

### 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

3rd Sunday of *Lent*

22nd/23rd March 2025

## Hope in Christ

The health of Pope Francis has been of great concern to us over the last month or so and it is encouraging to hear that he is improving gradually. Hopefully soon we will see and hear him again. In his letter calling the Church throughout the world to observe 2025 as a Jubilee Year with its theme of hope,<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis talks about the things that can “rob” us of hope. He says this in his letter, *Spes Non Confundit*, or *Hope Does Not Disappoint* which is a reference to Romans 5:5 where St. Paul outlines the gentle power that is at the heart of our hope in Christ. The Pope outlines that among the things that rob us of hope are illness, wars, economic hardship, shifts in values away from the Gospel and the sanctity of life, social policies that serve vested interests rather than the common good, and political upheaval. We see so many of these things in our world today.

So, Pope Francis says, let the Church remember the great hope to which we are called.<sup>2</sup> And that hope is Christ, depicted in the Jubilee Year logo given by the Vatican as an anchor. Christ is an anchor when the trials of life toss us about like a boat on stormy seas, and he is there before us as our beacon of hope. The logo depicts Christ the Lord beckoning us to embrace him amidst the storm.<sup>3</sup>

The virtue of hope along with faith and charity (love) form a trinity of virtues which are given by the Holy Spirit and are at the heart of our life in Christ.<sup>4</sup> St. Thomas Aquinas calls hope the virtue that keeps the good of God ever before us.<sup>5</sup> Thomas tells us that the human heart is naturally drawn to the qualities of truth, beauty, and goodness.<sup>6</sup> These qualities we see and know in God, and hope moves us to embrace in the Lord and his truth, beauty, and goodness. Pope Francis calls Christ our hope who anchors us in the truth, beauty, and goodness we see in God. These are our reasons for hope, and the Pope encourages us to reflect on these “reasons” and to share them with others who “anxiously” seek them.<sup>7</sup>

*Fr Don White*

Parish Priest



<sup>1</sup> *Spes Non Confundit*, 8-11.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 9.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 18.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> St Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, q17.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, I, q5., I, q109.

<sup>7</sup> *Spes Non Confundit*, 25.

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Don White PP**  
Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**  
Associate Pastor

**Grant Sutherland**  
Seminarian

**Br Ted Magee**  
E.O, 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

**Ms Judy Pidcock**  
Pastoral Care Practitioner

**Mrs Sandra Fox**  
Receptionist

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Chair

**Ms Madonna Davitt**  
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**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
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Members:

**Dr Ken Avenell**

**Mr Steve Jenés**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

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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

**WEDNESDAY ADORATION CONTINUES:** A Holy Hour from **6.00pm – 7.00pm** will take place in Holy Rosary Church on **Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Penance will be offered from 6.00pm-6.30pm.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm – Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – Second Conversation**

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING :** Please place in your diaries **Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>** 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

### 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).



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-** CWL St Patrick's day cent sale was a great morning enjoyed by all. Scones for morning tea and entertainment by the Rhythm of the Reef Chorus and prizes galore. Thank you to the Members and Supporters for their generous donations and hard work to make the day a great success. God bless



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**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

**FAREWELL FR TERRY :** Following Fr Terry's stay in hospital these past few weeks, he has decided to move to Rockhampton and live at Bethany, the aged care facility run by the Sister of Mercy institute. He hopes to move this coming Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

He is grateful for the prayers and support he has received from the Parish, his family, and doctors and nursing staff at both the Base and Friendlies Hospitals.

His presence in our Parish will be sadly missed.

This year sees Fr Terry celebrate sixty years of priesthood (June 30<sup>th</sup>), and we will especially remember him in our parish masses at that time.

We have been fortunate to have his priestly ministry among us for many years, and we thank him for his service and generosity.

We pray God's blessing upon and hope to enjoy his friendship in a new context.

**ALPHA :** With only two sessions left it is not too late to come and see what ALPHA is about. **Join us in the Parish Office at 5.30pm on Thursdays for the next two weeks.**

**HOSPITALITY REQUIRED:** 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.



**WHAT ARE THE SCRUTINIES?** This weekend, our Elect, who are journeying towards their initiation this Easter, will be celebrating a series of scrutinies. The first is this weekend, followed by their Second and Third Scrutinies over the next two weekends.

