

### 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

2nd/3rd August 2025

# Being Rich in What Matters to God

by: *Dr Ken Arensll*  
Coordinator MenAlive



The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) offers a powerful reflection on what truly matters—a theme that resonates deeply with the mission of the MenAlive national men's ministry.

The Gospel reading from Luke 12:13–21 tells the parable of the rich fool, a man who stores up wealth but neglects his soul. Jesus warns, *“This night your life will be demanded of you... So it is with those who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”* This echoes the heart of MenAlive’s mission: to awaken men to the deeper meaning of life, beyond material success or worldly distractions.

### MenAlive exists to:

- Bring men together in authentic brotherhood
- Renew their faith in God
- Encourage them to become active forces of renewal in their families, parishes, and communities

The first reading from Ecclesiastes laments the futility of labouring for wealth that will pass to others. The second reading from Colossians urges believers to *“seek what is above”* and *“put to death... greed, which is idolatry.”* These readings challenge men to reclaim their spiritual identity and live with purpose rooted in Christ.

### MenAlive responds to this call by:

- Creating spaces for men to reflect on their lives and faith
- Offering weekends and programs that reignite spiritual passion

Helping men rediscover their role in God’s plan

The rich fool in the Gospel thought he had years to enjoy his wealth, but he was unprepared for eternity. MenAlive invites men to live intentionally, not on autopilot, and to become *“rich in what matters to God”*—faith, relationships, service, and love.

This Sunday’s readings are a wake-up call. And MenAlive is, in our parish, an opportunity for men to answer to that call.

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 Jenés**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

**Dr Presly Varghese**

**Mr Matthias Visona**

**Mr Michael Walker**

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**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 News and Announcements

**THE DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL:** is on this weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August and is a collective effort to sustain several vital ministries across our Diocese.

**This appeal supports:**

- Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre
- First Nations Ministry
- The Catholic Prison Ministry
- The Western Pastoral Ministry

**Your faith enriching lives**

Donate today to help support these important Ministries.

[www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate)



These ministries serve people in very different circumstances, but they all share a common mission: to bring compassion, hope, and the presence of Christ to those who need it. You may choose to donate to a specific ministry or have your donation spread equally among all four.

Donation envelopes are available at the end of the pews at all Masses this weekend or donations can be made at any time through the donations portal on the website or by using the QR code.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.**



**ALPHA:** Guests, hosts, helpers and welcomers gathered together last Thursday to begin our first Parish 'home' Alpha. Hospitality was enjoyed before an afternoon of lively, engaged conversations, following viewing of the video 'Is There More To Life Than This?' 'Who is Jesus?' is the second video in the series.

**Parishioners are invited to continue as Prayer Partners in supporting participants throughout this Alpha 8 week course.**



## 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 .

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO PRESENTED BY GRAHAM WHITE (Diocesan Professional Standards & Safeguarding Manager):** is now available for viewing by those parishioners who were unable to attend the annual March training held in the Parish Office.

You can access the training on-line by clicking on the below link, or it can be viewed in the Parish Office between **9.00am-2.00pm**.

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-training-2025/>

**Please note** the online training will have questions after each section. This will enable you to complete the training all at once or broken into smaller sections. Once completed your name will be automatically updated in the Safeguarding register.

The viewing of the video in the Parish Office does not include the questions. The hope is this will allow parishioners who do not have email addresses or are not particularly computer savvy to complete this yearly training at a time suitable to them.

**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



THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS

### Parish Ladies Dinner

Wednesday, 13th August 2025 6.00 pm

Brothers Sports Club

Leprechaun Room

Special Guest:

Judy Pidcock

Ticket Price  
**\$35pp**

Come along to meet  
*old and new friends*

Tickets are now on sale at the  
Parish Office until  
Wednesday 6 August  
(Cash Only)

Limited Tickets  
Available

There will be a Lucky Door  
prize and raffles

**CWL MONTHLY MEETING:** Will be held in St Patrick's Hall on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August** commencing at **9.30am** with morning tea and the meeting to follow at **10.00am**. New members are always welcome.

**CWL DATE CLAIMER:** CWL will hold a Birthday Luncheon on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** to celebrate it's 60th year.

Save  
the  
Date

**COMBINED BRISBANE AND BUNDABERG MALE VOICE CHOIR:** You are invited to a free afternoon of Sacred Music and Song . Presented by The Bundaberg Festival of Praise. Ann Street Gospel Chapel, cnr Ann & Princess Street, East Bundaberg, **Saturday August 16th at 2.30pm**.

**WINTER CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** St Vincent de Paul Bundaberg have donated a selection of winter clothing for Men, Women and Children. These items will be available in the Novakoski Centre on **Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9.00am-11.00am**.



**PRIEST FORMATION WEEK:** Fr Don & Fr Anthony will be attending the priests' formation from Monday – Thursday this week. We pray for them and all our priests of the Diocese who will gather for the formation experience. Please note that Liturgy Word and Communion will replace most Mass for most of these days. The after hours phone for emergencies will remain in operation. Our Hospital Chaplains and Faith Visitors will be on call if required.

### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Marie Logan (Clifton), Janine Wylie, Lucille Gott, Barry Southeron, Nicolina Biondi (Beerwah), Mary Mathews, Feliciano Deocallo, Santa Leonardi.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Terence Cagney 4.08.1990, Genoveffa Lituri 7.08.2023, Javita Porciuncula Espiritu 15.08.2012, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney & Gloria Mary Collins, 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, m, Br Ted Magee, John Boniface Edwards, Joseph Galea, 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 4 Aug 2025

**St John Vianney**

9.00am St Patrick's – LWC

6.00pm **Adoration and  
Penance Cancelled**

### Tuesday 5 Aug 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance  
Cancelled

9.00am St James' - LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's –LWC

### Wednesday 6 Aug 2025

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8.00am Shalom - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

### Thursday 7 Aug 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

### Friday 8 August 2025

**Mary McKillop**

11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition

12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass

### Saturday 9 August 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

### Sunday 10 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

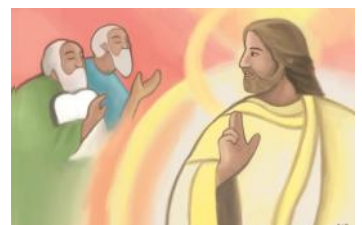
*Wis 18:6-9*

### Second Reading

*Heb 11.1-2, 8-19*

### Gospel

*Luke 12: 32-48*



## EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP

Join with us for praising and worship.

Know God through scriptures

Hospitality provided

Novakoski Hall 10.00am

Every 2nd Sunday of the month

Next gathering

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Everyone 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](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.



Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

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A graphic with a soft, watercolor-style background in shades of green and yellow. The word "welcome" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script in a dark red color. Below it, in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, are the words "TO OUR PARISH".

## NEW PARISHIONERS GATHERING

A great opportunity to get to know you and engage with the Parish

28 AUGUST 2025 5.30PM  
at the Parish Office

RSVP 21 Aug 2025, Parish Office at 07 41516666

Light refreshments  
will be served

A small, circular logo featuring a cross and the words "PARISH OFFICE".

For more information please  
call the Parish Office



## 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

Please click on the QR Code or the link

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

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