

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Parish

11th/12th February 2023

DIVINE RENOVATION

From Maintenance to Mission. 'The Mission has a Church' - Fr Stephen Bevan SVD

From February 9th to February 12th, we are pleased to have four parishioners attending the Divine Renovation Australia Conference in Peshurst, Sydney. David Batt, Kaye Beston, Cheryl Petersen and Norm Whyte are our representatives.

Our parish has used some of this practical process in its governance structures and in its embrace of stewardship of gifts, talents and treasure as our way of being a Catholic Christian in our community.

The underlying movement in this process is to move from a maintenance to a Missional Parish. If ever a Parish has tried to do this, it is the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg.

Our Parish Vision records this beautifully when it states that having been nourished by God's Word and by Sacraments, we go out with the power of God's Spirit to welcome and to share God's love respectfully with all people.

Note that our Vision firstly asks us to be nourished – to have food for the journey for the tasks we can do. How inconceivable it would be for anyone to begin a journey or take on any task without being prepared or being fit to perform it. So, we cannot give to others what we have not nourished in ourselves – God's Word and God's very Self as intrinsic in our everyday living.

Being nourished, we are readied for Mission. What is our Mission? The last verses of Matthew's Gospel (28: 19-20) outline the commission we have: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have

commanded you.

And surely, I am with you to the end of the age."

Pope Francis as recently as January 11th this year reaffirmed: "Mission is the oxygen of the Christian Life: it invigorates and purifies it".

In Jesus command we are missioned to GO, MAKE, BAPTISE, TEACH. We are missioned each Sunday, each Mass to GO. Included in that GO are the other three commands, MAKE, BAPTISE, TEACH.

Every one of us in renovating God's Church here in Bundaberg can accept and live out the commands of GO and MAKE. (Perhaps the commands of BAPTISE and TEACH may be best left to those who have those gifts.) Our Parish used in its recent marketing the catch phrase "REACHING OUT to ALL so that we can provide greater OUTREACH to ALL". We can only do that if all of us GO and MAKE.

From the process of Divine Renovation, we have learned and can learn more of how we can go to our community and walk with people where they are on life's journey and make them disciples not by force or coercion or by proselytising but by their coming to know what it is to be a Catholic Christian by the witness we give. St Francis of Assisi is attributed as saying, "Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words."

And isn't that summed up by the lyrics, "They'll know we are Christians by our love", which is but an image, a reflection, of the all-embracing love of God.

by: *Br Ted Magee*

Executive Officer

THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA: Bishop Michael has recently attended the gathering of The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Suva. Each four years the Catholic Bishops of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific gather to discuss issues that affect the four conferences of Catholic Bishops. This year the theme was *The Ocean*. There were preparatory sessions and Bishop Michael has given us the links below for our viewing:

- Session 1: Shorelines & Coasts – <https://vimeo.com/782768422/b79bebo97b>
- Session 2: Deep Sea - <https://vimeo.com/783090047/b14e950c5c>
- Session 3: Islands - <https://vimeo.com/783109102/ba577efcf2>

The Diocesan website has a link to the Assembly if you wish to view it or it can be viewed on www.fcbo.org

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 Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
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Mrs Anne Sheehan
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Mr Jeffrey Caluag
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Mrs Jan Aplin
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Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Presly Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Boston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
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Mr David Batt

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

ADULT FAITH - "The Mass": – The **Preface of the Mass** is the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, which it introduces. It is preceded by a dialogue between Priest and People: *The Lord be with you, and with your Spirit ...* This dialogue is very ancient and apart from the words of Our Lord quoted at the Consecration, it is the oldest part of the Mass, dating back at least to the second century. The **Preface** falls into three parts: firstly a theme of thanksgiving; it then faces the fact it is impossible to thank God for *all* His benefits; and finally it invites the Angels and Saints of heaven to join us in the praise of God. There are dozens of Prefaces that zoom into the particular feast or season that is currently being celebrated, various graces bestowed on Our Lady, for the life of a saint, a virgin, martyr or missionary. The overarching theme of the Preface is for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer – that of thanksgiving. The word *Eucharist* means *Thanksgiving*. Its constant repetition at Mass reminds us of an attitude of mind we must constantly strive after, reflecting the heroic soul of St. Paul who said *I wish that all of you were as I am* (1 Cor 7:7).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION : Commencing this **Monday, February 13th**, we begin our reflective study of the Nicene Creed. The study will be held each Monday for six weeks concluding on March 20th.

The course will be delivered by DVD input from Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire) and augmented with notes and discussion time for all participants.

The **two sessions** commence at **1.00pm** and **5.15pm** each Monday.

It would be good to commit to the six weeks but attendance at any of the sessions would be valuable.

Registration is not compulsory but would help us in preparation of materials.

We look forward to welcoming you as together we deepen our understanding and the practice of our Faith.

VISITATION MEETING: A Visitation meeting will be held in the Parish Office **Wednesday, February 15th** at **10.30am**. Guest Speaker will be Frank Fiorenza (NightWatch Chaplains).

All currently in this ministry and those wishing to know more are welcome.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The next session entitled "Remembering Baptism" will be on **Wednesday, 15th February, 5.30pm** for Parents and children in Holy Rosary Church. Please note: registrations close Friday, 17th February.

THE BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER SET: is meeting for dinner at Sabrosa's Steakhouse, **6.30pm** on **Tuesday February 21st**. If any young woman would like to join us please contact Maureen before 20th. 0407 964 753

WORKING BEE – Catholic Cemetery

Previously we have made inroads on cleaning around the monumental graves in Section 8 of the cemetery. Sections 9 and 10 are in need of similar clearing of concrete aprons of the graves and, in some cases, weeds etc. in the graves themselves. The older sections (1 – 7) will be looked at later.

