



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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4th Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Parish

18th/19th March 2023

Love, Faith and Courage



On Friday we celebrated an early St Joseph's Feast Day with a prayer assembly and activities that focused on the person of St Joseph, which were completed in our MJR (Making Jesus Real) groups. Our school family also shared a feast day cake, cut by our oldest and youngest student.

This year St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is 147 years old. We are very proud of our history of quality Catholic education beginning with the Sisters of St Joseph in 1876. Without state aid or government funding the Sisters of St Joseph had an enrolment of 60 children within their first year of opening the school. Today, as a single stream school, St Joseph's has a strong enrolment of 172 children in Prep to Year Six and 30 children at the St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten.

During our recent Bishop's Inservice Day the St Joseph's school and kindergarten staff were fortunate to be joined by Sr Annette Arnold, previously Queensland Regional Leader for Sisters of St Joseph, who provided us with formation on the Sisters of St Joseph - their history, including at our school; their Charism; and what ministries the Sisters of St Joseph are undertaking to this day. Sr Annette was a wealth of knowledge and has helped us build a clearer picture of the history of our school, including that Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop visited the school three times – in June 1878, May and November 1879. Previously it was believed that Mary had only visited twice.

Inspired by the Charism of the Sisters of St Joseph our school focuses on three core virtues – Love, Faith and Courage. These three virtues permeate the religious life of our school and the various social justice activities our school undertakes.

This year, one day each month, students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are participating in activities

underpinned by Love, Faith and Courage.

Our Year 4 students are participating in a Mini Vinnies program. The Mini Vinnies program allows students to see a need in the Bundaberg community and put into action something they can do to help.

Our Year 5 students are attending Gracie Dixon Day Respite Centre, a place for the elderly to attend a social day outing with the support of carers. The students will play games, sing songs and build connections with Gracie Dixon clients.

Our Year 6 students will attend the Parish Anointing Mass and then serve morning tea to the Parishioners afterwards.

St Joseph's will continue to focus on providing a quality Catholic Education as we move towards Celebrating 150 years.



Attending Gracie Dixon Day Respite Centre

Serving Parishioners morning tea at the Anointing Mass

By: Monica White
Principal
St Joseph's Primary School

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 Preshy Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

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Mrs Maryanne Taylor

Mr Michael Walker

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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 Words of Institution.*

The Epiclesis, or Invocation, (as examined last week) and the words of Our Lord at the Last Supper: *At the time he was betrayed ... Do this in memory of me*, lie at the heart of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. By the concluding words, *Do this in memory of me*, Our Lord commands the Apostles, and through them the Church, to do what He had done, and by so commanding, he institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist. For this reason, Our Lord's words at the Last Supper are referred to as the **Words of Institution**.

Taking, thanking, breaking and giving are all words that apply also to us as the Lord's disciples. As He takes the bread, so He takes us in his sacred hands and upholds us; as he gives thanks and says the blessing over the bread, he gives thanks to his Father for giving us to him as his disciples (John 10:29); as he breaks the bread, so He breaks us too, often through pain and suffering, to transform us into the persons he wants us to be; then, when we are sufficiently changed into his own blessed likeness, as the bread is changed in the Mass, He gives us to others as witnesses to Himself, as He gave the Apostles to the world.

At the Last Supper also, the Apostles hear Jesus say, *this is my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant*. The words *this is the blood of the Covenant*, would have been very familiar indeed to the Apostles, who would have heard this passage read time after time in Synagogue. At the Last Supper though, they would have noticed immediately the additional words: *my, new, eternal*, where we acknowledge that Jesus introduced a *new covenant*, between God and his People. The Eucharist celebrates this New Covenant, this new and wondrous relationship between God and his People. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022).

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL
Come Holy Spirit - Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

We come together to celebrate
as we launch the
Diocesan Pastoral Plan
Save the Date

MAY 27 | **MAY 28**
Friday 12.00 pm | Saturday 1.00 pm

For more information
dpc@rok.catholic.net.au

St Joseph's Cathedral and The Cathedral College
Rockhampton

Further information and registration details to come

PLEASE NOTE CALENDAR CHANGES:

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children will now be held on **Thursday, March 23rd at 6.00pm** at Holy Rosary. The Sacramental Program session for **Wednesday, March 22nd** has been cancelled.

The Reconciliation Mass will not take place as advertised but the **Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at all Churches during Holy Week.**

Monday April 3rd **St Patrick's** 9.30am -10.00am, **St James'** 5.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday April 4th **St James'** (After 9.00am Mass)
St Patrick's 5.00pm - 5.20pm and 6.00pm—6.30pm
Wednesday April 5th **Holy Rosary** 11.00am-12 noon

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

R.C.I.A HAPPENINGS: This weekend our Elect celebrate the second of three Scrutinies during the 5.30pm Mass. Jesus is proclaimed, is present and is encountered as the light (the story of the man born blind) in this Sunday's gospel. Through the gospel, the Church is asking the elect: If you want to become a follower of Christ, does your heart really seek Christ as the only one who can open your eyes to see God's presence around you and within you? We ask ourselves the same timely question.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The children will celebrate their First Reconciliation on **Thursday, 23rd March, 6.00pm** in Holy Rosary church. Please pray for them.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: A meeting will be held in the Parish Office **Friday 24th March, 10.15am**. For anyone who may be interested, you are most welcome to come along.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: For those in the Bereavement ministry or those wishing to know more a meeting will be held at the Parish Office **Friday 24th March at 11.15am**.

