

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

18th/19th October 2025

World Mission Day Appeal

Let us take a few moments and reflect on the astonishing gift that is our Christian and Catholic faith.

And if we have been on the Christian journey for a while now, then it is possible to lose the sense of awe and wonder in the gift that our faith is. World Mission Sunday helps us to return to some essential thoughts about our journey with Christ, as part of His Mystical Body here on earth.

There are many things about our lives of faith that enrich us, but just to focus on two. Firstly, on a personal level, we have the promises of Christ – that he would lead us to the truth about God, hear our cries of prayer, be with us until the end of time, and to give eternal life to all who turn to him and follow him. We may not notice those promises very much, but they are with us always, in all aspects of our lives through the virtue of faith, strengthening us and sheltering us amid life's challenges. For, to be able to hold to the substance of things we hope for, and to see and know them in our hearts of faith, is a gift given to us to elevate our minds and hearts to what is true, good, and beautiful as we explore life with Christ.

Secondly, faith takes us beyond personal circumstances and brings us into a reality that is bigger than ourselves. Faith broadens our horizons of life. We are part of a community faith that is both local and universal. Locally, we serve Christ together as part of his body among us – our parish and wider community. Then universally we are part of a worldwide communion that reaches out in the name of Christ to all peoples and cultures of the world. ***It is that universal dimension that we acknowledge and support in the appeal for World Mission Sunday.***

When it comes to Catholic missions, I am always reassured of how I can be part of something bigger, that helps someone less fortunate than I, and that gives a witness to Christ by the good works of others. I can support others who are called to go out and share Christ with those most in need somewhere in the world – people I do not know, and will never meet, but still the Gospel reaches them through the Church's missions which I can support. Just think of the help Ukrainian Catholics will need as the war drags on. And the tiny parish of the Holy Family in Gaza, where our brothers and sisters, caught in middle of a terrible conflict have had their parish church, school, and hospital all but destroyed. Consider also the work of Catholic Missions in Zambia that we read about on the appeal envelope.

The beauty of our faith is revealed in many ways, but by giving a small gift to be part of something much bigger is truly one of the inspiring things about our Catholic Missions appeal. Thank you for your generosity to past appeals, and I recommend the 2025 appeal to you.

by: Fr Don White

Parish Priest V.G



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
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
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Ms Madonna Davitt
Deputy Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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Dr Ken Avenell
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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

MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE
among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



WOMEN'S RETREAT: This Retreat will be facilitated by Sabrina Stevens.

Explore what it means to live with hope and walk with light.

BOOK NOW

Saturday 25th October in St James Church Bargara. Commencing at **10.00am** with Morning Tea. See below format for the day.

Session one 10.30am-12.30pm. **Lunch** 12.30pm-1.15pm **Session two** 1.15pm-3.15pm

Participants are requested to register and pay at the Parish Office. Cost \$20.00 (Cash Only).

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.

menAlive Retreat

Dilexit Nos

"He Loved Us"

'The importance of Heart' and 'Actions and Words of Love.'

Fr 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

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION SESSION, -Hosted by the Parish Stewardship Council.

Friday November 7th in the Parish Office. Commencing with light refreshments at **5.15pm**

TITLE: Synodality and the Spirituality of Leadership in a Parish.

This is a two part session covering some important aspects of parish life and the call to be a leader or participant in Christ's mission through our community of faith. **Fr. Don** will present a shortened version of his earlier talk (given to Men Alive) on the idea of *synodality* and how it is manifest in our parish community. Then **Fr. Paul Chandler O.Carm**, spiritual director of Holy Spirit Seminary will present a talk on the *Spirituality of Leadership in Parish Life Today*, especially using the gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit. **Fr. Don's** talk will begin at **5.40pm** and finish at 6pm, with opportunity for discussion after. **Fr. Paul's** talk will begin at **6.15pm** and finish at 6.45pm with opportunity for discussion after.

Please come along and enjoy this time of faith formation.

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.**



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SHALOM COLLEGE PRESENTS: An Afternoon of Beautiful Music.

You are invited to attend an afternoon of Beautiful Music presented by Shalom College Performing Arts, **Sunday 19th October** in **Holy Rosary Church** commencing at **2.00pm**. **Entry by Donation.**



SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY: Will hold a meeting in the Parish Office on **Monday 20th October** at **4.00pm**. New members always welcome.

