

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

Office Hours: 9:00 - 1:00 PM Monday to Friday
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Parish

4th/15th February 2023

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Next week we begin our Sacramental Preparation time with the children and their families who have registered to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. At this stage there are over 60 children registered for preparation.

Preparation for the sacraments has changed over the years.

The process once relied on preparing the children for a moment in their lives at a certain age rather than preparing them for a way of life that is fueled by the sacraments, celebrated within a Catholic Christian community. The sacraments are no longer seen as “holy things” acquired along the way, to be ticked off on a checklist of Catholic requirements, that are over and done with once they are celebrated. Sacraments have nothing to do with completing a workbook or memorizing theologies. Faith is not learnt from a textbook. They are introductions, an initiation into a way of life. Sacraments equip us to be missionary disciples, apprentices of Jesus, bringing about the kingdom of God.

There are some basic beliefs that guide the sacramental team’s planning. First and foremost is the understanding that parents are the primary educators of their children in faith. Vatican II affirmed this emphatically. The family is the domestic Church. This is the place where faith in God is planted and nourished; this is the place where love in all its forms is expressed; this is the place where children learn how to love, respect, forgive, show gratitude, ask for forgiveness, wonder at the beauty of creation. We support the parents in their role.

Secondly, sacraments arise from our lived experiences, where all faith grows, and we try to incorporate that into our catechetical program. Our sacramental team will present sessions to parents and parents and children together in ways that their present, lived experience, is linked with the stories, traditions, rites and rituals of our Church. We cannot teach about the Eucharist without first asking about their experience of sharing family meals; nor about Reconciliation with never having experienced forgiveness.

Lastly, we believe that the faith community coming together for its liturgy is where the Gospel is made manifest. The Gospel is heard and lived beyond the gathering. Sacraments are celebrations; they are actions of the community. The symbols, rituals, and signs used in the liturgy are powerful, none more so than those used in the rites of the sacraments: water, oil, bread, wine, anointing, Sign of the Cross, candle, fire etc. The liturgy is always communal, not private, and always calls us to discipleship.

The key question for all of us seems to be: what difference do the sacraments make in our life, regardless of the era in which they were celebrated?

Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental
Co-Ordinator



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

Br Ted Magee
Executive Officer/Stewardship

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Finance & Marketing Officer

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Presly Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

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Mr Michael Walker

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

ADULT FAITH - "The Mass": – The **Collection** and the **Presentation of the Gifts** herald the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Here we recognize that everything is God's gift and the gifts (money, bread and wine) that we offer God, are what God has already given us: *through your goodness we have received the bread (wine) we offer you.* Everything we are and have, is God's gift to us. Every situation and circumstance, every material thing we live among, every thought in our minds linked to the love in our hearts owe their existence to God. Our very being comes from Him; without Him we simply would not be, nor would any situation in which we find ourselves – we are utterly dependent. The words "the work of human hands" invite us to remember all the people, including ourselves – a whole production line of people - involved with God in the production of these gifts. (Notes from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

CHAPLAINS' MEETING : A meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday February 6th** at **2.00pm** .

CWL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : Will be held on **Tuesday February 7th 2023.** Commencing with Mass in Holy Rosary Church at 12.15pm followed by a Catered lunch in Novakoski Centre. A reminder that your subs(\$35) are now due, please place them in an envelope with your name. The usual raffle will be held. For more information contact Maureen (4152 1263).

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The 2023 program begins on **Wednesday, 8th February**, 5.30pm in the Parish Office. This session is for Parents only on the topic "Remembering Baptism". Children must be baptised, 8+ years old, to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Registration forms are available through the parish office, 4151 6666.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION : We begin a six-week program, commencing on **Monday, February 13th**, with a reflective study of the Nicene Creed.

Our aim is to depth our understanding of the words we proclaim each Sunday and make practical the tenets of our faith in our everyday living.

The course will be delivered by DVD input from Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire) and augmented with notes and discussion time for all participants.

The two sessions commence at 1.00pm and 5.15pm each Monday.

It would be good to commit to the six weeks but attendance at any of the sessions would be valuable.

Registration is not compulsory but would help us in preparation of materials.

We look forward to welcoming you as together we deepen our understanding and the practice of our Faith.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Evangelisation Brisbane has produced a booklet "**From Ashes to Hope**" of daily reflections for Lent.

