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

and

“Fr Terry’s condition has stabilised. Further tests will be carried out to provide a more accurate diagnosis.”

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](mailto: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](http://www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

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## 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.

## THE FULL EXPRESSION OF THE NOVUS ORDO

The New Order of Mass (in Latin: Novus Ordo Missae), which has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church since 1970, was designed especially to do two things: to engage the faithful in the celebration of Mass, and to teach the faithful about what they are celebrating (c.f. Sacrosanctum Concilium nn. 26-36; General Instruction of the Roman Missal nn. 10-16). A Novus Ordo Mass in its fullest (or highest) expression therefore engages those who celebrate it through its numerous signs—like sung prayers and responses, ritual gestures and actions, music and hymns, and various ministers and ministries—and teaches by its various symbols—like the crucifix, incense, lighted candles, and liturgical vestment. These signs and symbols which accompany the full expression of the Novus Ordo instil the celebration of Mass with a depth of engagement and teaching that it does not have otherwise.

It is for this reason that Father Don has organised for the celebration of a Novus Ordo Mass in its full expression once a month at the 8:00am Sunday Mass.

By Grant Sutherland (seminarian)

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

Please join Fr Don in the Parish Office at **10.30am** on **Thursday 20th March** or **Saturday 29th March**.

## ALPHA-IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Everyone is still welcome to come and join us **Thursday nights** in the Parish Office at **5.30pm**. Share a meal, watch a thought -provoking video .Join in small group discussions if you wish.

**Try one night, there is no obligation to come again.**