CHILDREN'S MASS: The next Children's Mass will be held next **Sunday 26th October** in **St Patrick's Church** at **9.00am**. The Coffee Van will be available thanks to the ongoing generosity of Glenn and Andrea Windsor. **We ask that you bring along a plate for a shared Morning Tea.**



PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 150 years Celebration in 2025: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 6th November** in the Parish Office at **4.00pm**. Please come along if you have any memories and ideas you would like to share.

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.

ANointing MASS: The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 23rd October** at **10.00am** in Holy Rosary Church. Morning Tea will follow in The Novakoski Centre. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**



A Celebration for the life of

Jean Isobel Griffin

Monday 20th October 2025

11.00am

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Brian Francis Fordham

Friday 24th October 2025

2.00pm

Holy Rosary Catholic Church



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Fordham, Jean Griffin, Cathy Duffield, Lilly Vella (Sydney), Visminda Duroy, Janice Richardson, Beryl McDaniel, Peter Ellis, Victor Delarmente (Philippines), Ubaldo Baretta, Ruth Creron-Frame (Scotland),

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Gena Maude Bennett 25.10.1980, Alisandrina Maria Magliocco 22.10.2002, Frank Cafolla 29.10.2004, Frank Ewan 25.10.1971, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: William Schafer, Siebert Schafer, Gerry Walsh, Marie Sonta, 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 20 October 2025

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

Tuesday 21 October 2025

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

Wednesday 22 October 2025

St John Paul II

8.00am Shalom-Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 23 October 2025

St John of Capistrano

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

Friday 24 October 2025 St Anthony Claret

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

Saturday 25 October 2025

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

Sunday 26 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

Eccles 35: 12-14, 16-19

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel

Luke 18: 9-14

Available Now

at the Parish Office

\$22.00

GOD'S WORD

Daily Reflections

2026

For Advent

For Christmas

For Lent

For Easter

For Pentecost

For Trinity

For Corpus Christi

For Ascension



**Daily Reflections
for Advent
\$5.00**

PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on
Tuesday 21st October
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

**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.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding
-policies.html](http://www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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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.



8 October 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earlier in the year, I wrote to you about my plans to renew the sanctuary of our Cathedral of St. Joseph, the cathedral church of our diocese. I outlined that for both liturgical and practical reasons the sanctuary needs considerable renovation.

The present sanctuary was built in 1982, when the centenary year of the diocese was celebrated and the cathedral itself was finally completed. The sanctuary constructed then was intended as a temporary structure and that in good time, a permanent sanctuary would be created and built to replace it.

The experience of celebrating the church's liturgy in the cathedral since it was opened in 1894 and the development of the liturgy and its principles since then, now all inform our emerging vision for a renewed and permanent sanctuary. In creating this vision, consideration will be given to some practical issues such as the number of steps in the present sanctuary which can be problematic, the aged floorcoverings, appropriate lighting, along with the placing of the liturgical furniture from which the leadership of the liturgical assembly flows. Such considerations will only serve to enhance the beauty of the liturgy.

Seen in the light of the cathedral's many phases of development, this project then honours the generations of the faithful who have made generous contributions to the initial construction and later restorations of the beautiful gothic cathedral that is St. Joseph's. To put the sanctuary renewal project into effect, I gathered a group of advisors, and following their advice, I have now engaged an architectural firm which is currently undertaking the task of designing a draft of a renewed sanctuary for further consultation.

Over the next few weeks, I would like to place the Sanctuary Renewal Project before you in a more direct way, culminating in our annual St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal on 9 November. I have asked the priests of the diocese to share with you, either in homilies or commentary, some of the important considerations for the appeal, and how the funds raised will go directly to the sanctuary renewal project. Notably, Sunday 9 November, the Sunday set aside for the St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal, is also the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, the cathedral church of the pope, the Bishop of Rome and considered to be "the mother church" of all churches in the world. Also, this feast day is not long after the Jubilee of the Opening of St Joseph's Cathedral (15 October 1894). So, 9 November will be an appropriate day on which to appeal for your help for our Sanctuary Renewal Project.

I commend this appeal to you for all that it will achieve for our diocese for generations to come. I hope the information that will be provided regarding our cathedral over the next few weeks will offer us much inspiration and I sincerely thank you for whatever support you can provide through the appeal.

Please be assured of my prayers for all in our diocesan community.

Yours in Christ,

+ Michael McCarthy

Most Rev Michael McCarthy
Bishop of Rockhampton