

# 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*

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT**

The Passionist Family Group movement is celebrating fifty years of its founding by Father Peter McGrath C.P. in Terry Hills in Sydney. The Movement has been active in Bundaberg for twenty-three years. Presently there are two groups – Mackillop and Bargara – in our Parish.

The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. The ethos of the Movement is “meeting the heart needs of the people”. Our motto is “A Family for all”. Our goal is “To be Christ for others”. Our aims are – to share Christian life together, to support each other in times of need, to celebrate important events, to give good example to and involve children in Christian sharing and to promote a spirit of community in the Parish. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

During the year there are many events planned for each group and there are some combined events. In May there will be a combined picnic at the Girl Guide camp at Mon Repos to celebrate the Golden anniversary as well as Bundaberg’s twenty-three years. All parishioners are invited to join the groups for this occasion.

In July, Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. along with Celine Bowman (State President) will spend a weekend in our Parish, promoting The Passionist Family Groups as well as conducting a renewal program for present members. During July, the Family Groups will promote a return of a Parish Ladies’ Dinner. More information will follow.

Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong – married, single or divorced, young, old or in-between. There is a giving and receiving by all members of the group to each other. Everyone is welcome to join. Joining a group brings becoming part of a bigger Parish family into a reality.

Helen Mackie is the Bundaberg Coordinator. Helen is only too happy to provide you with any further information and can be contacted on 0490 361 406



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**  
Executive Officer/Stewardship

**Mrs Anne Sheehan**  
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**  
Finance & Marketing Officer

**Mrs Marcia Sharp**  
Visitation Co-ordinator

**Mrs Jan Aplin**  
Safeguarding Representative &  
Bereavement Co-ordinator

**Mr Norm Whyte**  
Property Officer

**Mrs Sandra Fox**  
Receptionist

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

**Dr Presly Varghese**  
Chair

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Deputy-Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begeda**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Mrs Maryanne Taylor**

**Mr Michael Walker**

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**Mrs Monica White**  
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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"

In the *Presentation of the Gifts* we offered our gift to God because we love Him and want to thank Him. In the **Eucharistic Prayer** he changes it and gives it back to us transformed a million times over (*Rite of Holy Communion*). The Liturgy of the Eucharist now centres on the Altar where the priest presents first the unleavened bread then the wine, and the prayers he says are the prayers which (with slight adaptations) Our Lord himself would have used at the Last Supper as he blessed the bread and wine. This is the first pointer that the Mass is the Last Supper now being made present under the form of Sacrament. Before offering the wine, the priest adds a drop of water. This is a good example of how things continue in the Church's tradition. Water has always been added to the wine at Mass for the simple reason that Our Lord himself used watered wine at the Last Supper; it was the Jewish custom.

The drop of water ceases to be water and becomes wine; it takes on a nature it did not have before, pointing to the change which will come over the gifts in the course of the Eucharistic Prayer. The Eucharistic Prayer used (and there is a variety of these) will take on a nature it did not have before and, true to purpose, will transform us as well. (Notes from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION :** The second session of our reflective study of the Nicene Creed will be held on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The study will continue each Monday, concluding on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The two sessions commence at 1.00pm and 5.15pm each Monday. We look forward to welcoming you as together we deepen our understanding and the practice of our Faith.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** This weekend the children and parents celebrate a Ritual of Remembering Baptism during Mass. This ritual reminds the children that their journey into the Christian life began at their baptism. This faith community supports them on their journey forward to initiation. The next session for Parents Only will be held on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 5.30pm**, in the Parish Office. The topic, "Reconciliation".

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

## WORKING BEE – Catholic Cemetery, Saturday 25th February

There will be two sessions to the Working Bee: 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.

**DIOCESAN POLICY CONSULTATION:**All members of the Diocese (including the clergy, religious, employees, council and committee members, volunteers, and parishioners) are invited to take part in the consultation process on the following draft governance documents, which will apply to all Diocesan activities and personnel across parishes, Catholic Education, CatholicCare and all other ministries:

- Governance Policy
- Use of Diocesan Resources Policy
- Meetings Procedure

To view the draft documents and provide feedback, please visit [www.rok.catholic.net.au/consultation](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/consultation).

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) :** At its AGM the new executive was elected.

- President: Maureen Ewing
- Secretary: Olga Rosolen (interim)
- Treasurer: Shirley Egan

*Special thanks to outgoing executive, Dolour Emmet and Anne D'Addario.*

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am for a 10.00am start. St Mary's Community Centre.

