

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

4th

Sunday of *Easter*

10th/11th May 2025

A Mother's Love

Anne Sheehan

On Wednesday we farewelled our friend Br Ted Magee. The church was filled with Br Ted's family and friends, who honoured and celebrated the life of a truly humble man who, at the age of 16, embarked on a life of service to God and others with the Christian Brothers.

One of the resounding messages to come from the various tributes was Br Ted's love of his faith and family. The two were mutually entwined. The Magee family learned faith from their parents' example and encouragement. I remember Muriel Magee, their mother, and I can imagine her relentless determination to have her children attend Mass every Sunday, say their prayers, go to a Catholic school, and do good works for others. She was a woman on a mission!

In the next generation, mothers try their best to bring their children up to be people worth knowing. Our dreams for them come from a place of unconditional love. As Christian mothers we bring them up to know and love God using gospel values of love and forgiveness. We try our hardest to pass on the faith, given to us by our parents. But, unlike Muriel's and my mother's, the world in which our children live means mothers today fight a battle of not only wills, but of societal, media, and peer pressure, where the mother's voice is not the only one they will listen to.

Do we give up? I don't believe so. As mothers we will experience the highs and lows of raising our children. We will know boundless love and joy, tears, unpredictable embarrassment in public places, pride, and disappointment, but we will never stop loving our children. It's part of the role description. No political policy or law will have as much impact on the world in which we raise our children than the law of love. "Keep on loving them" was my mother's response to my moments of despair, "love will prevail."

It is on a day like today that we especially remember the mothers of Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and all terror-affected lands. No greater love has a mother for her child than to hold them in times of despair and sadness. Their pain is our pain.

To all the mothers today, be thankful for the precious gift of life that you gave to your child or children. Be proud of your influence in nurturing them as someone others would admire and want to be friends with. Never stop loving them.

On this day each year, we are reminded to honour our mothers whether they are alive or have died. We all have a mother even Jesus had a mother whom He loved and respected. There are also many mother figures who provide care and love to those who are isolated in society and to those who just need a person to whom they can turn to for support.



Maureen Ewing (CWL)

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

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

Ms Pauline Leahy

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

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Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Ms Judy Pidcock

Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Sandra Fox

Receptionist

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Mrs Kaye Beston

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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

FAREWELL TO BR TED: Dear Parishioners, my heartfelt thanks to all who shared their gifts to bring together Br. Ted's funeral and to make it such an uplifting occasion and a fitting farewell to our friend and colleague. It was a tribute to Br. Ted's work in the area of stewardship, and he would have reflected warmly that so many songs were sung, and all the diamonds came out on the day. It was a wonderful tribute to him and to the life of our parish community. Thank you for your prayerful support, **Fr. Don White**.

SEMINARY APPEAL THIS WEEKEND: There will be a second collection for the envelopes which have been at the end of the seats over the last few weekends.



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With your prayerful support, you ensure the future of our faith through priestly formation.

Make your gift using the QR code, or by calling 07 3324 3200 or go to catholicfoundation.org.au/provincialseminary



VISIT OF THE RELIC AND EXHIBITION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: Was well supported by our Parish community and schools. We thank the organisers for bring such a well know exhibition to Bundaberg. We look forward to his Canonisation once we have a new Pope.



CWL FUNDRAISING THANKYOU: The CWL would like to thank those who contributed to the Fundraising Morning Tea.

A delicious Devonshire tea was prepared and served by the CWL Ladies. The donation of prizes for the Continuous Raffle added to a very enjoyable morning with a total of \$1000.00 raised for the Western Queensland Flood Recovery.

The generosity of all was overwhelming.

Bundaberg Nurses Ministry
Invites You To Celebrate

May Fest

International Nurses Day & The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Date: Thursday 15th May, 2025
Time: 9 am - 2 pm
Program: Rosary, Holy Eucharist, Adoration, Formation Class and Testimony
Celebrants: Rev. Fr. Don White P.P, VG and Rev. Fr. Tijo Puthenparampil
Venue: St. Patrick's Church, 14 Powers Street, Bundaberg West
Dress: Blue and white, if possible

INVITATION TO ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS:

The Parish will celebrate the **Jubilee of Health Care Workers** on International Nurses Day, **Thursday May 15th**. Fr Don wishes to invite all involved in the Health and Wellbeing of everyone in our community to come together on this day. Mass will be celebrated at **St Patrick's at 12.15pm** followed by hospitality.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude to you all and to thank God for the gift of each one in this caring and compassionate ministry. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Jubilee event also. May God bless all who care for us in our time of illness and need.

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

Today is MOTHERS' DAY: The Parish expresses its love and gratitude to all mothers as today we celebrate their specialness.

During Mass, there will be a blessing for all mothers.

May you have a wonderful day celebrating with your family.

We hold in prayer those of our mothers who are ill and those who have passed to their eternal reward. **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.**



WEDNESDAY ADORATION AT HOLY ROSARY: The Adoration between 6.00pm and 7.00pm began during Lent will continue. However, there will be **NO Adoration** on **Wednesday May 14th** – the Teaching Mass in the Sacramental Program is being held at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend .

ECUMENICAL OPPORTUNITY: We are invited to join a prayer service at Christ Church Anglican Church at **12noon** on **Saturday 17th May**. This is a part of the Anglican Church of Australia's "Hope25", which seeks to empower their parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost this year. A great opportunity to express our own yearning for Hope during our Jubilee Year.

VISITATION TEAM MEETING: The next Visitation meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Wednesday 21st May** from **10.00am** for a cuppa followed by the **meeting at 10.30am**. New members are always welcome. This is a very rewarding ministry for those looking to contribute to the life of the Parish Community.

TURN DEBT INTO HOPE WEBINAR

Join us as we celebrate the **10th anniversary of Laudato Si'**
And the launch of Turn Debt into Hope advocacy campaign.

Join guest speakers :

Kirsten Sayers-CEO Caritas Australia.

Archbishop Coleridge-Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Dr Luke Fletcher-Executive Director Jubilee Australia Research Centre.

Leba Tamari-Advocacy Coordinator Caritas Fiji.

WHEN: Friday May 16th 2025 **TIME:** 12-1 pm AEST

REGISTER: caritas.org.au/debt



Refer to your
Church
Noticeboard

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Havana Moana Kaufusi, Harrison Romeo De Papi, Hazel Quinn Barsby, Elliot Daniel Coonan and Gabriel Recio.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Giovanoni, Janette Knott, Br Lionel "Ted" Magee, Catherine Harding, Ignaz (Ian) Hollauf, Jim Roberts, Nu Thi Nguyen, May McFarlane, Martin Galea (Sydney), Rahleen Ryan (Welshpool/ Brisbane), Wendy Foster.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Jessie James 7.05.1996, Rosamma Joseph 7.05.2003, Sunny Joseph 13.05.2011, Norma Brosnan 5.05.2022, Willemina Drent 6.04.2019, William Drent 8.05.2011, Len Schneider 8.04.2021, Isobel Aplin 6.04.2019, Ron Cook 5.04.2006, Jack McGlynn & Mavis Simons 25.04.2017, Muriel Magee 10.04.1995, Rita Hyde 27.04.2024, Sharlee Catherine Arkinstall 19.04.2023.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Joseph Galea, Antonia Cutas, Emiliano Cabatuan, Sofera Alesna, Deceased members of the Formosa Family including Paul and Lawrence Formosa, Carmen Grima, Giseppa Formosa, Margaret Healey, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria May Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martins Family, Rosa A Andres, Ramon D Andres, Bill and Jess Noble, Noel Chio Jr, Arnel Legarta Sr, Margaret Healey, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, Lavene Bailey, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 12 May 2025

Sts Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Our Lady of Fatima

8.30 St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's –LWC

Wednesday 14 May 2025

St Matthias

8.00am Shalom—LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Teaching Mass

Thursday 15 May 2025

12.15pm St Patrick's - Mass

International Nurses Day

Friday 16 May 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass

Saturday 17 May 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

Sunday 18 May 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's –Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27:

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel

John 13:31-35



JANETTE KNOTT

WED 14 MAY 2025 10.00AM

Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

JOHN GIOVANNONI

THU 15 MAY 2025 2.00PM

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

JIM ROBERTS

FRI 16 MAY 2025 2.00PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church



PRAYER GROUPS

Divine Mercy

Wednesday Weekly Devotions
Holy Rosary Church
after 12.15pm Mass
All are welcome.

The Angelus

Friday Weekly Devotions
Holy Rosary Church
12.00pm
All are 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.au

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

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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.



Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Dear sisters and brothers,

On this, the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I wish to extend to you a joyful and encouraging invitation to become pilgrims of hope by generously offering your lives as a gift.

A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children.

Every vocation, once perceived in the depths of the heart, gives rise to an impulse to love and service, as an expression of hope and charity, rather than a means of self-promotion. Many young people seek to know the path God is calling them to take. Some find, often to their surprise, that they are called to the priesthood or to the consecrated life. Others discover the beauty of the call to marriage and family life, to the pursuit of the common good and to a life of witness to the faith among their friends and acquaintances.

The discovery of our vocation comes about as the result of a journey of discernment. That journey is never solitary, but develops within a Christian community and as a part of that community. The world pushes young people to make hasty decisions and bombards them with a constant blare that prevents them from experiencing a silence that is open to God who speaks to the heart. Have the courage to pause, to listen to what your heart tells you, and to ask God about his dreams for you. The silence of prayer is indispensable if we are to learn how to hear God's call amid the specific circumstances of our lives and to respond consciously and freely.

The Church is alive and fruitful when she generates new vocations. Our world looks, often unknowingly, for witnesses of hope who proclaim with their lives that following Christ is a source of true joy. Let us never tire, then, of asking the Lord for new labourers for his harvest, certain that with great love he continues to call them."

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

*Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by
name and asks us to follow you.*

*May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who
you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated
life.*

*Give them courage to respond to their vocation to
serve your Church.*

*May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully
follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gos-
pel to the world.*

Amen.