



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

Office Hours: 9:00 - 1:00 PM Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

5th Sunday of Lent

25th/26th March 2023

*I, Bishop Michael McCarthy, do install you, Fr Don White,
as Parish Priest of The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg.
I confer on you all the responsibilities, duties, obligations and rights of this office,
especially the sacramental and pastoral care of the People of God
within this Parish. Through Christ Our Lord
Amen.*

With these words, following the *Profession of the Creed* and the *Oath of Fidelity*, Bishop Michael McCarthy installed Fr Don White as parish priest of Bundaberg at the 9am Mass at St. Patrick's church last Sunday. The assembled community, replied, "Amen" to those words in a clear recognition of Fr Don's appointment.

The rite of installation of a new parish priest reflects liturgically what is written in the Church's canon law and other documents, that a parish priest is the leader of the faith community. When such a rite is celebrated, it is important to stop and see what our Church is saying to us in word and symbol. The bishop prayed the prayer of installation over Fr. Don while he was sitting in the presidential chair. This was a symbolic recognition that Fr. Don is not elected to the position of the parish priest of our parish, but rather appointed by the bishop. This moment reflected that the bishop is the chief teacher of the local church or diocese, and as a successor to the apostles governs the church in communion with the Bishop of Rome.¹ Fr. Don and all the priests of the Church are the "co-workers" of the bishop in that role, and the parish priest is appointed to be responsible for a particular parish.²

The rite of installation on Sunday, requires that Fr Don uphold, in both word and action, the entire teachings of our Faith and the laws and regulations of our Church. It asks Fr Don to live out the threefold ministry of the ordained priesthood, i.e., sanctifying, teaching, and governing, as well as caring for the People of God sacramentally and pastorally, in the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd. That does not mean that all that happens for the People of God in Bundaberg is now the total responsibility of Fr Don. We can't all sit back and say that we don't have the "Grace of Office" because it was conferred on one person. Rather, through the grace and call we received at our Christian baptism, we share, with Fr. Don and Fr. Sijo in the mission of our faith community, simply to bring others to Christ.

Pope Francis, who has often spoken of the co-responsibility

that priests and people share for the mission of the Church returned to this point recently, saying "The experience of the Twelve Apostles and the testimony of Paul also challenge us today. They invite us to verify our attitudes, to verify our choices, our decisions, on the basis of these fixed points: everything depends on a gratuitous call from God; God also chooses us for services that at times seem to exceed our capacities or do not correspond to our expectations; the call received as a gratuitous gift must be answered gratuitously. It is a call that concerns both those who have received the sacrament of Orders, consecrated persons, and all lay faithful, man or woman: it is a call to all. You, the treasure you have received with your Christian vocation, are obliged to give it: it is the dynamic nature of life. It is a call that empowers them to actively and creatively perform their apostolic task, within a Church in which 'there is a diversity of ministry but a oneness of mission'.³

The Pope continues "The laity too: all of you, the majority of you are lay people. The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world." In these words, Pope Francis is speaking about the co-responsibility that the laity share with priests in the mission of the Church.

We too with Pope Francis can pray that our common dignity and equality inspire us to even greater unity and cooperation in proclaiming by word and example, the Good News of Jesus Christ, in co-responsibility for the mission with our new Parish Priest. We offer Fr. Don our full and prayerful support as we work with him in serving Christ in the mission of our faith community.

by: *Br. Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

¹ See *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) no. 77 & 880, and Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium* 18.

² See CCC 1597, and Vatican II, *Presbyterium Ordinis* Chapter II.

³ Pope Francis, Address at General Audience in St Peter's Square March 15, 2023

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

ADULT FAITH: *The Mass—In Memory of Me*

The Jews had a very different understanding of memorial from ourselves. Moses had ordered that the Exodus from Egypt (God's central act of salvation in the Old Testament) should be commemorated annually and at the same time of year as it actually occurred. This Memorial, should take the form of a celebratory feast (the Passover) (cf. Leviticus 23:5-8), celebrating that they had become and still were God's covenanted People. Jesus brought this biblical celebration of the Passover to its total fulfilment, just as He brings to completion everything else in the Old Testament, and just as he promised He would in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:17). So, in his bringing the Passover Meal to its fulfilment, He keeps the meal; he keeps the remembrance and thanksgiving for salvation and for freedom, but he raises everything to a higher plain. From now on, his disciples would continue to thank God for all that He did for the Jewish People and throughout their history: but now there is an altogether new dimension. Christians would henceforth give thanks for the wondrous liberation and salvation won for them by the victorious death and resurrection of God's Son.

