

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: 9.00-2.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish



Pentecost Sunday



7th/8th June 2025

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

There are four great solemn days of the Church that we know well: the birth of the Lord at Christmas; the dying and rising of Christ in Easter; the Ascension when Jesus left the disciples, not to depart from them but to be present to them in new ways; and the coming of the Holy Spirit Pentecost (today). They are all one seamless proclamation of God's salvation through Jesus Christ. And they all speak about how God's saving presence in our lives, and how there is one single mystery of God ever before us.

With Pentecost, we focus on the part that the Holy Spirit plays in our lives of faith. The Holy Spirit is God's first gift to us, and today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a clue as to what the experience of the first Pentecost meant. It does not dwell on the fire, wind, and noise, but on the experience of the devout women and men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven. They heard these Galileans speaking foreign languages, so that each one of them hears the apostles really preaching in their own language about the marvels of God. It is a complete reversal of the tower of Babel experience from the Old Testament (in Gen 11:1-9) in which confusion rather than understanding overcame the human heart. In Pentecost we see a new unified people of God taking shape that would become the Church as a one holy, catholic, and apostolic communion of faith.

And so, this fourth great solemn day of the Church, we reflect on the way the Holy Spirit works through us, and in us in our world. The Holy Spirit was there from the beginning at creation and has been at work in the human family ever since, above all in the work of Christ the Lord, and is there working in and through us in our world to bring the peace of God to us.

The gifts that the Holy Spirit provides—wisdom, insight, counsel, power, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—enable us to grow and work, showing forth in our life the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Happy Pentecost,

by: **Fr Don White**

Parish Priest

CHURCH CRAWL-Pentecost Sunday:

Once again this year we will join the Anglican and Uniting communities in this Annual event of prayer and unity. The CRAWL will begin at the Anglican Church at **2.00pm** and walk to Holy Rosary Church, ending at the Uniting Church. Walkers are encouraged to wear something red! At each church there will be a short prayer service. Following the prayers at the Uniting Church, all are invited to afternoon tea. If the distance to walk is a concern, it is quite acceptable to drive to the churches.



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

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

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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 FR SIJO: It is with much sadness we say farewell to Fr Sijo. We would like to thank him for his service over the years and are particularly grateful for his ministry to our Aged Care Facilities. Fr Sijo will take up his position in South Mackay on 5th July. A farewell Morning Tea will be held on **29th June** after the 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's. Fr Anthony Nguyen will join our Parish, commencing on the weekend of 5th July.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

ONLINE PETITION

This petition is inspired by our belief in Justice and dignity for all.

It hopes to draw the attention of Australia's Leaders to the following

1. The world is facing a debt crisis.
2. The debt crisis is further entrenching global poverty.
3. There isn't a mechanism to renegotiate debts.
4. This is the Jubilee Year and therefore time for forgiveness.

Please click on the QR Code or the below link

<https://www.caritas.org.au/act/turn-debt-into-hope/>

**TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope**



Fully Alive Youth Camp

This weekend camp will be run by our diocesan NET team and is an opportunity for young people across the diocese to come together and journey in faith through fellowship, talks, small groups, games, the sacraments, and fun!

Throughout the weekend we will be journeying with the theme of 'Fully Alive' focusing on the fullness of life and hope that the love of Jesus brings to us!

Cost: \$130.00 (See discount for multiple family members)

To register or for more details please scan the QR code.



FINAL WOORABINDA MISSION DELIVERY:

This will be the last opportunity to donate to Woorabinda Mission, as unfortunately Sr Cecilia is retiring, and there is no one to take her place.

We will have one last trip out to Woorabinda to deliver Blankets, Doona's and Towels for the winter.

If you don't have a surplus of any of these items, please consider a monetary donation so we are able to purchase whatever is needed. Donations may be left at either the Parish Office or at Shalom College before **Thursday 12th June**. Thank you for your generosity and support over the years. Sr Cecilia will certainly be a huge loss in their community.



Thank you Sr Cecilia

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

CAN YOU PLAY THE KEYBOARD?

We desperately need more people to play the organ during our weekend Masses. Currently our organists play at the Masses across our parish almost every weekend. We are keen for more people to play, easing some of the pressure on our organists. Alternatively if you play the piano, we will help you become familiar with our organs. You would be rostered to suit your availability, and we'll give support needed to take on this wonderful ministry. Please contact Pauline at the parish office if you are interested at all. We would love to hear from you.



