

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

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Welcome to the Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

6th/7th September 2025

St Carlo Acutis -A young Person who Speaks to Our Times

The internet today is such a big part of our lives – hard to imagine a world without WIFI. Carlo Acutis, born in 1991, set to be canonised by Pope Leo later today in Rome, will be known as the patron saint of internet users and holds much promise as a saint that can inspire the world, and guide the world on the good that the internet holds.

The internet existed in one form or another in 1970s, but its key developments were in 1990s. Carlo passed away in 2006 after a battle with leukemia. But during his school years and then after school, he was a brilliant student of information technology. There are many today who are highly skilled in this discipline, but with some context, we remember that if you were good at IT in the 1990s you were a breakthrough sort of person. Carlo was proficient in his work of creating websites, writing computer programs, all of which is straightforward today – but it wasn't in his lifetime. He especially saw the potential for the good of the internet, and that's what he spent his short life promoting.

In 2021, I had the chance to visit his tomb. Carlo is buried in the famous Italian town of Assisi. He asked to be buried there with St. Francis and St. Clare, two saints, who like Carlo spoke to the world of their time about the good that can be done. He was beatified in 2020, and quickly has become popular, especially among young people. When I visited his tomb, I was amazed at the crowds of young people from all over the world who came to pray and to be inspired by Carlo's story, especially by all the good he had done, and his holiness, his closeness to God and how he drew great strength and courage from Christ during his illness.

It was Pope Francis who beatified Carlo, so a couple of quotes from what Pope Francis has said about him is relevant for today, as we await to hear what Pope Leo's thoughts are later tonight from Rome.

"Carlo Acutis saw that many young people, like himself - want to make a difference, and from the gospel

perspective make a critique of whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction and stand out for what is good." (homily, Mass of beatification, Assisi, Oct 10th, 2020).

"It is true that the digital world can expose you to the risk of self-absorption and, isolation. But in those early days of the internet, Carlo showed a love of the good. Carlo understood the internet world carries its risks. Yet he knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty. He is a young person who speaks to our times." Angelus, St. Peter's Square Oct 11, 2020.

We look forward to the prayers and companionship of St. Carlo Acutis on our continuing journey of faith.

St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us.



by: Fr Don White

Parish Priest V.G

Parish News and Announcements

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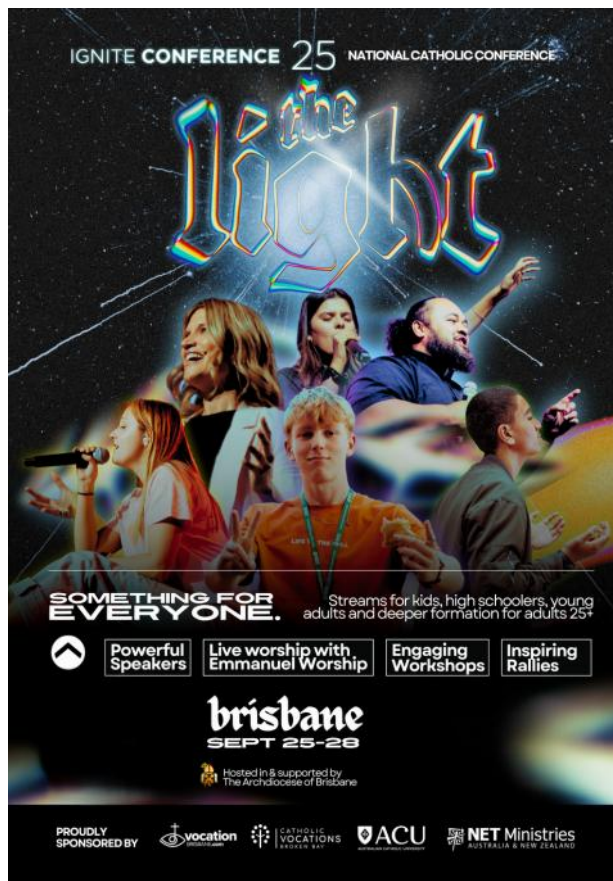
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara



Ignite Conference:

The Light

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for young Catholics to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way.

