

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

19th/20th July 2025



Parish Priest— Fr Peter Bang SVD

Assistant Priest— Fr Rius Salu SVD

Pastoral Coordinator— Loretta McKeering

Incorporating the communities of Alpha, Aramac, Barcaldine, Bedourie, Blackall,
Ilfracombe, Isisford, Jericho, Jundah, Longreach, Muttaborra, Stonehenge, Tambo and Yaraka.

14 July 2025

Dear Fr Don, Bundaberg PFC and the entire Catholic Parish of Bundaberg.

On behalf of the Central West Catholic Cluster of Parishes I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Parish of Bundaberg for your exceptionally generous financial assistance toward the renovation of the presbyteries in Longreach and Blackall.

Your kindness has enabled us to create two comfortable and welcoming homes for our priests. This in turn allows them to move freely between the two centers, ensuring a pastoral and sacramental presence throughout our vast region. The support you have extended has directly contributed to strengthening the mission of the Church in remote and rural Queensland.

We are deeply aware that such generosity reflects a spirit of shared mission... one that transcends parish boundaries and embraces the wider diocesan family. Please know that your willingness to support us in this way has made a real difference in the lives of both our priests and the people they serve.

Be assured of our prayers for you all. May God continue to bless the Bundaberg Parish community for your generosity, your faith and your commitment to the Gospel.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Fr Peter Bang, SVD
Parish Priest
Central West Catholic Cluster of Parishes

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 Anthony Nguyen

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

Miss Clare O'Rourke

Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

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Shalom College

Principal

Mr Dan McMahon

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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 LADIES DINNER: The Passionist family groups are again hosting the Parish Ladies Dinner.

DATE: Wednesday August 13th

TIME: 6.00pm

WHERE: Brothers Sports Club– Leprechaun Room.

COST: \$35.00 pp (2Course Meal including Tea or Coffee).

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Judy Pidcock

There will be a Lucky Door prize and raffles.

Tickets are now on sale at the Parish Office until Wednesday August 6th (CASH ONLY).

Limited Tickets available.

Come along to meet old and new friends.

Raffle prizes are still being accepted at the Parish Office.



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 be given support to take on this essential ministry. Please contact Pauline at the parish office if you are interested at all.

We would love to hear from you.



MALAYALAM MASS: Please note the Malayalam Mass will be held in Holy Rosary Church on **Friday 25th July at 6.30pm.** Fr Jamon will travel from Rockhampton to Celebrate this Mass.

PARISH BOOKSTORE: The Parish Bookstore is located in the Parish Office and is open from **9.00am-2.00pm Monday to Friday.** Please take the time to visit our store to view a variety of Catholic Items for sale including **Bibles, Missals, Rosary Beads and Gifts for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.** If you are looking for a particular item, please ask if we could order it in. Looking forward to seeing you soon.



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**



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.

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

Every meeting the group shares food, fellowship, and a conversation about the Catholic Faith. The group meets every week on **Sunday evening at 6:30pm** in the Parish Office .

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank you for your support.**

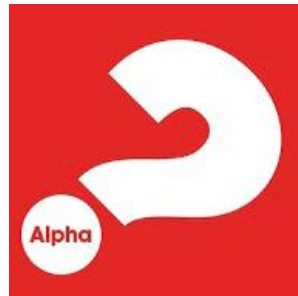


Parish News and Announcements

YOU'RE INVITED

Did you KNOW?

- Alpha is free!
- Alpha begins **Thursday 24th July.**
- Alpha is being held in a home venue.
- Alpha sessions attract accreditation for staff in Catholic schools/colleges.



Read what previous guests of the Alpha course had to say about their experience of Alpha in our Parish.

“Alpha is a journey that I highly recommend. It reinforces hope, purpose and belief” Sally

“I enjoyed attending the Alpha program. I was able to see things from different perspectives and discuss issues without judgement” Sandi

Contact the Parish office on 41516666 to register for Alpha 2025.

PRAY FOR RECENTLY BAPTISED: Rio Andrius Dela Rosa



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Mathews, Feliciano Deocallo, Santa Leonardi, Lesley Graham & John Graham, Colleen Bakes, Kevin Goldsworthy (Canberra), Sr Stancia Cawte (Rockhampton).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Stan Bryant 19.07.2023, Olive Cafolla 4.07.2019, Joe Formosa 11.08.2019, Joyce Galea 17.07.2023, Marie Schneider 5.07.2024, Margaret Cheong 4.07.2024, Gregory Coleman 29.06.2024, Angelo Grima 1.07.2012, Devassy Chirayath 1.07.1994, Kathleen Clarke 17.06.2012, Marie Figallo 15.06.2013.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ceasar Panares, Eva Mary Courte, Karl Frazer, Gerry Walsh, Joyce Galea, George, Georgey Junior, and Zillah Geiger, Ron Cook, Joe Della-Vedova, Cesarina Della-Vedova, Len Della, Alma Della, Marj Senini, Souls of Mr F & Mrs S Tham, Luigi Zuppichiati, Br Ted Magee, John Boniface Edwards, Joseph Galea, Terence James Cagney, 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 21 July 2025

St Lawrence of Brindisi

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration and Penance

Tuesday 22 July 2025

St Mary Magdalene

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 23 July 2025

St Bridget

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 24 July 2025

St James

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 25 July 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary

Malayalam Mass

Saturday 26 July 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 27 July 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass

9.00am St Patrick's- Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Catholic Education Week
Mass**

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel

Luke 11: 1-13



**MASS &
ANOINTING
OF THE SICK**

Thursday 24th July

Holy Rosary Church

10.00am

Followed by Morning Tea

**CHRISTIAN UNITY
PRAYER GROUP:**

Will gather for Prayer and
fellowship
on **Tuesday, July 22nd**
at the Christ Church,
Anglican Church
commencing at **10.00am.**
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/](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.

Gospel Meditation

— Father John Muir

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work-domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

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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.

Rite of
Christian
Initiation of
Adults

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Do you know anyone interested
in becoming a Catholic?

Explore and Discover

A wonderful journey to discover the richness of our faith

For more information, please contact
Pauline at 07 4151 6666