Copies of these are **now available** from the **Parish Bookstore and Office.**

The cost is **\$5.00.**

Scripture Readings, a reflection, questions for personal reflection and a daily prayer form the contents for each day.

A great personal resource as we celebrate our Lenten journey!

VISITATION MEETING: A Visitation meeting will be held in the Parish Office **Wednesday, February 15th** at **10.30am.** Guest Speaker will be Frank Fiorenza (NightWatch Chaplains).

All currently in this ministry and those wishing to know more are welcome.

CALENDAR REMINDER: Bargara Passionist Family Group will hold their 1st function, A Breakfast BBQ on **Sunday, February 26th** from **9.00am** at the Basin (in front of the Golf Club). BYO food, drinks and chair.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS for 2023: Twice weekly sessions **Tuesday** and **Friday** at **10.00am -10.30am** followed by Morning Tea. Sessions are held in the Chapel in the Parish Office. New members who would like to learn about Meditation are very welcome. Contact: Joe McCorley (0418727845) or just turn up.

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation to the Parish by direct debit, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank You.**



Parish News and Announcements

3RD ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY'S: On **Saturday, February 11th** we will remember the blessings bestowed on our community from all who worshipped at St Mary's Church over the years.

Before the Mass at approx. **7.10am** we will present a short video using our archival material and featuring some memories of parishioners. All are welcome. If you would like a copy of the production, please supply a USB to the office and we will download the video for you. The video will be posted on our Youtube channel.

FRIDAY EXPOSITION and MASS: Last Friday saw us return to a time of prayer, sacrament and devotions in Holy Rosary Church.

It is proposed to continue Exposition and Mass each Friday at Holy Rosary.

The rhythm of the time will be:

11.00am Exposition commences.

11.30am Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

12 noon Recitation of the Angelus and the Blessing to conclude Exposition.

12.15pm Mass. This special time each Friday may be a wonderful addition to your pattern of prayer each week.

CHURCH LINEN ST. PATRICK'S : We are **urgently** seeking assistance with the washing and ironing of Church Linen at St Patrick's. We are grateful to our volunteers who have carried out this task in the past, particularly If you can help, on a roster basis, please contact the office and inform Sandy who will arrange the roster. Thanks.

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au



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Recently Baptised:

Charlie Jeffery Hammond and Liam Elijah Dahl.



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony (Tony) Mooney, Joe Attard, Vaughan Johnson, Lisa Helen Zorzan, Shirley Ryan, Cardinal George Pell, Colleen Mary Brown, Antoinette Bromwich, Fred Galea, Gerard King, Althea Brotto.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Carmel Bryen 30.01.2022.

FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED: Tony Mooney, Joe Attard, Margaret Morris, Ron Cook, Mick and Mary Galea, deceased relatives of Galea & Zahra Families, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Kevin and Doris Whalley, Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls,



LITURGIES

Monday 6 February 2023

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 7 February 2023

St Paul Miki

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 8 February 2023

St Jerome & St Josephine

8.00am Shalom College Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 9 February 2023

6.30am St Patrick's-Mass

Friday 10 February 2023

St Scholastica

11.00am Holy Rosary
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 11 February 2023

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

12 February 2023
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

Second Reading

Corinthians: 2:6-10

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

What's On!

Mark the date in your Calendar

February

11 St Mary's 3rd Anniversary

22 Ash Wednesday

23 Anointing Mass

PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, 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

Diocesan website for more information:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

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

OTHER CONTACTS

Mrs Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding

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St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

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

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.

Live the Liturgy

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Bundaberg Religious Instruction Cooperative (BRIC)

Invites all existing RI Instructors and potential Instructors to our

Bundaberg and District Training Day

Thursday 16th February, 2023

9.00 – 2.30

The Apostolic Church of Queensland,
324 Ashfield Road,
Bundaberg.

The completion of three modules is highly recommended. Module 1 will be presented the evening before, Wednesday 15th of February, at 7pm, at the Novakoski Centre, 70 Woongarra Street, next to the Holy Rosary Church

Please RSVP to Pauline Merefield asap pauline.merefield@gmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

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| 7.00am | Holy Rosary |
| 8.00am | Shalom College |
| 9.00am | Bargara |
| 12.15pm | Holy Rosary |
| 5.30pm | St Patrick's |



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.**



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