

### 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

5th

Sunday of

Easter

17th/18th May 2025

# POPE LEO XIV

by: Fr Don White

Parish Priest

## Let us pray for our Holy Father

With all that has been happening in the Church in the last few weeks – the death of Pope Francis, his funeral, the election of Pope Leo XIV, and on this Sunday, the solemn installation of the new pope, we could almost forget that it is still Easter. Nevertheless, among all the other celebrations both sad and joyful, it is right to continue to wish each other ‘Happy Easter!’: the Lord is indeed risen. Importantly Easter brings us to the truth, the Jesus Christ is the Risen Lord, not a celebrity or superstar like we find on earth, but the Risen Christ whose light shines forth into our lives in all sorts of way.

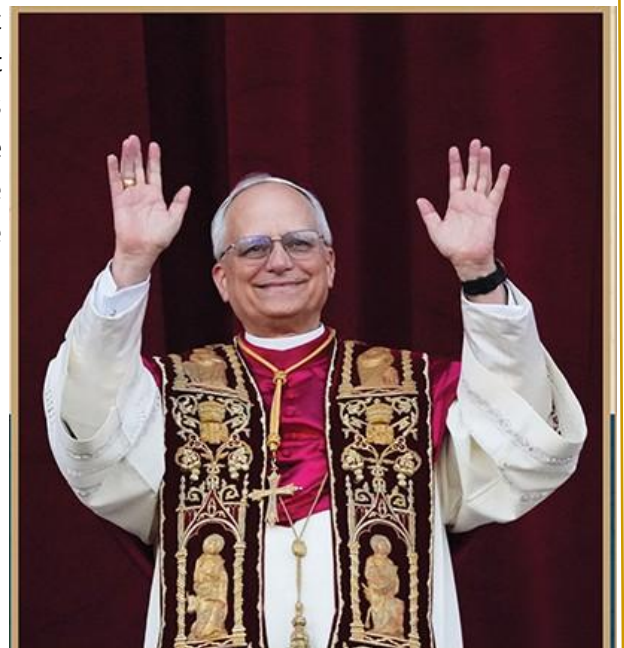
The death of a pope, and the election of a new one is a solemn time for the church which all gives an international spotlight to our faith unlike we see at other times. We mourn the loss of our former holy father, and now we rejoice in our new holy father, a pattern that reflects the rhythm of Gods’ own heart, of dying and rising, of bringing to birth a new creation or renewal within each of us. And Easter is our time to reflect on those themes.

I was drawn to something Pope Leo XIV said in his first Mass as the bishop of Rome, the day after his election. As the one who now leads the world’s 1.4 billion Catholics, he acknowledged that the Christian faith is sometimes “considered absurd” and the preserve of “the weak and unintelligent.” He said, “A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society.”

He reflected that Jesus cannot be “reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman... This is true not only among non-believers, but also among many baptised Christians, who thus end up living, at this level, in a state of practical atheism.” He urged us to call forth the Living Christ in our lives, to live in the light of Resurrection and to be people who can bring the light of faith, the light of Christ into the world.

**Encouraging words for our challenging times.**

**May God guide the holy father with all the strength and inspiration he needs.**



Holy Mass of His Holiness Leo XIV with the College of Cardinals, 09.05.2025

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.

## Parish News and Announcements

### PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Don White PP**  
Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**  
Associate Pastor

**Grant Sutherland**  
Seminarist

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**  
Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

**Ms Pauline Leahy**  
Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

**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**  
Deputy Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Dr Ken Avenell**

**Mr Steve Jenés**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

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### CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**

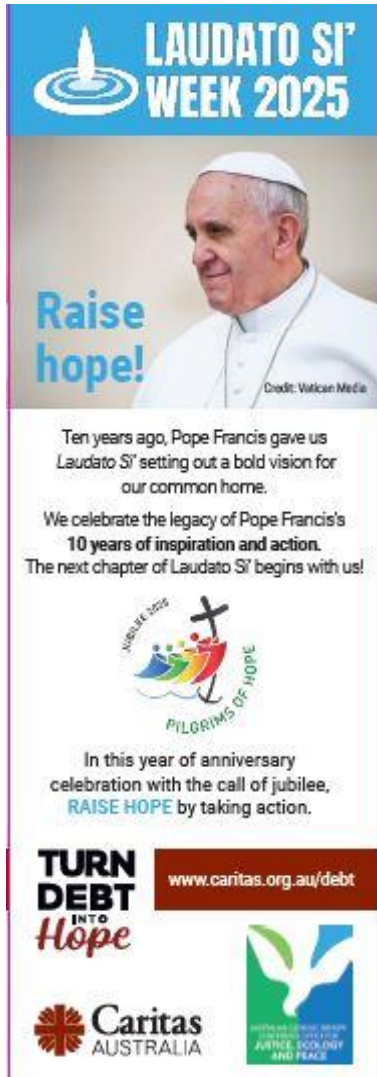
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

**St Patrick's Church**

14 Powers Street

**St James' Church**

38 See Street Bargara



**10 years of inspiration.**

**10 years of unified action.**

**10 years of joy and hope for a brighter future for the earth and its people, especially the poor.**

10 years ago . . . Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si', proposing a bold vision for our common home. While we celebrate this time of prayer and action together, we look ahead to an even brighter future. The next chapter of Laudato Si', our invitation to care for our common home, begins right here and now, with us.

