

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

25th/26th October 2025



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON



St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal

The Place of the Sanctuary in Christian Worship

The Old Testament has many references to the importance of a sanctuary in a place of worship.
The Psalmist reminds us that it is a place from which God's grace flows to us.

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*O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.”*

Psalm 63

References such as this show how the biblical tradition recognises the importance of the sanctuary in places of worship and prayer in which God's relationship with his people is nurtured. From the time of King Solomon and the temple in Jerusalem, the people have believed that the presence of the Living God is celebrated and adored in the sanctuaries constructed by God's people. The sanctuary has the role of enabling the meeting between God and God's people. And by meeting God, especially in times of worship, we are drawn into God's

life and so share God's life with the world.

Following the Old Testament tradition, Christians also seek the presence of God in the sanctuary. As Catholics we draw on the General Introduction to the Roman Missal (no. 295) that tells us, “our Sanctuary is the place where the Eucharist is celebrated: where the Altar stands, where the Word of God is proclaimed and where the Priest, Deacon, and other ministers exercise their functions. It is the place that allows the Eucharist to be easily celebrated and seen.”

Placing these thoughts in the context of the sanctuary of Saint Joseph's Cathedral and considering Bishop Michael's letter to us from last week regarding the upcoming St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal to support the renewal of the sanctuary of the cathedral, we remember how this space is of central importance for the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Then we are nourished by God's Word from the ambo or lectern. Next, we are nourished again from the altar by Christ in the sacrament of His body and blood. Finally, once more from his chair, we are sent forth by the bishop, as the people of God, to share the Good News through our words and actions.

Last week in his letter, Bishop Michael highlighted that for various reasons, both liturgical and practical, the sanctuary of our Cathedral needs considerable renovation. He is seeking our support in making this renewal possible for the present and future generation of believers who will gather in the cathedral for prayer and worship. So, gathered in unity around the bishop in the church's liturgy, the people of God may continue to encounter the presence of God, and be nurtured in their part of the Church's mission, which has a sacred focus in the space of the cathedral sanctuary.

Parish News and Announcements

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP VG

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

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Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

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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

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. **Fr. Don's** talk will begin at **5.40pm** and finish at 6pm, with opportunity for discussion after.

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. 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.

menAlive Retreat

Dilexit Nos
“He Loved Us”
‘The importance of Heart’ and ‘Actions and Words of Love.’

Fr Paul Chandler
Guest Speaker

men ALIVE

BOOK NOW

Saturday 8 November
Shalom College
Breakfast is served at 7.30am

\$20.00
Cash only

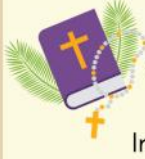
Register at the Parish Office by Tuesday 4 November

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. This is the last weekend to nominate to allow for the schedule to be completed.**



PARISH BOOKSTORE: Please take the time to visit our store to view a variety of Catholic Items for sale including **Bibles, Missals, Rosary Beads and Gifts for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.** We have a range of **Christmas items**, if you are looking for a particular Christmas gift, please ask, we may be able to order it in. Look forward to seeing you soon.

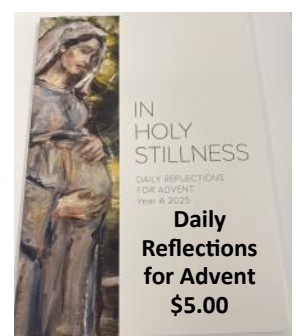
PARISH BOOK STORE



Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

In the Parish Office
Level 1/66 Woongarra Street

Available Now at the Parish Book Store



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

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



CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP: Will gather for prayer and fellowship next **Tuesday, 28th October** at **10.00am** in the Parish Office. **All are welcome.**

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Will be held on **Friday 31st October** at **10.15am** in the Parish Office. All are welcome to attend.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING: The next Bereavement meeting will be held on **Friday 31st October** at **11.15am** in the Parish Office. New members are always welcome.

ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1st AND ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2nd CLARIFICATION:

While All Saints is a Solemnity and would usually take precedence over All Souls, the expectation of the faithful attending on Saturday evening is that they are gathering for the Sunday celebration.

For this reason, the Saturday evening Mass on November 1st should be for All Souls' Day—that is, the usual Sunday Mass. A combined Mass for All Souls' Day and Remembrance Day will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 6.00am in the Catholic Cemetery.

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.

PAGEANT OF LIGHTS : Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you would like to be involved in the Pageant of Lights Parish Float this year on **Thursday, December 4th**.

THANK YOU FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC: We would like to give a big thankyou to the Shalom students and teachers who provided a wonderful afternoon in Holy Rosary last Sunday with their yearly concert that is greatly appreciated by our Parish Community. Monies raised this year will be donated to the St Joseph's Cathedral Sanctuary Appeal.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO : Can be accessed 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 who have watched the Safeguarding Video to click on the QR code to give feedback or email your feedback to pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au.



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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Suzanne Boisen 10.11.2022, Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Terence Cagney, Margaret Cagney, Gloria Collins, deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, William Schafer, Siebert Schafer, Gerry Walsh, Marie Sonta, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, 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 27 October 2025

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

Tuesday 28 October 2025

St Simon & St Jude

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

Wednesday 29 October 2025

8.00am Shalom-Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 30 October 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's— Mass
Nurses Mass

Friday 31 October 2025

11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass
6.00pm **St Patrick's– Mass**
Malayalam

Saturday 1 November 2025

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

Sunday 2 November 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass
9.00am St Patrick's-Mass
12.00pm Baffle Creek– Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Second Reading

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel

Luke 7: 11-17

A Celebration for the life of

Damien Aidon

**Wednesday 29th
October 2025**

Holy Rosary Church

2.00pm



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.

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 rituals in the Church.



Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

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Catholic Missions



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: The Catholic Missions Appeal last weekend was well supported. If you were unprepared last weekend, envelopes are still being accepted in the normal collection during Mass.

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.