All high school students are welcome to travel down to Brisbane for the 2025 conference with the NET team as part of our diocesan group. This year Ignite runs from **September 25th to 28th**.

For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or



youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

SPECIAL SCREENING OF SAFEGUARDING VIDEO: If you have not yet watched the yearly training session, a special screening 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**.

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/>

IN STOCK NOW: GIDGEE UNDER THE CROSS-Coal dust and sugar in the blood.

A history of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton founded in 1882, written by Maree Ganley. The Parish Office Bookstore has limited copies available for purchase at \$60.00.



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.

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

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

from: The Passionist Family Group

Happy Father's Day!

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

New Parishioners Gathering

Last Thursday in the Parish Office we had a very successful gathering of new parishioners, clergy, staff and members of the Stewardship and Financial Council.

We welcomed eighteen new parishioners and learned a little about them. We hope they felt welcome and a part of our very friendly community.



VISITATION MEETING: The next monthly Visitation meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th September**, in the Parish Office at **10.00am**. If you are interested in this ministry you are most welcome to come along and find out more. Morning Tea will be provided, so come along for a cuppa and a chat.

CWL THANKYOU: The CWL committee would like to thank all those who attended the 60year Celebration Mass officiated by Fr Don and Fr Anthony. A fundraising luncheon followed with monies raised going to Cancer Research. This milestone would never have been achieved without the tireless work of so many ladies to keep the league alive.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP –DONATION RECIPIENTS: The recent Ladies dinner was well supported by our many Parishioners and Parish groups. They would like to thank the Blanket Buddies for the donation of a beautiful crochet blanket which was a prize on the night. Monies raised were donated to “Orange Sky” (helping the homeless) and Blanket Buddies who support the local community and communities throughout Australia.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John Chalmers, Veronica Evans-nee Novakoski (Gold Coast), Suzanne Ostermann, Gwenovlina Mapa (Philippines), Bob Newberry (Traralgon Vic) Judith Conway (Sydney), Leslie Elsey, Lucille Gott, Barry Southeron.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Bennett 6.09.2024, Jim Dunphy 10.09.2018, Siebert Schafer 13.09.2002, Dulcie Schafer 28.10.1995, Mila Schneider 30.08.2024, Malcolm Bell 5.09.2012, Judith Renshaw 22.08.2024, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Sergio De Paoli 20.09.2016, Agostino Asnicar 1.09.2019, Lina Baggetto 30.09.2012, Kerry Maike 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, Stan Bryant 19.07.2023.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ann Shamly, Kevin Goldsworthy (Canberra), Liz Strathdee, Paul & Lawrence Formosa & Grima Families, Kathleen & Stanton Saroff, Santa Leonardi, Pat Higgins, Szigmund, James & Kelly Families, Fr Pat Mooney, Attard & Zammit Families, Janine Wylie, 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, 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 8 Sep 2025

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

5.00pm St Patrick's

Indian Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration and Penance

Tuesday 9 Sep 2025

St Peter Claver

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 10 Sep 2025

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 11 Sep 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 12 Sep 2025

The Most Holy Name of Mary

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 13 Sep 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 14 Sep 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

Numbers 21: 4-9

Second Reading

Philippians 2-6-11

Gospel

John 3: 13-17

Blanket Buddies



Every Wednesday

9.00-12.00 noon

Held in Novakoski Centre.

Join us for some knitting & crocheting while having a cuppa and a chat.

All wool is provided and we are happy to teach anyone who is interested.

PRAYER GROUPS

Divine Mercy

Wednesday Weekly Devotions
Holy Rosary Church
after 12.15pm Mass
All are welcome.

The Angelus

Friday Weekly Devotions
Holy Rosary Church
12.00pm
All are welcome.

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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

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AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts

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.

Encourage

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

— Father John Muir

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven-his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

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