

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

31st

Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

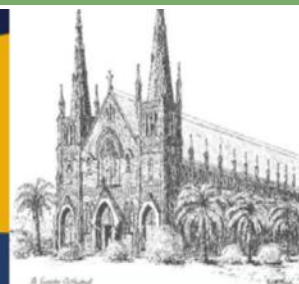
1st/2nd November 2025



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal

2nd November All Souls' Day



We cherish our deceased loved ones and hope they are with God in eternity. That hope is reflected in our liturgy. Have you noticed that every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead? We pray for them, because as today's feast of All Souls highlights, we remain in communion with those who have gone before us 'marked with the sign of faith'. We cherish how our relationship with our deceased loves one doesn't end when they die, for we carry them in our hearts and in our prayers.

But day to day of course, our relationship with them does change. We look back on all that we shared with our deceased loved ones and cherish the life and goodness they shared with us.

We also cherish their legacy; the gifts they have given to us for life. In a local church, such as a diocese or parish, we know our faith has been shaped by the legacy of those who have gone before us. The lives of faith they lived and their efforts to build a community of faith to nurture future generations is very visible in our parishes in many ways and especially in our church buildings.

St. Joseph's Cathedral, as the cathedral of our bishop, is an obvious sign of that legacy. Those who have gone before us have made this stately building possible, and in the time since it was first opened for the worship of Christ's faithful in 1898, generations have restored and renewed it to enhance, not only, its beauty, but also, peoples' faith in God.

In our own time, another renewal of our cathedral is needed, this time it is the sanctuary, the space from which the liturgy of the church is led and nurtured. As Bishop Michael outlined in his letter two weeks ago, this is the one area of the cathedral that remains "incomplete."

Now with the support of a group of advisors, Bishop Michael has engaged an architectural firm which is currently undertaking the task of designing a draft of a renewed sanctuary. After that, there will be more consultation.

But for now, we are invited to think about how we might be able to lend a helping hand to this project in next weekend's appeal for the cathedral. Just like those who have gone before us in faith, we have the chance to participate in enhancing the beauty of our cathedral. We thank them for all they gave us in leading us to Christ; and may we honour that legacy in this present time as we strive to keep the faith we share with them alive for the Church and the world of today.

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 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
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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

Synodality and Spirituality of Leadership in a Parish

Friday 7 Nov 2025 5.15pm Parish Office

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.

Part 1

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.

Part 2

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.

Come along and enjoy this time of faith formation



Women's Retreat

by: Kaye Beston

Chair: Parish Stewardship Council

The Women's Retreat was appreciated and enjoyed by the 30 ladies who gathered at St James's Church on Saturday. It was a Sacred time of connection, reflection, renewal as participants shared stories, prayed together and spent time in quiet and stillness. It was also an opportunity for parishioners to meet new people and reconnect with those from across all of our parish communities. Morning tea and lunch was an enjoyable, relaxing 'catch up' time together.

Our facilitator, Sabrina Stevens, First Nations Ministry Coordinator, for the Rockhampton Diocese lead us in exploring what it means to live with hope and walk with light. Sabrina shared her background and personal story with us. Her hope was that women leave the retreat, not only refreshed but also empowered - ready to continue to carry faith, strength and courage into our families and communities. Responses from participants and sharing publicly and in small groups indicated her hope for the day was realised.

A heart felt thank you to Sabrina for her presence and leadership. It was a joy to have Sabrina in our midst. It is hoped that a Women's retreat could become an annual event on our parish Formation calendar.

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

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO MASS TIMES IN BARGARA: With the Parish now only having two full time Priests and one retired Priest we are looking at the following changes: **Commencing immediately** Penance and Mass at St James' will move from Tuesdays to Fridays. **The next weekday Mass will be on Friday 7th November.** The times will remain

NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: This Sunday is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day. We begin a month of devotion praying for our deceased loved ones, friends, and parishioners. Envelopes for November Masses to be offered are available and Remembrance book will be available after Mass for two weeks for names to be entered.

REMEMBRANCE BOOKS FOR NOVEMBER: are available **after** Mass at the front door of the churches this weekend. Names of deceased loved ones and friends can be filled in over the next week or so, and then from November 10th they will be placed near the Sanctuary.

MASS ASSISTANTS REQUIRED FOR FUNERALS: We are looking for people who have some spare time and would like to volunteer for this Ministry. This would require you to be there on the day of the funeral to help set up, do the introduction, Reading when necessary and help the Priest if required. We are hoping to form a group to help support us in this ministry. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested or have questions.

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: Time is running out to register your interest to help prepare our Parish Float. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you would like to help with the setting up and be involved in the Pageant of Lights Parish Float this year on **Thursday, December 4th**.

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, informal environment. Why not contact the Parish Office this week? Ask for Pauline, and have a chat.

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**.

NOVEMBER CEMETERY PRAYERS: Prayers will be held at the Catholic Cemetery every Thursday at 9.30am during the month of November.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Fordham, Isla Scott (Sydney), Jean Griffin, Cathy Duffield, Lilly Vella (Sydney), Visminda Duroy, Janice Richardson

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Cagney 4.11.2007, 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,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Albino Modolo, Ramon D. Andres, Rosa Andres, 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 3 November 2025

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

Tuesday 4 November 2025

St Charles Borromeo
5.30pm St Patrick's—Mass

Wednesday 5 November 2025

8.00am Shalom-Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 6 November 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 7 November 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass
6.00pm **St Patrick's– Mass**
Malayalam

Saturday 8 November 2025

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

Sunday 9 November 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

Ezek 47:1-2,8,9,12

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17

Gospel

Jn2:13-22



A celebration for the life Of

WALLACE FREEMAN

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025 2.00PM

St James' Catholic Church

HAZEL ROOTS

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025 9.00AM

Des Allen Chapel

FIONA ADAMS

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2025 1.00PM

Holy Rosary Church

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

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.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.

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



Join the Conversation

YOUNG ADULTS CONVERSATION GROUPS

If you are aged between 17 to 35 years old,
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 welcome!!

CONGRATULATIONS: Peter Barnes for
being a member of the Order of
the Knights of Southern Cross
for 60 years.



SENIORS COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT MORNING TEA

You are invited to join us for a Senior
Citizens Community Morning Tea and
Support Session.

We know sometimes it's hard to get
good advice when it comes to big
decisions making at our age. So we
have gone ahead and invited someone
who can answer a lot of our questions
when it comes to things like services
available to us, and assisted living.

GUEST SPEAKER: Venessa Piron from
Aged and Disability Advocates.

November 5th at 9.00am

Alive Church, 140 Elliott Heads Road.

PARISH BOOK STORE



Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm



In the Parish Office
Level 1/66 Woongarra Street

GOD'S WORD
Daily Reflections



Available Now at
the Parish Book Store



\$22.00

Daily
Reflections
for Advent
\$5.00