From now on, the Lord's Death and Resurrection would not be just in the mind, but also in outward reality, in actual fact, in the consecrated elements, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The celebration of the Holy Mass, the **Memorial of the Lord**, makes Christ present in the actual event of his Last Supper. From Christ's own lips we hear the sacred words of consecration; from Christ's own hands we receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of eternal Salvation. (Notes from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Preshy Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
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Secretary

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Mrs Maryanne Taylor

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Live the Liturgy

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive. **Father John Muir** ©LPi

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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

THE CHRISM MASS: will be held at **10.00am, Thursday, 30th March** at St Joseph's Cathedral. This is a marvellous opportunity for the Diocese to gather, either in person or via the livestream, and with our clergy as they conclude their time of pre-Easter gathering. For those joining via the livestream you can find the event on our St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>. We will be streaming the Chrism Mass in the Parish Office, 10am Thursday, if you'd like to watch it with us.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD: Next Sunday we celebrate what is traditionally called Palm Sunday. Palm crosses will be available at the doors of the church, depending on how many people are at the working bee on Friday, 31st March, 10am in Novakoski Centre.

Thank you to everyone who attended the rite of installation at last week's 9am Mass. It was significant moment for me and for our local faith community after the months of us all working through the transfer to Bundaberg. So, I am grateful for your support, and especially to those who helped with the Mass, and the morning tea afterwards.

Fr Don

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 third and final Scrutiny during the 9.00 am Mass. Jesus is proclaimed, is present and is encountered as new life (the story of the raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-45) 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 bring new meaning, new purpose and a completely new direction to your life?

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The next session for Parents and Children is on **Wednesday, 29th March**, 5.30pm in Holy Rosary Church. Topic: Confirmation.

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.

ROSTERS TERM 2: These have been finalised and are in the process of being sent. If you haven't received yours yet, keep checking your emails, collection tables at each church, or the website.

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.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 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 – 5.20 and 6.00 – 6.30pm
- Wednesday April 5th **Holy Rosary** 11.00am – 12 noon

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**

PARISH BOOK AND GIFT STORE: Located in the Parish Office and open during office hours, the store has a range of religious books and gifts for sale. Recent additions are a variety of gifts suitable for first Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. You are welcome to browse the shelves and purchase a gift if you wish. Eftpos is available.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Wish to thank everyone who contributed either by attending, donating or assisting to make our St Patrick's Day Function a social and financial success.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER-MARCH. The newsletter has been uploaded to our website and there are a few copies at the main door of the churches.

THE GIFT OF MASS OFFERINGS

Mass offerings have been part of the Church's life since about the second century. Their purpose is simply to provide an offering for a particular intention to be prayed for during the Mass. In many cases, these offerings are passed on to priests who have little or no other income, often in other parts of the world. So, the gift of offering a Mass is a way of helping the Church somewhere at some time. And it is a tangible sign of the spiritual and material dependence we have, as Christians, on God and on one another. Masses can be offered for the living and for those who have died, or for a special intention and highlight the importance of constantly turning to God in prayer, whether in times of joy or trial. To assist with the recording of the intentions for those who have gone before us in faith, Masses for the dead will be included in the parish bulletin on a monthly basis.

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 Cormick 30.03.2019, Lilian 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.



MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Valarie Meadows and Family, Paul and Laurence Galea, 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 27 March 2023

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 28 March 2023

9.00am St James' LWC

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 29 March 2023

8.00am Shalom College LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

Thursday 30 March 2023

7.00am St Patrick's-LWC

Friday 31 March 2023

11.00am Holy Rosary Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 1 April 2023

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

2 April 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

12.00 noon Baffle Cr

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Second Reading

Philippians: 2:6-11

Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

Easter Celebrations 2023

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday - 6 April 2023

6.30 pm Holy Rosary Church

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday - 7 April 2023

3:00 pm Holy Rosary Church

3:00 pm St James' Church

3:00 pm St Patrick's Church

EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday - 8 April 2023

6:30 pm Holy Rosary Church

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Easter Sunday - 9 April 2023

7:00 am St James' Church

8:00 am Holy Rosary Church

9:00 am St Patrick's Church

5:30 pm Holy Rosary Church

PRAYER GROUPS

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.

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.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Mater Hospital: 4153 9539
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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.



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

St Joseph's Cathedral and The Cathedral College
Rockhampton

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

Further information and registration details to come



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PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection

For 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus.

The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th.

Last year the Diocese of Rockhampton contributed \$14,566.00 Our Parish contribution was \$2,300. The 27 Archdioceses and Dioceses and 3 Eparchies in Australia contributed \$1,496,693.11.

We Thank You for your

Donation

Envelopes are available
at the Church doors