WHY BECOME CATHOLIC? Every year we have adults in our parish who have chosen to become Catholic, and each has their own story. Each has been drawn to the Church by varied reasons and experiences in their life. Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith?

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a wonderful journey for adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith, and become one with the Church. It is a time when people can ask questions in a safe, quite informal environment. Why not contact the Parish Office this week? Ask for Pauline, and have a chat. Just ring 4151 6666.



28th/29th June

Your help is needed

Caring for our Priests who have selflessly nurtured us in our spiritual lives.

www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate



RECENTLY BAPTISED: Penelope Dadgardoust Chan.

SHALIYA COLLINS is becoming a daughter of God this weekend.

Welcome Shaliya, who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church during our 5.30pm Mass. Her journey of faith has brought her to this faith-filled decision.

St Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in you". May

Shaliya, and all who have been welcomed as God's sons and daughters, continue to find peace, joy and hope in their lives.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: James Stevenson, Ann Baxter (Nth Ireland), Liz Salzmann, Anne Darlison, Elvena Bycroft (Ayr), Guenter Gunter, Terry Gultzow, Bernadette Gick (Formerly Sr Mary Theresa), John Giovannoni, Joel Morales (NSW), Janette Knott, Br Lionel "Ted" Magee,

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Margareta Fitzgerald 13.06.2000, Sebastiano Lituri 9.06.2008, Pasquale Brillante 8.06.1999, Fransalco Cafolla 22.06.1948, Tonino Crawford 9.06.2020 Marie Figallo 15.06.2013, Damian Gambley 27.05.2024, Alexander K.K 20.05.2016, Norman Dutton 23.05.2023, Jessy James 7.05.1996, Rosamma Joseph 7.05.2003, Sunny Joseph 13.05.2011.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Mary Mollard, William Mollard, George Ames Baker, Kathleen May Lee, Rev Fr Justin Bruce, Joyce Galea, Ann Shamly, Br Ted Magee, Francisco Cutas, Wancho Alesna, James Keith Courte, Bernadette Halpin, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, Jem & Bill Ireland, Kate & Bob Ireland, Darryl Lambertson, Lily & Jim Ballinger, Bruno De Paoli, Robyn De Paoli, Brenda De Paoli, Morena Basicchia, Vial Family, Fr Terence Punzel, John Boniface Edwards, Ron and Bernadette Gadischkie, Sue Boisen, Zillah Geiger and all deceased Mothers, Pilar Pananganan, Pedro Marinas, Zusima Teves, Joseph Galea, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria May Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martins Family, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, Lavene Bailey, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 9 Jun 2025

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of the Church**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 10 Jun 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 11 Jun 2025

St Barnabas

8.00am Shalom—Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration

Thursday 12 Jun 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 13 Jun 2025

St Anthony of Padua

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 14 Jun 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 15 June 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

Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel

John 16: 12-15

CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY 22nd JUNE

Holy Rosary 8.00am Mass

At the end of this Mass, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place, concluding with an Holy Hour of adoration.

Corpus Christi, Latin for Body of Christ, is a solemnity of the Church, and honours the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Lord's Supper.

MINISTRIES ROSTER FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER:

If you are unavailable during the next quarter please advise the Parish Office **By Monday 9th 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.

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

OTHER CONTACTS

Graham White: 4887 3080

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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.



When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

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YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP

The Parish Young Adults Conversations group is a forum for young people in Bundaberg to investigate and more deeply discover the Catholic tradition.

Every meeting the group shares food, fellowship, and a conversation about the Catholic Faith. Typically, this conversation involves some presented content (catechesis, spirituality, theology, Church history/news, etc.) and an open discussion on the content. The aim is for us all to learn about the Catholic Faith and culture together by sharing our own thoughts, knowledge, and experiences.

The group recently finished reading and discussing the spectacular catechetical resource: "Evangelium: Sharing the Riches of the Catholic Faith."

Following this, in a few weeks, the group will begin a video series on some important figures in the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition in: "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players."

Whether you are brand new to the Faith, have questions about the Church, or simply want to more deeply investigate what it teaches, you are welcome at this group.

The group meets every week on **Sunday evening at 6:30pm** in the Parish office Centre.

Young people aged 17 to 35 are invited any Sunday to come along.

CHANGE TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Please note the new Parish Office opening hours will be from **9.00am-2.00pm Monday to Friday**. The Parish Office can still be contacted by phone until 3.00pm. Thank you for your understanding.