

### 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



13th/14th September 2025

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025**

**WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH**



Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

### *Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday*

You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of your wings till the storms of destruction pass by (Psalm 57:1). The storms of abuse have struck and have not yet passed by. We see the damage done and we seek shelter in you. Beneath your wings we gather the survivors and their loved ones, all the victims, living and dead. We gather those who work to bring healing and to make the Church a safe place for all. We gather all the faithful, the Body of Christ, bearing the wounds of the Cross. May the Church grow more like you, wings spread wide to provide shelter for all, till the storms of destruction pass by and peace without end has come.

Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

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**  
Seminarist

**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**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**St Mary's Principal**

**Mr Bill Goodwin**  
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**St Patrick's Principal**

**Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
[spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au)  
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**Shalom College**

**Principal**  
**Mr Dan McMahon**  
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Ph: 4155 8111

### CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**  
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

**St Patrick's Church**  
14 Powers Street

**St James' Church**  
38 See Street Bargara



**EUCCHARIST TRAINING:** This is an invitation to those in the parish who are new to this ministry or those who would like a refresher regarding the giving of the Body and Blood of Christ. The training will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 11.30am.** This will also give you the opportunity to ask questions regarding anything you are unsure of.

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY :** Come and join us as we celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday which will be held on the weekend of 4th/5th October.

To celebrate the diverse cultures we have in the Parish we would like to invite everyone to bring a plate from your native country to the following morning teas .

**Sunday 5th October : St James Bargara.**

**Sunday 12th October: Holy Rosary.**

**WOMENS RETREAT:** Join us with Sabrina Stevens (First Nations Ministry Coordinator)

for a gentle, uplifting morning as we explore what it means to live with hope and walk with light. Rooted in Catholic Faith, inspired by World Mission Day and St John Paul II's Letter to Women, this retreat is a sacred time for connection, renewal and reflection. Through prayer, storytelling, and community, we will honour the hope carried by generations of women and renew our own mission to be Christ's light in the world.

Date: **Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **9.00am-1.30pm**

Venue: **St James Church, Bargara**

Save  
the  
Date

**ALPHA:** Guests, hosts and NET members gathered at St James's Church last Saturday for an Alpha reflection afternoon. After sharing hospitality over a sausage sizzle, we watched several 'Holy Spirit' videos and engaged in discussion groups.

Inbuilt into the afternoon, were opportunities for personal and shared prayer. NET members lead us in song and shared personal testimonies.

As we draw to the conclusion of the second Alpha in this year of Jubilee, the retreat was a welcome highlight of the Alpha course.



**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/>

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

**Safeguard Training Feedback:** We would encourage those that have watched the Safeguarding Video to click on the QR code to give feedback or email your feedback to [pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au).



**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

Rite of  
Christian  
Initiation of  
Adults

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Do you know anyone interested  
in becoming a Catholic?

*Explore and Discover*

A wonderful journey to discover the richness of our faith

For more information, please contact  
Pauline at 07 4151 6666



### WHY BECOME CATHOLIC?

Every year we have adults in our parish who have chosen to become Catholic, and each has their own story. Each has been drawn to the Church by varied reasons and experiences in their life. Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith?

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a wonderful journey for adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith, and become one with the Church. It is a time when people can ask questions in a safe, quite informal environment. Why not contact the Parish Office this week? Ask for Pauline, and have a chat.



Members of our Social Ecological Justice Working Party  
along with staff from the Mater Hospital Bundaberg.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

On behalf of the SEJWP we gratefully accepted the donations from the Mater Hospital Staff of toiletries and personal items which will be given to Seasonal Workers in our area. If you would like to know more about (SEJWP)

#### Social Ecological Justice Working Party

The next meeting will be held on **Monday**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** at **4.00pm** in the Parish Office. If you are interested we invite you to come along. **New members are always welcome.**

**CEMETERY PRAYERS IN THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY:** Will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** at **9.30am**. Everyone is welcome.



### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mario Crawford (Nth Ireland), Fr John Chalmers, Veronica Evans-nee Novakoski (Gold Coast), Suzanne Ostermann, Gwenovlina Mapa (Philippines), Bob Newberry (Traralgon Vic) Judith Conway (Sydney).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Leopoldina De Araujo 7.03.2019, Joseph Anton Jendra 24.09.2007, 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:** Gerry Walsh, Zillah & George Geiger and Georgey Junior, Colin Mooney, Anthony Mooney, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, 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 15 Sep 2025

#### Our Lady of Sorrows

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration and Penance

### Tuesday 16 Sep 2025

#### St Cornelius, & St Cyprian

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

### Wednesday 17 Sep 2025

#### St Hildegard of Bigen &

#### St Robert Bellarmine

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 18 Sep 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Friday 19 Sep 2025

#### St Januarius

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Vietnamese Mass

### Saturday 20 Sep 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

### Sunday 21 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

*Amos 8: 4-7*

#### Second Reading

*Timothy 2-1-8*

#### Gospel

*Luke 16: 1-13*

### RECENTLY BAPTISED:

In

Holy Rosary Church

Austin David Sweetapple



**PRAYER GROUPS**  
**United Hearts Catholic**  
**Charismatic Group**

Next gathering will be held on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
commencing at 7.00pm in  
Novakoski Centre.

**ROSARY GROUP**

The Rosary Group meets every  
Tuesday at St Patrick's Church  
5.00pm and Thursday at Holy  
Rosary Church 5.30pm.

**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/](https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/)

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



**Encourage**  
Deeper Understanding of Scripture  
— Father John Muir

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness - rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

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**JOIN THE CONVERSATION**

**YOUNG ADULTS CONVERSATION GROUP:**



If you are aged between 17yrs and 35yrs, you are invited to come along to the Parish Office every **Sunday at 6.30pm.**

The group shares food, fellowship and conversation about the Catholic Faith.

**New members are warmly welcomed.**

**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.**

