

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.



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg
Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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Welcome to the Parish

3rd Sunday of Easter

22nd/23rd April 2023

ANZAC REFLECTIONS

On April 25th, 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the beach at Gallipoli. They were met with a barrage of fire from the Turkish soldiers who were positioned on the cliffs. The battle lasted for eight months before the remaining force was evacuated. Thousands had died and many others were injured. Although many returned to Australia, they too suffered the aftermath of war mentally and physically.

Remembrance: Although it is 108 years since this landing occurred we still remember these men and women who volunteered to serve to protect the peace and values of Australia and its allies. These soldiers and nurses faced the unknown with courage and spirit. I always think of the parents who farewelled their sons. Today with God's help and prayer, we too could follow their courageous example as we are faced with difficult situations.

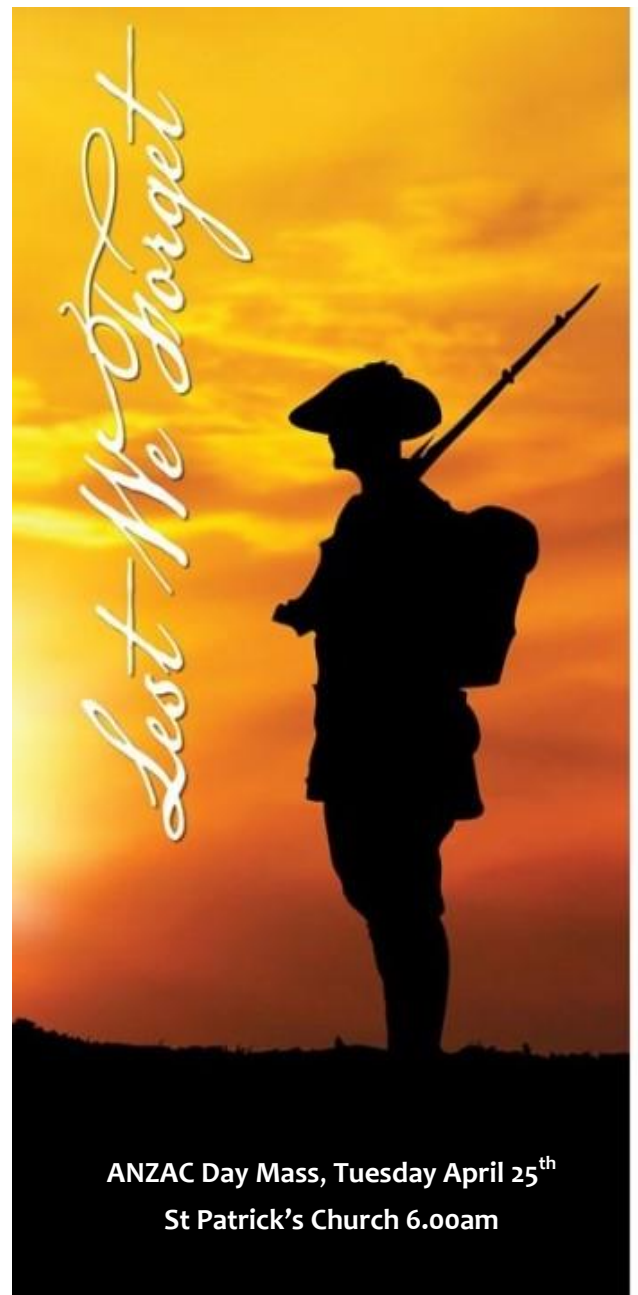
My Rosemary bush is flowering which is a reminder of the those who died. A sprig of Rosemary is traditionally worn on Anzac Day. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

On this ANZAC Day let us offer a prayer of thanks for those who have lost their lives during any military conflicts. **May they Rest in Peace.** Let us also remember the current members of the Army, Air Force and Navy who provide protection for us while ensuring peace and hope for a better future. They too deserve our gratitude.