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: **Tuesday March 28th**, at Holy Rosary Church commencing at **10.00am**. Followed by a cuppa and fellowship. All welcome to attend.

PALM CROSSES WORKING BEE: **Friday, 31st March, 10.00am-12noon**, Novakoski Hall. Come along and make the crosses needed for Palm Sunday. Palms will be provided.

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

ROSARY GROUP CHANGES: Please note the Tuesday Rosary will now be held at St Patrick's Church commencing. 5.00pm. Thursday remains unchanged 5.30pm at Holy Rosary.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The last session of our reflective study of the Nicene Creed will be held this **Monday, February 20th**. The early session will commence at 1.00pm. The later session will commence at 5.00pm. We will complete the session from last week before beginning the final session at 5.30pm approx. (Technical difficulties following the storm of last week have necessitated this.) Thanks to all who have attended and to Judith Renshaw for her organisation and enthusiasm.

WORKING BEE before Easter : Catholic Cemetery – Saturday, April 1st 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.



MASS TIME CHANGES: Please note the changes in weekday Mass times in the column on page 3 of this Bulletin. We apologise for this and appreciate your understanding as we strive to settle on a regular weekly pattern of Masses in our Parish.

CWL YOUNGER GROUP: Will meet again for dinner at Sabrosa Steakhouse, **Tuesday March 21st** at **6.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Contact Maureen (4152 1263/0407 964 753) if you are attending. **RSVP Monday March 20th**.

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jon Pearson (Crows Nest), Max Martin (Snr), John Wientjens, Dr Peter (Pitre) Anderson, Kathryn Mary O'Sullivan, Anne Schreal Agius (Cairns), Mary Ethel Horwood, Victoria Zande, Danny Ryan (Gold Coast), Anthony (Tony) Mooney, Joe Attard.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES : Carmel Petti 23.03.2016, Elizabeth CormickLilian Grech (Sydney) 15.03.2022, John Joseph Mooney 21.02.2009, Mary Jane Theuma 7.03.2013, Gordon Salzman 17.03, Edward (Ted) Burton 23.04.2019, Kathleen Burton 9.03.2008, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021, Gordon Salzmann 17.03.2022, Dennis Donovan 21.02.2020, Bernard Stanley Collings 8.02.2008,



MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Joe Formosa and Family, Mary (Phillipa) Pike, Colleen Brown, Shirley Heale, Bernadette Ash (Emerald), Rev Fr Pedro Sombilon, Benvenuto Family, Corrado and Gino Barazza, Stella Cafolla, Celestino Magliocco, Antonio Borza, Joe Togneri, Maria Carmela Forte, Members of the Geiger and Cook Families, George and Zillah Geiger and George Jnr, Giovanni De Zotti, Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, Margaret Morris, Mick and Mary Galea, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Kevin and Doris Whalley, Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, Galea & Zahra Families.

LITURGIES

Monday 20 March 2023

St Joseph

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 21 March 2023

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 22 March 2023

8.00am Shalom College Mass

10.00am Mater Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 23 March 2023

7.00am St Patrick's-Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 24 March 2023

11.00am Holy Rosary
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 25 March 2023

The ANNUNCIATION

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

26 March 2023
Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Second Reading

Romans: 8:8-11

Gospel

John 11:1-45

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday weekly during lent
(Excluding Good Friday)

- St James' Church Bargara
5.30pm
- St Patrick's Church 5.30pm.
- Holy Rosary Church
(Malayalam) 6.00pm

PRAYER GROUPS

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Where: St Patrick's Church

When:

First Sunday 2.00pm-5.00pm

Third Sunday 3.00pm-5.00pm

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

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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Diocesan Safeguarding

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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

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **“How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?”** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. **“I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,”** announces the Lord, **“for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

Father John Muir

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Job Opportunity: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Rockhampton

Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Rockhampton Diocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Bishop of Rockhampton and promotes the work of Caritas Australia through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes. The role is flexible, working 1 day/7.6 hours per week on average across the year and involves engaging with communities across the Rockhampton Diocese, supporting Caritas Australia appeals and coordinating volunteers. Duties include:

- Coordinating Project Compassion including the Diocesan Project Compassion Launch
- Providing a communications pathway between Caritas and the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton parishes and schools
- General administration tasks

For more information, including a copy of the role description and overview, contact the HR Manager on 4887 3090. To apply for the position, submit your resume and cover letter to hr@rok.catholic.net.au. Diocesan employees are encouraged to apply.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke



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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.rock.catholic.net.au/consultation