

### 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

📍 Rossolini Place Level 1, 66 Woongarra St

📮 PO BOX 79 Bundaberg Qld 4670

✉ [sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au)

🌐 [www.bundabergcatholic.net.au](http://www.bundabergcatholic.net.au)

☎ 07 4151 6666

Welcome to the Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26th/27th July 2025

## Grandparents IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This week marks Grandparents Weekend, whilst merging with Catholic Education Week. The theme for Catholic Education Week is Faith, Hope and Love. I saw this as the perfect marriage. I was baptised at St Mary's Church, Bundaberg, and my own Catholic Education journey started at St. Patrick's Primary School, largely due to my grandmother's influence. Her name was Kitty (Kathleen) O'Shea.

Like so many grandparents and elderly from our community, she was integral in planting seeds of these three virtues. She had a difficult life but always transcended a strong **faith** in her God, **hope** for a better future and an intense **love** of her family. It seems I, like many of our staff and families, have come full circle in connecting with Bundaberg's Catholic schools. I know she would definitely approve because she appeared in a recurrent dream when I was studying Education. It felt so real. I returned to my faith and the rest is history.

When attending Mass in Bethlehem many years after, we were asked during the homily to share who was most instrumental in our own faith journeys. My answer was obvious. Ironically, we walked out from that sacred place and saw 'Kitty's' bench seat. Two clear signs that her influence was still being felt.



My story, I am sure, is not in isolation and I share as a way to consolidate the role that our grandparents play in one's formation. Jesus used the 'Parable of the Sower' to explain how Christians are encouraged to nurture their faith through prayer, scripture and good works. Grandparents and the elderly in our lives and parish are often the ones who model this to the next generation. I believe the elderly

are often the ones who show, through their actions, how faith can build resilience and bring comfort throughout life's trials and tribulations.



When I returned to St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, it warmed my heart to see so many familiar faces at our first Liturgy. Faces of parents and even teachers, who were present through my earlier days of Catholic Education, but now as grandparents, great aunts and even great grandparents. We enjoy strong connections to the 'Sowers' from a past generation.

On the weekend I attended the children's Confirmation mass celebrated by Father Don and Bishop Michael. Bishop Michael shared how he couldn't imagine a life without his belief in God. He suggested that in a world where there's always something negative to draw our focus, a faith in God can give us a strong sense of hope and an innate way of looking through a symbolic and grateful lens. For me, this is the gift I believe my grandmother, the grandparents in our community, priests, parishioners and Catholic Education continue to pass down.

Today it is so important for us to encourage a belief that we are all on a journey that promises ups and downs, but not without purpose or reason.

This Catholic Education Week I want to reach out and say **THANK YOU** to the parents, grandparents and great grandparents that have in some way sowed seeds of faith, love and hope. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**Happy Grandparent Weekend and Catholic Education Week!**

*by: Kim O'Shea Hard*

Principal: St Patrick's Primary School

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 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 Jenes**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

**Dr Presly Varghese**

**Mr Matthias Visona**

**Mr Michael Walker**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Principal**

**Mrs Monica White**  
[sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Ph: 4151 4771

**St Mary's Principal**

**Mr Bill Goodwin**

[smbg@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smbg@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Ph: 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Principal**

**Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard**

[spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au)

Ph: 4152 1380

**Shalom College**

**Principal**

**Mr Dan McMahon**

[shalomcollege.com](http://shalomcollege.com)

Ph: 4155 8111

## 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

### Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)**

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,  
animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world,

to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars,

to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,

to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones

and for everyone we meet,

the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,

the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

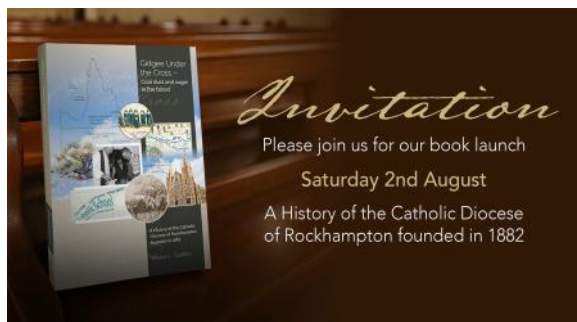
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost

For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

*Amen*



**Gidgee Under the Cross – Coal Dust and Sugar in the Blood** by Dr Maree L. Ganley



The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton warmly invites you to the official launch on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 2:00pm.