**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.**



# Parish News and Announcements

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> the Parish will host the Members of the Southern Regional Pastoral Council for their meeting from 9.00am – 11.00am. On **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**THE RITE OF ELECTION OR ENROLMENT OF NAMES** for the catechumens, those preparing for the Easter sacraments, is always celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, usually in the cathedral with the Bishop but, if not possible, then in the parish church. We celebrate this ritual because *“Thus the Church makes its “election,” that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation.”* (RCIA 119) This choice is made by the Church (headed locally by the bishop) as an outward expression of the choice already made by God. God, through the Church, is choosing those who are “fit” or “able” or “qualified” to be disciples of Jesus, not to meet the bishop, or see how many parishes make up the diocese, or even to choose for themselves to take the final steps to become Catholic. Those chosen are expected to be initiated into a life in Christ, which necessarily means a life of mission. God chooses people who are fit enough to take on the rigors of missionary 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 and **this weekend** at the front of the Church. The cost is \$5.00.

**ANOINTING MASS:** The monthly Anointing Mass will be held at Holy Rosary, Thursday February 23rd at 10.00am. Tea and Coffee will follow in Novakoski Centre. All are welcome to attend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be held Friday weekly during lent Commencing Friday February 24th at St James' Church Bargara 5.30pm and St Patrick's Church 7.00pm

**Recently Baptised:** Miguel Antonio Ramos, Leo Frank Stranieri, Shea Harlow Broadhurst and Cooper Andrew Wade.



## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anne Schreal Agius (Cairns), Mary Ethel Horwood, Victoria Zande, 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 Bryan 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 20 February 2023**

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

**Tuesday 21 February 2023**

**St Peter Damian**

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 22 February 2023**

**Ash Wednesday**

7.00am Holy Rosary Mass

8.00am Shalom College Mass

9.00am St James Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Thursday 23 February 2023**

10.00am Holy Rosary  
Anointing Mass

**Friday 24 February 2023**

11.00am Holy Rosary  
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-  
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

6.30 pm Malayalam -Mass

**Saturday 25 February 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**26 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**

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

**Second Reading**

Romans: 5:12-19

**Gospel**

Matthew 4:1-11

*What's On!*

Mark the date in your Calendar

**February**

25 Working Bee  
Catholic Cemetery



## PRAYER GROUPS NEW TIME

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Twice weekly sessions  
**Tuesday 10.00am-10.30am and Friday 11.30am—12.00noon.**  
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](mailto: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.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Mrs Judy Pidcock:** 4887 3080  
Diocesan Safeguarding

**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

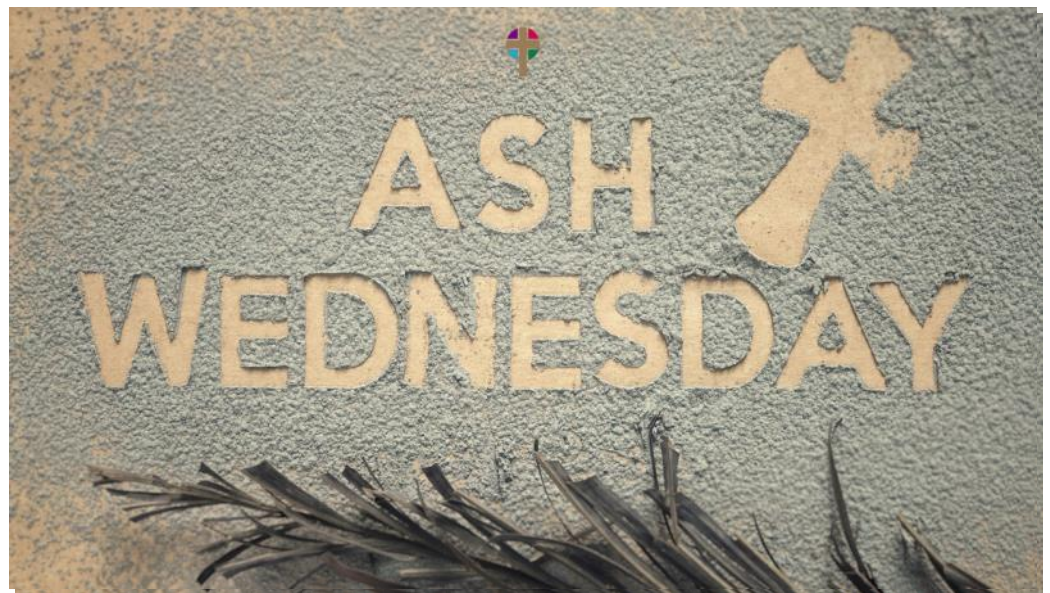
Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

Father John Muir

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## Project Compassion Sunday



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.