

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

2nd Sunday of *Lent*

15th/16th March 2025

Living Social Action and Justice

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we have started preparing to celebrate 150 years of providing Catholic Education to the children of Bundaberg. We celebrate this significant milestone next year and will be the first school in the Diocese of Rockhampton to do so. We are very proud of the traditions and values of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, following in the footsteps of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph. We embrace three MacKillop values: Love, Faith and Courage and reflect upon these with our students as to how we can live these in our daily lives.

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we tie the values of Love, Faith and Courage with the importance of Social Action and Justice in our school and community. Every year our school community participates in a large number of Social Action and Justice activities including: Mini Vinnies, Caritas Project Compassion, Catholic Mission Socktober, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, and regular class visits to Gracie Dixon and the Anointing Masses.

Last week we held our second Awareness Week, hosting a number of activities, including a Colour Fun Run, to raise awareness of Rare Diseases and the children and families living with life-limiting conditions. Awareness Week and Rare Disease Day is significant for St Joseph's as one of our students, Sam, is living with the life-limiting condition of Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy (INAD). Wanting to support a cause that was close to Sam's family, Hummingbird House was chosen as the beneficiary of the funds raised. Hummingbird House is Queensland's only children's palliative care hospital.

On the 28th of March our school will undertake a "Big Walk for Water" to raise money for Project Compassion. As a school we will be walking to the Burnett River to collect water to carry back to the school to give our students an awareness of what for many children is a daily necessity for them.

Our Social Action and Justice activities hold deeper meaning for our school community. They stem from our Catholic Identity, built on foundations of Catholic Social Teaching which offers a way of thinking, being and seeing the world. Staff at St Joseph's see it as important to create links for the children between these activities and Catholic Social Justice, teaching that all people are made in the image of God and so possess an equal and inalienable worth. Because of this essential dignity, each person has a right to all that is needed to allow him or her to live their full potential as intended by God and that those who are vulnerable are cared for. The "Big Walk for Water" for Project Compassion is a further avenue to build awareness of Catholic Social Justice during this Lenten Season.



<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school-bundaberg>



By Monica White
Principal
St Joseph's Primary School.



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 Jeness

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Mrs Helen Stanley

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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 RETREAT -organised by St Mary's Sunday School – CANCELLED

Due to the ongoing effects of the recent cyclone, the Retreat has been cancelled. Apologies to all.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION BEGINS: A Holy Hour from 6.00pm – 7.00pm will take place in Holy Rosary Church on **Wednesday March 19th**.

Let's make this time of prayer and contemplation our Lenten practice.

All are welcome to join for the hour or part thereof.

Please enter and exit from the door closest to the carpark.

18 HOURS with the LORD-Friday March 28th 1.00pm – Saturday, March 29th 6.00am

Forms are available at the doors of our churches for you to register your attendance at this time of Prayer and Reconciliation.

The time coincides with the time in St Peter's Rome and with other parts of the world.

For a period of continuous Adoration, it is essential that we have at least two people registered for each hour.

Please consider adding your name to this personal prayer time which will bring lasting benefits to our community and world.

JUBILEE EVENTS:

The Virtue of Hope – First Conversation

Thursday March 20th at 10.30am Fr Don will host the conversation at the Parish Office.

After some input from Fr Don there will be time for reflection and conversation.

This is an opportunity to flesh out the Jubilee cry that we be Pilgrims of Hope in our world.

A repeat conversation will be held on **Saturday, March 29th at 10.30am** for those unable to make the weekday event.

Everyone is welcome.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING : Please place in your diaries **Monday March 31st** at either **10.30am** or **5.30pm** for this year's Safeguarding Training. This is an annual requirement for all who are involved in ministry. Mr Graham White, Diocesan Safeguarding Manager, will deliver the seminar. We look forward to seeing all at one or other of the sessions.

Thanks



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION



Please donate today.

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413



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 Retreat : The retreat was held on Saturday, March 8th with a great attendance of parishioners.



The NET team assisted through song and personal testimony which was welcomed by the group.

Thanks to all who provided the lunch and afternoon tea.



ALPHA Thursday evenings (5.30pm) will continue for the next three weeks.

Everyone is still able to attend any or all of the final sessions of ALPHA

HOSPITALITY REQUIRED: With only three weeks left, the ALPHA team are asking any parishioners who would like to provide a meal on one of these nights to contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666. We thank all those Parishioners and Organisations for the food they have supplied, it has certainly made hosting this event much easier.

PASTORAL CARE PRACTITIONER: Fr Don is pleased to announce the appointment of Judy Pidcock to this new pastoral role.

Judy would be well known to many of you from her previous role in the Diocese.

Judy will commence on March 17th and will meet many of you over the next few weeks.

The role is part-time and will provide pastoral care, support, and co-ordination in the important pastoral ministries of Hospital Faith Visiting, and Visitation in the parish.

We assure Judy of a very warm welcome and look forward to her support and service.

Visitation Team Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 19th** at 10.00am for a cuppa with the meeting starting at **10.30am. All involved in the ministry are welcome to attend.** This will be a great opportunity to welcome Judy to the team and a regular opportunity to support each other in the great work that you do.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Thursday **March 20th** at 9.30am.

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**

DO IT FOR CANCER LUNCHEON- Saturday April 5th 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. **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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bill Noble, Ray O'Grady (Erina NSW), 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: Frank Paterson 11.03.2015, Denis Donovan 21.02.2020, Cresenzo Maglicco 6.03.2005, Marianoria Cafolla 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Bill Noble, Paz Alesna, Rosario Escolin, Pedro Rica Plaza, Fr Pat Mooney, Anthony Mooney, Lily and James Ballinger, Darryl Lambertson, Maria Alesna, Nilo Fransisco Cutas, Juan Alcoseba, Kerry Ahern, 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 17 March 2025

St Patrick's Day

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 18 March 2025

St Cyril

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 19 March 2025

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am Shalom - Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration

Thursday 20 March 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 21 March 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 22 March 2025

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 23 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

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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

St Patrick's **5.30pm**

St James **5.30pm**

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Pope Francis who remains in Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

and

Fr Terry's condition continues to remain stable. Further testing will provide a future direction.

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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

Graham White: 4887 3080

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Catholic Care: 1300 523 985

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Mater Hospital: 4153 9539

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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.

OUR CHILDREN'S JOURNEY TOWARDS THEIR SACRAMENTS THIS YEAR

Ritual of Choosing:

During our Masses this weekend all our children journeying through the Sacramental Program will be showing they 'choose' God. They have begun their preparation and, when asked by Father if they wish to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, they will be responding "We do!". A declaration of their eagerness to fully become a member of the Catholic Church.


Rite of Reconciliation for our children:

Last week all the children gathered to prepare for their first Reconciliation. They are now spending the coming days examining their conscience and looking forward towards their Reconciliation this coming week.

Let us all pray for God's loving mercy to flow upon them as they celebrate this healing sacrament, and continue to prepare for their live-giving sacraments in July.

RCIA - Rite of Election

Ethan, William and Lolita journeyed to St Joseph's Cathedral last weekend to celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Michael. Max and Nelson will celebrate this Rite here this weekend.



Pilgrims of Hope
journeying towards Easter

Please pray for Ethan, William, Lolita, Max and Nelson as they continue their journey towards their sacraments at Easter.

HARMONY DAY 2025

Parents, Families, Community Members Welcome

**Shalom College's
Harmony Day Assembly
on Thursday 20th March 2025**



Assembly starts at
9.00am

In the Sports Centre
followed by a shared meal
until 11.30am

at the
Undercover Shalom
Markets BBQ area