Join us from 1:00pm in the Kevin Castles Conference Centre 152 West Street, Allenstown QLD 4700

**Gidgee Under the Cross – Coal Dust and Sugar in the Blood**, a History of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton founded in 1882.

RSVP [rsvp@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@rok.catholic.net.au) or Ph 07 4887 3070. Available at: **St Joseph's Gifts & Books** 238 Murray Street, Rockhampton QLD 4700 [sjgiftsbooks@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjgiftsbooks@rok.catholic.net.au) 07 4921 2170

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

DATE: **Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

TIME: **6.00pm**

WHERE: **Brothers Sports Club– Leprechaun Room.**

COST: **\$35.00 pp** (2Course Meal).

**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 6<sup>th</sup> (CASH ONLY).**

**Limited tickets available.**

Come along to meet old and new friends.

**Raffle prizes are still being accepted at 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

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:** will be celebrated from **July 27th to August 2nd**, with the theme **"Communities of Faith, Hope and Love"**. This theme aligns with the Jubilee Year's call to be Pilgrims of Hope.



Our parish will celebrate the contribution of our four wonderful Catholic Schools with Mass on **Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm in Holy Rosary Church**. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.



**"I am the Alpha and the Omega; the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**


Revelation 22:13



The Alpha course takes its name from this scriptural reference, as it seeks to provide relaxed and informed reflections of who Christ is and what He means for



All parishioners are invited to join Alpha 2025 in our Parish, as **Prayer Partners**. Please pray for guests, hosts, helpers, welcomers and hospitality team, each week of the 8 week course.

 To the children who were confirmed last weekend **Congratulations!** This weekend the children will be celebrating their first Holy Communion at several of our Masses.

We would like to thank those who have helped with their preparation including parents, teachers and the Parish Liturgy Team.



### Catholic Foundations Module 2: Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures **REGISTER NOW!**

Once again the diocese is delighted to offer the opportunity for formation to people across our diocese. A 10 week course presented by Archdiocesan Ministries (Brisbane) and hosted online by Diocesan Pastoral Services ([formation@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@rok.catholic.net.au)). Check out the link or scan the QR code to learn more!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

<https://forms.gle/QPD2x45HMopKsa4S9> or this QR code

You will also find a link to more information on the registration form.

**Commencing Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm Cost \$100.00**



### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lucille Gott, Barry Sautheron, Nicolina Biondi (Beerwah), Mary Mathews, Feliciano Deocallo, Santa Leonardi, Lesley Graham & John Graham, Colleen Bakes.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Lillian Upton 24.07.2023, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Cesar 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, 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 28 July 2025

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass  
10.00am Mater - Mass  
6.00pm Holy Rosary  
**Adoration and Penance**

### Tuesday 29 July 2025

**Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus**  
8.30am St James' - Penance  
9.00am St James' - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

### Wednesday 30 July 2025

**St Peter Chrysologus**  
8.00am Shalom - Mass  
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 31 July 2025

**St Ignatius of Loyola**  
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Friday 1 August 2025

**St Alphonsus Liguori**  
11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

### Saturday 2 August 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

### Sunday 3 August 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

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

### Second Reading

*Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

### Gospel

*Luke 12: 13-21*



BARRY SAUTHERON

TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
100PM

*Holy Rosary Catholic Church.*



## St Mary's Sunday School

**When:** Each Sunday after  
9.00am Mass.

**Where:** St Patrick's Hall.

For children and youth 3yrs old  
—16years.

**Contact:** Dr Presly Vaughese  
(Principal) and Josmy Jithin  
(Vice Principal).

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

## OTHER CONTACTS

Graham White: 4887 3080

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.



Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

©LPi

## 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 .

## 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.

A flyer for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The top left corner has a small logo that says "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". The main title is "BECOMING A CATHOLIC" in large, bold, red letters. Below it, in smaller text, is "Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?". The bottom half of the flyer features a photograph of a winding river through a landscape. Overlaid on the bottom of the flyer is a yellow box with the text "Explore and Discover" in a script font, followed by "A wonderful journey to discover the richness of our faith" in a smaller font. At the very bottom, another yellow box contains the text "For more information, please contact Pauline at 07 4151 6666".