

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

Sunday of *Easter*

29th/30th April 2023

2023 Seminary Appeal and World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Seminary Appeal

This weekend we have the chance to support our future priests through the Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal.

Your financial support enables the Brisbane Holy Spirit Seminary to provide valued theological and pastoral formation as well as teaching seminarians to shepherd in a new way. Your contributions go towards the costs of providing accommodation, functional classrooms and facilities that contribute to the seminarians' education, and helps ensure our future priests are fully equipped for the task ahead.

Our Diocese currently has 2 seminarians - Peter Doherty, who is in his pastoral (5th) year at the seminary; and, Grant Sutherland, who is in his third year of formation. There are other young men around the diocese who are currently discerning whether they may be called to enter the seminary in the near future.

Your prayers and financial support are of great encouragement to our Seminarians in their journey, and they remember all those who support them in their daily prayers at Holy Spirit Seminary. We thank you for your generosity as you support our future priests. Please continue to pray for our Seminarians as they undertake their preparation. Pray that men in our communities will have the courage to hear and answer this call, and for all of us – that we ask the question and extend the invitation to men in our families and communities.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today we also acknowledge the need for Vocations which include the call to the priesthood and religious life, as well as the call to the vocation of marriage and of the single life.

At the Vatican's Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, speaking about Church and the family, Pope Francis said that we need to "rediscover the value of the family as the source and origin of the social order, as the vital cell of a fraternal society capable of caring for the common home. The Pope went on to say that the good of the family "consists in sharing relationships of faithful love, trust, cooperation, reciprocity," which brings about their happiness. "The family humanises people through the relationship of 'we' and at the same time promotes each person's legitimate differences."

In Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, he said that the grace of the sacrament of Matrimony - which is the 'social' sacrament par excellence - heals and elevates the whole of human society and is a leaven of fraternity."

Please include in your prayers this weekend the prayer for Vocations:

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church.

May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world.

Amen.

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

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Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Preshy Varghese
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Mrs Kaye Beston
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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 Rite of Communion*

With the Eucharistic Prayer completed and the Sacrament of the Eucharist there before us on the altar, the priest says: *At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: Our Father...*

We rise to our feet and this very change of posture reminds us that we are moving into a new phase of the Mass. We offered gifts of bread and wine to God; He took hold of them and changed them into the real presence of his Son; now He gives us back our original gift but changed beyond all imagining. We now begin our immediate preparation for the reception of Holy Communion.

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say... dust and ashes that we are, we have courage enough to address the Almighty God as *our Father*. We do this because the Lord himself so commanded us. If we could only understand what we really mean by the word God, we would tremble at daring to call him *Father*. Next week we will look at *The Lord's Prayer* and discover how we are indeed children of the Father and co-heirs with Christ of the Heavenly Kingdom.

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



Holy Spirit Seminary
QUEENSLAND

APPEAL

As noted previously, this annual appeal will take place this weekend, April 29/30.

Envelopes are available at the Church doors as are the monthly prayer calendars.

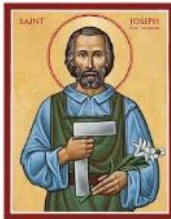
Let us pray one section of Pope Benedict XVI's prayer:

Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood (or preparing for ordination) may be ever more conformed to You, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience.

Thank you for your financial assistance in supporting our seminarians.

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 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/>



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

EL SHADDAI – HERVEY BAY CELL GROUP: An Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving for 28 years of this Group will be held on **Saturday, May 6th at 10.00am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Bryant St, Pialba**. Our Bundaberg Cell has been invited to attend along with other cells extending from the Gold Coast to Bundaberg.

The celebrations commence with registration and breakfast from 8.30am.

Following Mass there will be sharing, presentations and song.

Our Bundaberg Cell will be involved during this time. The celebrations conclude at 3.30pm

For further information, contact Lee Pendleton pinoz_cc58@yahoo.com.au

UNITED HEARTS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP presents: The Wild Goose Series.

Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Sunday nights, 6.30pm-8.00pm, in the Parish Office and continuing for the next four weeks.

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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: resumes this **Wednesday, 3rd May, 5.30pm** in the Parish Office for Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion.

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. Thank You.



BELLA CANNA CONCERT: Bundaberg's home-grown string quintet 'Bella Canna' will be presenting their first concert for the year in Holy Rosary church at **7pm** on **Saturday, May 6th**. The program is entitled 'Silhouettes' to reflect the light and shade in the music chosen for the performance. The ensemble is excited to present original works by John Rotar and Nicholas Buc as well as some timeless classics. Admission costs: Adults \$20, Student/Concession \$15 and Families \$50.

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

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.)

LOOKING TO ENRICH YOUR FAITH

THE PARISH OFFICE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Parish office is not just for the administration of the Parish but also offers Faith enhancing services through:

- The **Parish Chapel** - available for personal prayer and meditation;
- The **Parish Gift & Bookstore** – providing items that include Bibles, Sunday and Weekday Missals, Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts, rosary beads, prayer cards and more;
- The **Parish Library**, which has a range of books and videos for borrowing and special educational videos, which may be viewed at your leisure within the Library.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE:

Recently Baptised: Billy John Paul Caruana.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Napoleon Eguia (Philippines), Doreen O'Brien, Fr Bob Maguire (Sth Melbourne), John Azzopardi, Bill Pronger (Maryborough), Margaret Majella Woltmann (Kingaroy), Betty Taylor, Robert Beckhouse, Leone Munckton, Mary Elizabeth Fordham (Childers), John Carlile, Mary Rizzo, Max Martin (Snr).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES : David Wilson 30.04, Norma Brosnan 05.05.2022, 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 Schmeider 08.04.2021, Phillip Joseph Marano 05.04.2018, Myra Galea 09.04.2008, George Galea 22.10.1988, 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, 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 1 May 2023
St Joseph the Worker

9.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

Tuesday 2 May 2023
St Athanasius

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 3 May 2023
St Philip & St James

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 4 May 2023

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 5 May 2023

11.00am Holy Rosary-Exposition

11.30pm Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 6 May 2023

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

7 May 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

12.00 noon Baffle Cr-Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Acts 6: 1-7

Second Reading

Peter: 2:4-9

Gospel

John 14:1-12



PRAYER GROUPS

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

ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Novakoski Centre
3rd Sunday of each month from 10.00am – 12noon with morning tea. Contact Dr Olga Marinovic 0477 701 640

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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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

(The following relies heavily on the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS 1992.)

Disciples as Stewards

As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be **disciples**.

The simple meaning of disciple is a follower or pupil of a teacher/leader. Before the term Christian was given to Jesus' followers (Acts 11:26), the early disciples were called "Followers of the Way". The reference to Jesus own words is obvious "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6). It was an easy step then for the word Christian which we proudly bear, to be given to the disciples at Antioch."

In our time and place, to what are we called?

- **Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.** Our discipleship doesn't simply evolve. To be a disciple means to daily be conscious of who we are and how we act towards others. The cost of discipleship may be high and at times in our lives may seem to be unbearable, but the mature Christian weighs the cost against personal integrity and makes the decision to follow Jesus.

- **Christian disciples experience conversion—life-shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.** The stories of great conversions – St Paul, St Augustine etc. – abound. Our story of conversion is nowhere near as spectacular. (No bolt of lightning has struck us from our horse and left us blind. Acts 9: 3-9) Nevertheless, each day as we grow in our followership of Christ there are small conversions of mind and heart which lead us to act and relate with others in a greater bond of love.

Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mould our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live. Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognise God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Live the Liturgy

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, **"They recognize his voice."** He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

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