Today we remember the heroism and courage of Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives in the fields of battle. We remember all of the civilian victims of war. Their voices pierce the silence, echoing the longing of the psalmist for the day when justice will flourish and there will be fullness of peace forever. (Mass – Anzac Day)

By: Maureen Ewing

Catholic Women's League



ANZAC Day Mass, Tuesday April 25th
St Patrick's Church 6.00am

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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Bereavement Co-ordinator

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Property Officer

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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—The Doxology*

All the Eucharistic Prayers end with exactly the same words. The Priest, holding the sacred Host on the paten in the one hand and the Chalice in the other, sings or says. *Through Him, and with Him and in Him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours for ever and ever.*

The Amen with which the People respond to these words is called the *Great Amen*. We say Amen at the end of every prayer, a word which simply means *I agree with what has been said*. The Priest speaks out the Eucharistic Prayer on our behalf, as our representative before God. It is our Prayer. Our Amen at its conclusion is our assertion that we accept and believe with all our hearts what has been said and done on our behalf, and particularly that we agree with this final statement which, in a sense, sums up the entire Eucharistic Prayer. And our Yes to what has been said and done in the Eucharistic Prayer is indeed a mighty Yes, a *Great Amen*.

These final words of the Eucharistic Prayers are called the **Doxology**, a word that means speaking out praise or giving glory. It is important to acknowledge and appreciate that our prayer of praise asserts that all glory is being given to the Father *through Him (Christ) and with Him and in Him - to the Father*. *Only through Christ can we give God any praise at all and the man Christ Jesus who is with us always is the one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus (1Tim 2:5)*. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

UNITED HEARTS CHARISMATIC PRAY GROUP presents: *The Wild Goose Series*.

Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Commencing **Sunday April 23rd**, 6.30pm-8.00pm, in the Parish Office and continuing for six weeks. (Refreshments will be served prior from 6.00pm).

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, April 25th** at the Anglican Church **10.00am**. **Please Note** Entry will be via Woongarra Street. Parking may still be an issue due to the finishing of the Anzac Day Parade.



Holy Spirit Seminary
QUEENSLAND

APPEAL

As noted last week, this annual appeal will take place next weekend, **April 29/30**.

Envelopes are available at the Church doors this weekend.

Some **monthly calendars** are also available.

Let us pray one section of Pope Benedict XVI's prayer:

Let them (our priests and seminarians) be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.

Any financial assistance in supporting our seminarians' training is gratefully received.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH THE WORKER: As we approach the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (30th of April) as well as the feast day of St Joseph the Worker the next day, you are invited to pray a diocesan novena to St Joseph for vocations. **The novena starts this Sunday the 23rd of April and ends on the 1st of May.** You can find the novena online at

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/catholic-faith/vocations/novena/>



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

BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The May meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 2nd** at the Spotted Dog at **9.30am** for **10.00am start**. The proceeds from the raffle on this day will be our contribution to "The Biggest Morning Tea" fund raiser. This year our focus is Gynaecological Cancer Research. You might like to bring a raffle prize. All are welcome. **RSVP by Saturday night April 29th** to **Olga (4151 3397)**. Cost \$10.00

WORKING BEE – clean-up for Mothers' Day. Saturday, May 6th

This will be the last working bee until after winter. We would like to complete one more section of the Monumental graves in preparation for Mothers' Day.

We will **commence at 6.30am** and have a short "snack break" at 7.50am to 8.15 am and **conclude** the work at **9.30am**.

Spades, rakes, shovels, bins, whipper snippers, blowers, garden hand-tools, rakes and brooms will all be helpful. All are welcome and your time – no matter how long – will be of great assistance.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Tuesday May 9th at **10.30 am** or **5.30 pm**. The training will be held in the Parish Office meeting room.

We encourage you to attend the one-hour informative session to refresh and learn of the updated information. It is a requirement of all volunteers that they attend these sessions yearly.

"Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children.

They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence for it is a safe and secure home." (A message from the Holy Father Pope Francis.)

