



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

## Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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1st Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to the Parish*

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February 2023



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I write at the beginning of Lent to encourage you, as the Gospel of Ash Wednesday states, in a life of prayer, fasting and good works. I attach the message from the Holy Father for the beginning of Lent. **( See Diocesan website).** I pray that this will be a great time to prepare ourselves for Easter where we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

During this time of Lent we have many opportunities in our parishes for prayer, reconciliation and the various Lenten programmes. I encourage you to join a group and to pray through the scriptures of each Sunday of the Season of Lent. There is also an opportunity to remind ourselves once again that our life is sacred. We are made in the image of God and our creator calls us to ensure that we look after not only our life, but all life from its very beginning to its very end.

Finally, there is an opportunity for us to do good work, as the Ash Wednesday Gospel encourages us, through Project Compassion as once again this year we are invited to look outwards. In these past few months we have watched as the war in Ukraine continues, the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and also our Pacific brothers and sisters.

Recently when I attended the FCBCO conference we were shown the many effects of exploitation and the effects of climate intervention on the many features of the Fijian islands. Caritas was there as a great presence, and in many ways as a great support, for the locals and to invite the government to look at different ways to extract minerals, and rather than damaging the environment to care for it. Project Compassion provides a way of assisting our brothers and sisters through the works of Caritas in the Pacific and especially our neighbours, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and all the Pacific islands.

May this time of Lent be a time of getting closer to the author of all life, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you all.

Most Rev Michael McCarthy  
Bishop of Rockhampton

# Parish News and Announcements

## 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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**Shalom College Principal**  
**Mr Dan McMahon**  
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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

**ADULT FAITH - "The Mass"** - In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke." (Isaiah 6:1-4). As we come to this part of the Mass, **The Sanctus**, we too are in God's earthly temple saying our prayers. Isaiah saw only a vision of heaven, but for us heaven itself is about to open up and invite us in. Heaven is no other than where God is, and the Mass is about to make that presence a sacramental reality in our midst. As heaven opens before us, we are invited to join our glad voices to that unending hymn, sung by the Seraphim, which Isaiah first listened to in awesome wonderment. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!* (Mt.21.9). Here we recall the rejoicing crowd entering with Jesus into the Holy City, the Old Jerusalem; and we are entering with Him into that Holy City now made New by his Paschal Mystery, that New Jerusalem of which Isaiah was allowed only a glimpse. When we cry out *Hosanna* it is a pleading for immediate salvation but at the same time a joyful shout recognizing that salvation is already present.

(Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

## FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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**EASTER MINISTERS** of the Word, Communion, Gifts, Mass Assistants – please contact Anne, [litcord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:litcord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au), if you are able to minister at any or all of the Easter Triduum Masses.

**R.C.I.A HAPPENINGS:** The Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names always coincides with the first Sunday of Lent and is usually celebrated in the diocesan Cathedral with the Bishop as presider. Our catechumens Glen & Cameron Windsor are in Rockhampton with their sponsors and catechists, while Sylvia How will participate in the rite during the 6.00pm St Patrick's Mass with her sponsor and catechist. From now until the Easter Vigil they are to be called "the Elect", for they are part of a bigger group who have been "elected" or "chosen" to progress forward to initiation. This weekend begins a period of intense "purification and enlightenment" for the Elect. Please pray for them.

**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**.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be held Friday weekly during lent, commencing Friday February 24th at St James' Church Bargara **5.30pm**, Holy Rosary Church (Malayalam) **6.00pm**, and St Patrick's Church **7.00pm**.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION :** The Third session of our reflective study of the Nicene Creed will be held on **Monday, February 27<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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** All are welcome to join in the World Day of Pray on Friday **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Prayer services will be held at St James Bargara (Please bring a plate) and St John's Lutheran Church Bundaberg. Both services commence at 9.30am.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Next session, **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, 5.30pm, in Holy Rosary Church for parents and children. The children have begun preparation for their First Reconciliation.

**CWL, ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION FUNCTION:** to be held at the Brothers Sports Club on Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9.00. There will be some Irish music while you enjoy a Devonshire tea. The usual cent sale, lucky spots and raffles will follow. Entry \$10-. Bookings **Olga 4151 3397 or Helen 4152 5365.**



**TERM 2 ROSTERS:** beginning the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April, are being prepared now. All ministers are asked to notify Sarah, [wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au), with any absences or change of details BEFORE Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Twice weekly sessions **Tuesday 10.00am-10.30am and Friday 11.30am—12.00 noon.** 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.

**Recently Baptised:** Lydia Nicole Castles



## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kathryn Mary O'Sullivan, 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:** Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021, Gordon Salzmann 17.03.2022, Dennis Donovan 21.02.2020, 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:** Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, 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 27 February 2023**

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

**Tuesday 28 February 2023**

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 1 March 2023**

8.00am Shalom College Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Thursday 2 March 2023**

12.15pm Holy Rosary

**Friday 3 March 2023**

11.00am Holy Rosary  
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-  
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 4 March 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**5 March 2023**  
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

12 Noon Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### For next Sunday

#### First Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4

#### Second Reading

Timothy: 1:8-10

#### Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

### What's On!

Mark the date in your Calendar

**March**

18 menALIVE Breakfast with  
The Bishop.

19 Installation of Fr Don

27-30 Priest's Gathering.

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Indian Community Sunday School

**When:** Each Sunday after 9.00am  
Mass.

**Where:** St Patrick's Hall.

For children and youth 3yrs old —  
16years.

**Contact:** Sony Xavier  
paulmonxavier@gmail.com  
Binoy Joseph  
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## 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/](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](http://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:** 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

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

### 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!

Any young adults who could benefit from coming to World Youth Day.

We encourage them to apply for sponsorship from the Diocese.

Sponsorship closes  
February 28th.

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





## First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.  
**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**



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.