They are important and special rites of the Church. During this time, the Elect focus on "self-searching and repentance, which are meant to uncover, then heal, all this is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good." (RCIA 128)

May we continue to remember Lolita, Nelson, Ethan, William and Max in our prayers.

**ANOINTING MASS:** Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am in Holy Rosary Church, followed by Morning Tea.

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



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE-Autumn Edition:** Is available at the doors of the churches this weekend.

### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Renato Sedran, Bill Noble, Ray O'Grady (Erina NSW), John Curran (in Wales), Mafy Lou Monck (Darwin), Con Krebbs, Fr John O'Reilly (Melbourne).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Albino Modolo 4.04.2019, Mary Rizzo 23.03.2023, Mary Jane Theuma 12.03.2013, Mario Baggetto 6.03.2014, Frank Paterson 11.03.2015, Denis Donovan 21.02.2020, Cresenzo Maglicco 6.03.2005, Marianatoria 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Anacleto Seares, Mark Anthony Bambico, Bill Noble, Paz Alesna, Rosario Escolin, Pedro Rica Plaza, Fr Pat Mooney, Anthony Mooney, 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 March 2025**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 25 March 2025**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

**Wednesday 26 March 2025**

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**6.00pm-7.00pm Holy Rosary**

**Adoration**

6.00pm-6.30pm Holy Rosary

Penance

**Thursday 27 March 2025**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

**Friday 28 March 2025**

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary-

Malayalam

**Saturday 29 March 2025**

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

**Sunday 30 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**

*Joshua 5:9-12*

**Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5: 17-21*

**Gospel**

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

*A Celebration*

*for the life of*

*Renato Sedran*

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.45am**

**St Patrick's Church**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Pope Francis who remains in Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

And

Fr Terry on his move to Rockhampton

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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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.

## MenAlive Breakfast- Modern Slavery in Australia

At our recent Men Alive breakfast meeting last Saturday, Moe Turaga a victim and survivor of modern slavery in Australia, addressed the group of 45 men. In telling his story of being lured to Australia from Fiji to work on a farm on a Temporary Work Visa, he alerted the group to the presence of slavery in our modern times and in our own locality.

His passport was held by his employer who promised to send his wages to his mother in Fiji and to sponsor him for permanent residency. He was given only rudimentary accommodation and food. He and his fellow migrant workers worked very long hours and allowed out only on Sundays to attend church in the nearby town.

After 2 years Moe managed to arrange a phone call to his mother who asked "when are you going to send us some money?"

Moe and his fellow workers were ignorant of Australian labour laws and if ever they complained about hours and conditions, were threatened with visa cancellation and deportation.

It was only through the concern of a churchgoer at a Sunday service that their plight was revealed and they were rescued.

Moe is now a Consultant with Australian Catholic Anti-Slavery Network, which works with hundreds of victims suffering exploitation, debt bondage and forced labour such as did Moe.

He is also an advisory panel member of the NSW Anti-Slavery Commission.

### THE DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

A CQ Perspective on Jesus and Justice. Aimed at promoting social justice issues in our region, the invite to attend includes all Catholics in the Diocese and those from other Christian Churches making it a truly ecumenical event, with the wisdom of various church traditions informing the justice discussion, thus enriching our social justice networks. Including both information sharing and skills development, the day is intended to produce some action outcomes. A focus will be on three very real, regional issues: seasonal workers, refugees, homelessness.

We look forward to hearing people's stories and sharing our hope for more just outcomes across our region. To register for this event, go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/Justice> You can join us in person or via Zoom from your own location.

**WHEN:** Saturday April 12th.

**WHERE:** Kevin Castles Centre, 152 West Street, Rockhampton.

**TIME:** 8.30am–3.30pm.

**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.

### CATHOLIC MISSION

## WE ARE HIRING

Rockhampton Diocesan Director

(part-time, 2 days a week based in Rockhampton)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY, 31 MARCH, 2025**

For more information regarding the role, contact

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