There will be two sessions to the Working Bee held on **Saturday February 25th**.

6.30am – 8.00am and

8.00am – 9.30am.

There will be a "cuppa" at 7.45am – 8.15am.

Spades, rakes, whipper/snippers, hand-held garden tools and bins for removal of debris will be needed.

Everyone is welcome to attend for as long as possible.

It would be good to make a real difference to these two newer sections.

BUNDABERG RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE (BRIC): Invites all existing RI Instructors and potential Instructors to our Training Day. Training will take place at The Apostolic Church of Queensland, (324 Ashfield Road, Bundaberg), **Thursday February 16th** commencing **9.00am until 2.30pm**. The completion of three modules is highly recommended. Module 1 will be presented the evening before, Wednesday 15th of February, at 7pm, at the Novakoski Centre, 70 Woongarra Street, next to the Holy Rosary Church

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation to the Parish by direct debit, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank You.**



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CHURCH UNITY PRAYER GROUP, BUNDABERG: Our group, predominantly laity, meet monthly to pray for unity among the Christian community. We have been doing this for close to 10 years. We welcome all (including clergy).

We meet on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at **10.00am**. We start with a service in which we read and discuss a section of scripture, pray for unity and the common need and recite the Apostles Creed. Following this we have morning tea where we can get to know each other and have, over the years, come to understand each other.

Our first meeting for 2023 will be at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on **Tuesday 28th February at 10am. ALL are invited to attend.** Simply turn up on the day and you will be warmly welcomed. We move between churches monthly and the liturgy for each service is the responsibility of the host church. For more information contact either Cathryn King (0417071746) or Howard Kingston (0414661183).

FRIDAY EXPOSITION and MASS: The rhythm of the time will be:

11.00am Exposition commences.

11.30am Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

12 noon Pray the Angelus and the conclusion of Exposition.

12.15pm Mass.

BISHOP MICHAEL'S VISIT - WEEKEND MARCH 18/19 – SPECIAL EVENTS:

Bishop Michael will be in Bundaberg on this weekend.

On Saturday, March 18th the Parish will host the Members of the Southern Regional Pastoral Council for their meeting from 9.00am – 11.00am.

On **Sunday, March 19th**, Bishop Michael will install Fr Don as Parish Priest at Bundaberg at the **9.00am Mass at St Patrick's**. All are warmly welcome to Fr Don's installation. Following Mass, an informal morning tea will be held at the front of the Church.

R.C.I.A HAPPENINGS: Our four adult catechumens, or candidates for the Easter sacraments, are currently meeting weekly with their catechists to discover Jesus' invitation to discipleship through the Sunday gospel. It is difficult for the parish community to recognise the catechumens amidst the Sunday gathering. One sure way to identify them is by noticing who crosses their arms for a blessing at communion time! Keep your eyes open for them at the 9.00am & 5.30pm Masses. Sylvia attends 9.00am with her husband and little family, and Glen & Cameron (father and son) and Hanahlin are most often at the 5.30pm Mass. Regardless of recognition, we ask that you pray for them as they discern their readiness for discipleship.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Evangelisation Brisbane has produced a booklet "From Ashes to Hope" of daily reflections for Lent.

Copies of these are now available from the Parish Bookstore and Office. The cost is \$5.00.

Scripture Readings, a reflection, questions for personal reflection and a daily prayer form the contents for each day. A great personal resource as we celebrate our Lenten journey!

ST VINCENT de PAUL BARGARA: is in **urgent** need of help at the Bargara store. If you can spare from a couple of hours to a full day to this worthwhile organisation, it will be a great help to the whole community. For more information visit **37 See Street, Bargara** or phone **4159 2000**.

Recently Baptized: Felix Constantine Colon.
Alexander John Poulsen.



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Danny Ryan (Gold Coast), Anthony (Tony) Mooney, Joe Attard, Vaughan Johnson, Lisa Helen Zorzan, Shirley Ryan, Cardinal George Pell, Colleen Mary Brown, Antoinette Bromwich, Fred Galea, Gerard King, Althea Brotto.



ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Bernard Stanley Collings 8.02.2008, Anne Andrewartha 17.02.2020, Sylvia Jendra 10.02.2000, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Carmel Bryen 30.01.2022.

FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED: Shane Hocking, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney and Margaret Mary Cagney, Kerry Halpin, Tony Mooney, Joe Attard, Margaret Morris, Ron Cook, Mick and Mary Galea, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Kevin and Doris Whalley, Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, **Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Galea & Zahra Families.**

LITURGIES

Monday 13 February 2023

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 14 February 2023

St Cyril & St Methodius

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 15 February 2023

8.00am Shalom College Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 16 February 2023

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Friday 17 February 2023

11.00am Holy Rosary
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 18 February 2023

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

19 February 2023
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Second Reading

Corinthians: 3:16-23

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

What's On!

Mark the date in your Calendar

February

22 Ash Wednesday

23 Anointing Mass

25 Working Bee-Catholic
Cemetery

PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION : Twice weekly sessions **Tuesday** and **Friday 10.00am-10.30am**

Sessions are held in the Chapel in the Parish Office. New members who would like to learn about Meditation are very welcome. Contact: Joe McCorley (0418727845) or just turn up.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, 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 Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455

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

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.

Live the Liturgy

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic. —

Father John Muir

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World Youth Day Pilgrimage

Sponsorship
Now Available!



Registrations are running out but there are still some available for our diocesan WYD pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal.

The pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18 to about 35 and will leave Australia on the 28th of July and return on the 11th of August. This is an amazing experience that every young Catholic should try to get to at least once in their life. We are pleased to now be able to offer partial sponsorship for 4 pilgrims!

Applications for sponsorship can be made online. For more information scan the QR code or contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



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.

Time Talent Treasure

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