

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

9th/10th August 2025

Parish Financials

In this space for the weekend 19/20 July, you would have read the letter from Fr. Peter Bang from the Central West Parishes, thanking Bundaberg Parish for our donation which assisted them to renovate the presbyteries in Longreach and Blackall.

I'm sure you share the same joy that I do in knowing that we can reach out to other parishioners in this very meaningful and effective way. We can do this because of our financial stability, which is the long-term result of shared responsibility, generosity and dedicated stewardship of Parish assets. As well as our Planned Giving cornerstone, bequests and donations and the careful management thereof have been the financial building blocks for this Parish.

Our firm financial foundation is also the result of some grief and physical and emotional loss which, a few years ago, we experienced with the tragic St. Mary's church fire. Consequent to this, the Parish received an insurance settlement, and then when we were told that re-building was not an option, we sold the site to St. Vincent de Paul. You will notice that SVdP has started their development of a community centre which will provide a much-needed element of care to Bundaberg – a very fitting outcome for the St. Mary's site.

We can look with confidence towards the future as long as we continue to apply fiscal stewardship, which includes inflation-proof income, control of expenses, maintaining adequate reserves and maintaining the non-financial assets which facilitate our Parish functions.

Your Parish Finance Council maintains a watchful oversight of the financial trends, all of which are reasonably healthy when we examine the past five years as an example. In summary, comparing the year ending 30 June 2021 to the year ending 30 June 2025:

- ◆ Your giving has increased by 31%
- ◆ Total income has increased by 27%
- ◆ Total expenses have increased by 13%
- ◆ Balance Sheet is stable.

We live and move and have our being as a family of believers. We believe in God's Word, and we believe in God's Work. What we say and do can be the very human image of His Teachings. Nothing brings His Love to life more than how we treat our fellow man. Being able to function as a Parish which demonstrates compassionate support and outreach in our day-to-day and longer-term activities can form the basis of the being of our family Parish. Thank you for your dedicated support and stewardship.

Norm Whyte
Parish Finance Council Chair

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

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd
who calls us by name and asks us to
follow You.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts
of those who You are calling to the
Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Give them courage to respond to
their vocation to serve Your Church.

May all of us seek to know You better,
to faithfully follow Your call to
holiness, and proclaim the Gospel to
the world.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

We give thanks for the vocation of Priesthood



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 .



60 years of CWL

in
The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



Prior to the Luncheon
Our Celebrations will
commence with
Mass in
St Patrick's Church
Power Street
Bundaberg
at 10.30am

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
The Leprechaun Room
Brothers Sports Club
11.30am



Grant I ask you, Lord,
A blessing on the works performed by
the members of the Catholic Women's League.
I pray that, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
and through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians,
more women will become participating
members of the Catholic Women's League.
Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

Imprimatur W. Brennan

\$25.00
per
person

RSVP by 26 Aug

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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 at the Ann Street Gospel Chapel, cnr Ann & Princess Street, East Bundaberg, **Saturday August 16th at 2.30pm.**

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

welcome
TO OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONERS GATHERING

We would love to get to know you and help you to engage with the Parish

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025 5.30PM
at the Parish Office

RSVP 21 Aug 2025, Parish Office at 07 41516666

Light refreshments
will be served



For more information please
call the Parish Office

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY COORDINATOR

PART TIME | 15 HOURS PER WEEK

We are seeking a compassionate and organised individual to join our parish team as a Bereavement Ministry Coordinator. This rewarding role involves providing pastoral care and support to families experiencing loss, coordinating funeral liturgies, and working closely with clergy and volunteers.

As we are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults at risk, a national police check is required for this role.

For a copy of the Position Description or to apply, please email
✉ bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

APPLY NOW!

Applications should include a cover letter outlining your suitability and availability for the role and a resume with two professional references.

Applications close:
Monday, 25th August 2025, 09:00am

SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY (SEJWP): The next meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday 18th August at 4.00pm**. If you are wanting to join or are curious to know more, Everyone is welcome.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Conway (Sydney), Leslie Elsey, Marie Logan (Clifton), Janine Wylie, Lucille Gott, Barry Southeron, Nicolina Biondi (Beerwah), Mary Mathews.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Kenneth Small 14.08.2021, 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, Marie Schneider 5.07.2024.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Joyce Galea, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney & Gloria Mary Collins, Cesar Panares, Eva Mary Courte, Karl Frazer, Gerry Walsh, George, Georgey Junior, and Zillah Geiger, Ron Cook, 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 11 Aug 2025

St Clare

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

Tuesday 12 Aug 2025

St Jane Frances de Chantal

8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 13 Aug 2025

St Pontian & St Hippolytus

8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 14 Aug 2025

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
5.45pm St James' - Vigil Mass

Friday 15 August 2025

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am St Patrick's- Mass
11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 16 August 2025

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

Sunday 17 August 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary

Solemn Mass

9.00am St Patrick's- Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel

Luke 12: 49-53

A celebration for the life of

BARRY SOUTHERN

TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST
1.00 PM

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

BLANKET BUDDIES

- Wednesday Weekly
- 9.00am-12.00noon
- Novakoski Centre
(Behind Holy Rosary Church).

Blanket Buddies gather every week for a cuppa and a chat while knitting and crocheting items that support our local community and Country.

Everyone is 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/>

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

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.



There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag-previously unknown to them-were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us – the kingdom of God – everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Zip-lock bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

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Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion
Congratulations! to all the children who celebrated their Confirmation and First Holy Communion over the past weekends. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire you throughout your life. May you think of Jesus' love for you each time you receive Holy Communion, and thank him for all he has done for you.

As you journey throughout your life, remember that God's love is with you always – to comfort you, to guide you, and to bless you. To be a child of God is a blessing for a lifetime.