BISHOP MICHAEL'S SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR THE INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT:

There is a special edition of the Diocesan e-newsletter on the important issue of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, also known as the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, Voice to Parliament or The Voice. Bishop Michael McCarthy has asked to share with you resources which may assist in your own deliberations and understanding regarding this question which will go to the Australian people in a referendum later this year. During March, Fr Frank Brennan SJ launched his book – *An Indigenous Voice to Parliament – Considering a constitutional bridge*. You can find information about the launch and some background to the book here – <https://css.org.au/cssv-hosts-book-launch-event-an-indigenous-voice-to-parliament/>. This book fairly outlines both the 'Yes' case and the 'No' case, so that voters can make up their own minds before casting their vote in the referendum. **Some copies of Fr Brennan's book can be obtained through the Parish Gift and Bookstore. (\$30.00)**

PASSIONISTS FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT: 50th Anniversary luncheon, **Sunday, May 7th, 11.30am** in Novakoski Centre. All past and present members are welcome.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE:

Recently Married: Taylah Hamilton and Stuart Munckton.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Bob Maguire (Sth Melbourne), John Azzopardi, Bill Pronger (Maryborough), Margaret Majella Woltmann (Kingaroy), Betty Taylor, Robert Beckhouse, Leone Munckton, Mary Elizabeth Fordham (Childers), Janet Dobson, John Carlile, Mary Rizzo, Max Martin (Snr), John Wientjens.



MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES : Jack McGlynn 25.04.2017, Mavis Simons 25.04.2017, Nino Fresta 29.03.1998, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Mariantonia Cafolla 12.04.1984, Ron Cook 05.04.2006, Len Schneider 08.04.2021, Phillip Joseph Marano 05.04.2018, Myra Galea 09.04.2008, George Galea 22.10.1988, Michele Grosso 04.04.2007, Teresa Brillante 27.04.2009, Albino Modolo 04.04.2019, Enzo Mogarotto 07.12.2020, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Rhian Elsmore, Rosa A Andres and Ramon D Andres, Giovanna De Papi, Romeo De Papi, Irene Bot and Gino De Papi, Valarie Meadows and Family, Paul and Laurence Galea, 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 24 April 2023

St Fidelis

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Tuesday 25 April 2023

ANAZAC DAY

6.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 26 April 2023

8.00am ShalomCollegeMass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 27 April 2023

7.00am St Patrick's -Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 28 April 2023

St Peter Chanel

11.00am Holy Rosary-Exposition

11.30pm Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 29 April 2023

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

30 April 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

Second Reading

Peter: 2:20-25

Gospel

John 10:1-10

FUNERALS

JOHN AZZOPARDI

Holy Rosary Church

Friday, 28th April 9.00am



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
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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

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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St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700

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—Friday: 7.00am until
5.00pm approx.

Saturday -open for Reconciliation
from 9.00am -10.00am.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A Disciple's Response

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as
good stewards of God's varied grace"

1 Pt 4:10

In 2008, the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg began the journey of becoming a STEWARDSHIP PARISH. In the intervening fifteen years, we have seen the journey take us to places we may never have dreamed of going ourselves but, collectively, we have trod, stumbled, run and ventured into an unknown territory to become who we are today.

It seems an opportune time to revisit some of the basic lessons we learned along the way so that we can gain strength to walk on together, inspired by the Spirit, who leads us, hopefully with breath that is at our backs, encouraging us forward. (The following relies heavily on the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS 1992.)

In the first letter of St Peter, we have a simple definition of what Christian stewardship entails. Each one of us is gifted. Each one of us needs to discern our giftedness and be honest in appraising its strength and its weaknesses. For example, I may have the gift of leadership. A wonderful gift! Used well (its strength) it can be a source of support and encouragement of the gifts of others. Used badly (its weakness) it can have a debilitating effect on others where the leadership is about the one who leads and not shared with others whose giftedness is not recognised.

We can explore this direction of St Peter another way - We as Christian stewards;
receive God's gifts gratefully, Our gifts are not earned. They are freely bestowed upon us. And we are grateful.

cultivate them responsibly, It is our duty to nurture the gifts we have received. No one selfishly hides a gift (cf. Matthew 25: 24 – 27) but nurtures it to perfection in a responsible manner as steward.

share them lovingly in justice with others. Our gifts are not for ourselves but for others – a gift is not a gift until you give it away, or until it is received – and in love which is the basis of our Faith, we give our gifts to others.

return them with increase to the Lord. In giving to others whom we can see, we give to God the gifts we have nurtured and developed and we will know that we, like the good servants of the parable are worthy of the commendation “well done good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25: 23)

