

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

11th/12th October 2025

Catholic Missions

Here in Australia, October marks World Mission Month, a celebration of the global work of the Church and the dedication of missionaries, both religious and lay, as they reach out and support children and communities in need around the world.

In 2025, Socktober is raising funds for communities in Zambia, to help ensure access to regular and nutritious food, create opportunities for sustainable farming and help parents to earn a stable income giving families the chance to build a brighter future.



On World Mission Sunday, which falls on 19 October 2025, parish communities around the world will gather to pray for, and raise funds to support, the work of thousands of crucial church-run programs.

During the month of October St Joseph's School recognises the work of Catholic Mission Australia by holding a fundraising event.

Each year we participate in a Socktober activity. Socktober engages all students to make a difference by raising awareness and critical funds for mission programs supporting children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds in many countries around the world. (socktober.org.au)

This year students will come to school wearing "crazy socks" as a fun way to raise funds to donate to Catholic Mission.



As well as a fun way to engage with this important mission, it is a great opportunity for our students to learn about one of the many ways in which the Catholic Church cares for others.

It is an active and authentic way to make a difference in the world and is based on the main principals of Catholic Social Teachings of Human Dignity, The Common Good, Subsidiarity, Solidarity, Preferential Option for the Poor and Stewardship of Creation. These become the foundations of our actions for social Justice.

Students at St Joseph's will be able to follow in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop and others like her to build a better world.



By Laura Campbell
APRE
St Joseph'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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Rev Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

Grant Sutherland
Seminarian

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Operations Manager

Ms Pauline Leahy
Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative

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

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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

Parish News and Announcements



Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

Most Reverend Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton

invites the people of the Diocese in this Jubilee Year to celebrate with him the:

Jubilee of Ordination

5.30pm, Tuesday 14th October

The Jubilee of Ordination will be acknowledging:
60 years - Fr Terry Stallard & Fr Terry Loth
10 years - Fr Samuel Okoroafor & Fr Kingsley Ihuoma

Jubilee of Opening of St Joseph's Cathedral

12.00pm, Wednesday 15th October at St Joseph's Cathedral.

Both Masses will be streamed on the St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton YouTube channel

menAlive Retreat

Dilexit Nos

“He Loved Us”

‘The importance of Heart’ and ‘Actions and Words of Love.’

Paul Chandler
Guest Speaker



Saturday 8 November
Shalom College

Breakfast is served at 7.30am

\$20.00
Cash only

Register at the Parish Office by Tuesday 4 November

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

PRIEST IN-SERVICE: 13th-15th October . All priests will be in Rockhampton during this time. Please note there will be **Mass on Monday 13th at 7.00am in St Patrick's**. There will be Liturgy, Word and Communion at the normal mass times. **Friday 17th October** will be **Mass celebrated in Holy Rosary at 12.15pm**.

We will keep the priests in our prayers during this time.

VISITATION MEETING: Will be held on **Wednesday 15th October** at **10.00am** in the Parish Office. If you would like to know more or are interested in joining this ministry you would be most welcome to attend.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on **Thursday 16th October** at **9.30am**. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: There will be a second collection next weekend **18th/19th October**. Envelopes can be found at the end of the seats or at the doors of the church to be taken home and returned the following weekend. We ask that you please support all Missionaries throughout the world.



WOMEN'S RETREAT: This Retreat will be facilitated by Sabrina Stevens. *Explore what it means to live with hope and walk with light.* The retreat will be held on **Saturday 25th**

October commencing at **10.00am** in St James Church Bargara. Participants are requested to register and pay at the Parish Office. **Cost \$20.00** (Cash Only).

TRAILER REQUIRED FOR PAGEANT OF LIGHTS: The organising committee for this year's Pageant of Lights is looking for the donation of a large trailer for our Parish Float. If you have a trailer that may be suitable please contact the Parish Office.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY: Thank you to the parishioners who supplied food at the three Masses last Sunday morning. It was wonderful to see the range of food provided by our culturally diverse community. If you have any photos taken on the day please send them into the Parish Office for publication in the monthly diocesan newsletter.

A Celebration for the life of

Jean Isobel Griffin

Monday 20th October 2025

11.00am

St Patrick's Catholic Church



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jean Griffin, Cathy Duffield, Lilly Vella (Sydney), Visminda Duroy, Janice Richardson, Beryl McDaniel, Peter Ellis, Victor Delarmente (Philippines), Ubaldo Baretta, Ruth Creron-Frame (Scotland), Mario Crawford (Nth Ireland), Fr John Chalmers,

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Colin Mooney 11.10.1995, Samuel Camilleri 27.10.1957, Gerard Drent 9.10.2024, Aaltje Drent 1.10.2011, Augustin Kunan 29.09, John Edward Clarke 25.09.1969, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: William Schafer, Siebert Schafer, Gerry Walsh, Marie Sonta, Zillah & George Geiger and Georgey Junior, Colin Mooney, Anthony Mooney, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, Kevin Attard & Zammit Families, Joyce Galea, Br Ted Magee, John Boniface Edwards, Joseph Galea, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 13 October 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration

Tuesday 14 October 2025

St Callistus I

9.00am St James' - LWC
5.30pm St Patrick's—LWC

Wednesday 15 October 2025

St Teresa of Jesus

8.00am Shalom-LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

Thursday 16 October 2025

St Hedwig &

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 17 October 2025

St Ignatius of Antioch

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

Saturday 18 October 2025

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

Sunday 19 October 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

Exodus 17: 8-13

Second Reading

2Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel

Luke 18: 1-8

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
RECENTLY BAPTISED:**

Ruby Grace Formosa

Joseph Paul Galea



**AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA
PUBLIC ROSARY:**

St Patrick's Church
Saturday, October 11th
Commencing at 2.30pm.
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

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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



Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

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MADE FOR MORE: An Introduction to the Spiritual Life

What: A weekend retreat for anyone aged 18-40

When: 24th-26th of October

Where: Discovery Parks – Coolwaters, Yeppoon



All young adults are invited to come away for a weekend to learn more about our faith, reflect on your life, and meet other young Catholics from across the diocese. Featuring seminarian, Grant Sutherland, and the Rockhampton NET team, the weekend will include presentations on the spiritual life, prayer, personal reflection, sacraments and fellowship. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. For any questions contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

18HRS WITH THE LORD : Adoration at Holy Rosary
commencing at **1.00pm Friday 31st October**, concluding
Saturday 1st November 7.00am.

Can you join us for an hour or so during that time?

The time will be devoted to praying for Peace in our World.

Nomination sheets are at the main door of each church.

Please nominate a time/s when you can take part in this Parish prayer time.