*"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." (Laudato Si' 244)*

Laudato Si' has encouraged millions to take action. It has created a global movement and united Catholics around the world in seeking climate justice.

At the launch of this Jubilee year, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis talked about the ecological debt of countries who suffer the most from climate impacts – droughts, floods, degraded soil and extreme weather. Pope Francis challenged world leaders to tackle this debt crisis as one way to release funding for the climate crisis.

Why participate?

Laudato Si' Week unites thousands of people worldwide with a common goal: the protection of Creation. By participating, you become part of a global movement of faith and action.

**APPEAL TOTALS:** We would like to thank those parishioners who gave so generously to the following appeals.

**Good Friday Appeal:** \$5543.80

**Project Compassion:** \$7320.95

**Seminary Appeal:** 2878.50

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY:** This group is a combination of two of our previous groups Laudato Si and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). A meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm**. We encourage parishioners to consider participating in this group.

Two areas where the Diocese is about to publish guidelines are for the support of Seasonal Workers and those in Mining Communities. Homelessness is also another area of concern.

**VISITATION TEAM MEETING:** will be held in the Parish Office on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY:** This **Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.15am** a meeting will be held in the Parish Office. Fr Don will meet with this group as we move forward without Br Ted. New members are always welcome.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING:** Will be held this **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.15am** in the Parish Office. Those wishing to enquire are encouraged to come along.

**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

### THANK YOU, BUNDABERG



A sincere thank you to the parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg for your love and support of Brother Ted Magee during his time in Bundaberg since 2021.

You welcomed him home and embraced his presence among you. He was deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve his parish community in a new role and especially enjoyed being part of the team in the parish office.

It was evident during his funeral Mass, held on Wednesday, 7th May, that he was held in high regard within the parish. To all who contributed in any way to the joyful celebration of Brother Ted's funeral Mass—including the singers from the parish and Shalom College; lead singer and conductor, Suellen Cusack-Greensill; organist, Anne Sheehan; sacristans, Jan and Sue; and Brother Ted's family members who participated as readers—I extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of his fellow Christian Brothers.

**Br Mick Talty**



**MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER:** If you are unavailable during the next quarter please advise the Parish Office **By Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. This will allow sufficient time for completion and checking.

If you wish to volunteer for a ministry please contact the Parish Office. We appreciate the time that is dedicated to ensuring we can continue with all our ministries which enhance so many peoples lives.

**MOBILE PHONES:** Please ensure your mobile phones are on silent or turned off prior to Mass.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Hudson Simpson, James Matthew Cocco and Patrizia Tia Moana Ebol.



### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Giovannoni, Joel Morales (NSW), Janette Knott, Br Lionel "Ted" Magee, Catherine Harding, Ignaz (Ian) Hollauf, Jim Roberts, Nu Thi Nguyen, May McFarlane.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Norman Dutton 23.05.2023, Jessy 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, 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:** Lawrence Gales, Sue Boisen, Zillah Geiger and all deceased Mothers, Pilar Pananganan, Pedro Marinas, Zusima Teves, Joseph Galea, Antonia Cutas, Emiliano Cabatuan, Sofera Alesna, Deceased members of the Formosa Family including Paul and Lawrence Formosa, Carmen Grima, Giseppa Formosa, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria May Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martins Family, 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 19 May 2025

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Tuesday 20 May 2025

**St Bernardine of Siena**

8.30 St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Wednesday 21 May 2025

**St Christopher Magallanes**

8.00am Shalom—LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary

6.00pm Holy Rosary

**Adoration**

### Thursday 22 May 2025

**St Rita of Cascia**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

**Anointing Mass**

### Friday 23 May 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary—Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary—Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary—Mass

### Saturday 24 May 2025

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary—Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Sunday 25 May 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary—Mass

9.00am St Patrick's

**Children's Mass**

5.30pm Holy Rosary—Mass

### SCRIPTURES

**First Reading**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29:

**Second Reading**

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel**

John 14:23-29



**Holy Rosary Church**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

**10.00am**

**Followed by Morning Tea in  
The Novakoski Centre**

**All are welcome.**

## PRAYER GROUPS

### United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
commencing at 7.00pm in  
Novakoski Centre.

### ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group meets every  
Tuesday at St Patrick's 5.00pm  
and Thursday at Holy Rosary  
Church 5.30pm.

## 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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

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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.



I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir  
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