

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

21st

Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

23rd/24th August 2025

"Who will be Saved"

Luke 13:22-30

I think that not only myself, but many people puzzle over this excerpt from the Gospel according to Luke, because we're quite unhappy to hear Jesus saying what seems to us to be such harsh things.

From the beginning remember now that it is Luke, Paul's friend, and it was Paul who converted him, the only Gentile to be writing the sacred word of scripture in the Old and New Testament, Luke.

He begins this episode, by saying, "Jesus now passes through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem."

Then someone in the crowd says, "Lord, how many people are going to be saved? Who's going to go to heaven? Who's going to go to hell? Can you tell us now?"

That's why Jesus is angry. He has just finished telling them what it's all about. It has nothing to do with the next life. It has everything to do with this life. He has walked, and he's walking and teaching and preaching, and he is going to Jerusalem, and he will suffer, and he will die, and he will rise from the dead. That's the whole message.

Jesus is saying, "Follow me and I will show you how you can heal them and help them and bring them to a life they never dreamed of."

So, he's rather harsh.

Then he says, "Enter by the narrow gate." Enter by the narrow gate.

It sounds like just a few people are going to be saved, you know, the narrow gate.

Yet look at us. We all entered this church through the narrow gate.

We entered this church through the narrow gate because we wanted to come into this church and be in this church and today participate in this ritual of God's love and care and Jesus' salvation.

It means you must focus your heart and focus your attention and then you come through the narrow gate into a very large and lovely church, and we break bread together

and sing songs and become the people of God.

That's what the narrow gate is. You must maintain your focus. You must know where you're going, where you want to go. Our focus is to open our hearts and see the call of Jesus and walk in the way He tells us to walk.

He's in our hearts, even when we're running all over the place unfocused, no attention, not caring, and then blaming everybody around us for the unhappiness of our lives.

I'm going to end with this very short story I want you to imagine. It's a story of a vagrant, an alcoholic, who was sitting outside our church.

He smells a bit, he's not acceptable to the community, he's left there. He's quite disappointed, because every time he wants to walk in, one of the big guys pushes him out onto the steps. Then suddenly, another little old vagrant comes and sits next to him, and he says, "What's wrong with you? He says, "I've been trying to get into this church, but they won't let me in. I feel terrible, I'm being rejected. The other little vagrant says, "Don't feel bad, they've rejected me too." The other vagrant says, "Well, who are you?"

He says, "I'm Jesus Christ. They reject me all the time."

This story has got a great truth to it.

The truth is that the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus came to preach is already in your own heart. You don't have to go running around reading theology books and doing all...

The Kingdom of God is in your own heart, and you must pay attention to it.

The voice in your heart is your conscience and the voice of your heart is saying, "Focus!" Walk the way that He tells you to walk and you will find love and you will find forgiveness and you will find compassion and you will find hope.

Follow Him and you will be, as you already are, in the Kingdom.

By Bill Goodwin
Principal
St Mary'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.

Parish News and Announcements

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

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Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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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



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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO : 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 link below.

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

SPECIAL SCREENING OF SAFEGUARDING VIDEO: Will be shown in the Parish Office on **Tuesday 9th September** at either **10.30am** or **5.30pm**. The video runs for 1 hour.

It can also be viewed any day (Mon-Fri) in the Parish Office between **9.00am-2.00pm**.

LADIES DINNER THANK YOU: The Passionist Family Group would like to thank all those involved in making the night a success. The Brothers Club again provided us with the venue. We are very grateful, for their continued support of our parish events.

JOHN MAIN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ONLINE -BUNDABERG: Silent Prayer of the Heart.

A Journey towards the gift of Contemplative Prayer.

You are invited to participate in this silent form of prayer, **Wednesdays at 7.00pm online** at a zoom gathering. If you are interested, leave your email address with the Parish Office and a link will be forwarded to you. A Guide and Trial is available if you haven't prayed this way before. For more information contact the Parish Office.

The order of the prayer gathering will be:

3-5 minute (Welcome and relaxing preparation) Opening John Main prayer.

20 minute (Meditation) 3-5 minute (Closing Prayer and conclusion). **Everyone is welcome.**

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

FATHERS DAY CEMETERY WORKING BEE: Saturday, August 30th from 7.00am – 9.00am You are welcome to join the group who will ensure that the cemetery is in fine shape for Fathers Day. Whipper-snippers/ mowers/rakes/wheelbarrows and the like will be useful. Thanks.



ALPHA RETREAT: A retreat experience is a highlight of Alpha courses. All parishioners are invited to a Retreat/Reflection afternoon on **Saturday 6th September** at St James's Church. You do not need to be a guest of the current Alpha course to join the Retreat. The afternoon begins with a welcome Sausage Sizzle at **12.00 noon** and concludes at **4.30pm**. Afternoon tea is provided.

The NET members will join and lead some afternoon sessions.

Register your interest by phoning the parish office on 41516666.

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



Parish News and Announcements

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: If you are new to our parish we would love to say welcome. A gathering will be held in the Parish Office this **Thursday 28th August** from **5.30pm-6.30pm**. Light refreshments will be served. This will be an opportunity to meet the Priests, members of our Stewardship and Finance Council and Parish staff. Please contact the Parish Office (41516666) by **Monday 25th August**.



ANointing MASS: The monthly anointing mass will be held on **Thursday 28th August** in Holy Rosary Church at **10.00am**. Morning Tea will be served afterwards in Novakoski Centre. **Everyone is welcome.**

REMINDER: St Vincent de Paul – Leaving Collection will be held next weekend **30th/31st August** at all Masses. Please come prepared. Collectors will be at the doors of the churches as you leave. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.



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in

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

\$25.00
per
person

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

Please note a
continuous
raffle will be held
on the day.
All funds will go to
Cancer

RSVP by 26 Aug

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WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gwenovlina Mapa (Philippines), Bob Newberry (Traralgon Vic) Judith Conway (Sydney), Leslie Elsey, Marie Logan (Clifton), Janine Wylie, Lucille Gott, Barry Southeron.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Lina Baggetto 30.09.2012, Kerry Maiké 08.09.1995, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, Pietro Giuseppe "Peter" Felesina 1.09.2001, Damian Mullins 1.09.2024, Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Kenneth Small 14.08.2021, Terence Cagney 4.08.1990, Genoveffa Lituri 7.08.2023, Jovita Porciuncula Espiritu 15.08.2012, Stan Bryant 19.07.2023, Marie Schneider 5.07.2024.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Szigmund, James & Kelly Families, Jem Ireland, Bill Ireland, Lily Ballinger, Hannah McCall Kemp, Robert Potter, Ron Cook, Ramon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Joyce Galea, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney & Gloria Mary Collins, 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 25 Aug 2025

St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration and Penance

Tuesday 26 Aug 2025

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

Wednesday 27 Aug 2025

St Monica

8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 28 Aug 2025

St Augustine

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Anointing Mass

Friday 29 August 2025

The Passion of

St John the Baptist

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 30 August 2025

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

Sunday 31 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

Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

PRAY FOR

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

Emalyn Elsie Jones
Edward Wayne Jones
Maxwell Henry Jones



PRAYER GROUPS

CHRISTIAN UNITY

PRAYER GROUP:

Will gather for Prayer and fellowship

on **Tuesday, August 26th**

at the Holy Rosary,

Catholic 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/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk commitment statement and policy:**
www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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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.



I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

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