

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

Office Hours: 9.00-1.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

5th Sunday of *Easter*

29th/30th April 2023

MEMORIAL SERVICE – HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY – 7 PM

Jan Aplin
Bereavement
Co-ordinator

“We pray for the dead because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God’s presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in His love, until they see Him as He is.”

(According to the Catechism in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)

Over the past years in our Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, it has been a wonderful custom to hold a Memorial Service twice a year for family and friends who have lost a loved one in the six (6) months prior to the service.

“We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death” - St Ambrose

On Wednesday 24th May at 7 pm in Holy Rosary Church we will gather to pray with our families and friends. Invitations have been posted, but we also extend an invitation to other members of the Parish, who would like to remember their loved ones. You are all very welcome. A light supper will be served after the service in Novakoski Hall. Please register your attendance by contacting the Parish Office (in person) or call 4151 6666.

In the hearts of those who loved you, you will always be there. As you were, you will always be, treasured forever in our memory. I keep in my heart the love of the past, for there it was planted forever to last. Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. (Anonymous)



Rose Presentation

Memorial Candles



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

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Preshy Varghese
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Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
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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

ADULT FAITH: *The Mass—The Lord's Prayer*

It is often said that the *Our Father* (or the *Lord's Prayer* for it was He who taught it to us) is the very model of all prayer and that everything we ought to say to the Father is contained in this collection of simple sentences. However, we need to be conscious that, because it is the *Lord's Prayer*, there are depths to it that we may not yet have fathomed, for only He could have composed such an appeal to the Father, so simple yet so utterly profound, with so few words yet with such vast horizons. Without having meditated on it in the silence of our private lives, it is virtually impossible to pray it meaningfully at Mass, when it is recited so relatively quickly.

At the heart of Christian revelation, as we know, lies the liberating fact that this God of ours is not hostile to us, as the pagan gods were, but loving beyond measure. In the First Eucharistic Prayer we pray: *Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance* – that is precisely how we should always think of God, as smiling on us. Our Lord taught us to call God our Father, not my Father, though this individual approach is implied - if God is Father of us all then He is my Father too.

In the context of the Mass, these words, *give us this day our daily bread*, refer to the Eucharist, the Bread of Heaven. *Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you... it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:34-35).*

As baptised Christians, we have become members of God's household, which is the Church of the living God (1 Tim 3:14). As we meditate privately on **The Lord's Prayer** the words *thy will be done* will resonate more profoundly as we recite this prayer as a community – the Body of God - during The Mass. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

Parish News and Announcements

CELEBRATING THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI: Fr Don will introduce the movie, *The Letter*, and will offer a refresher on the message of *Laudato Si*.

Session 1 – 5.30pm (parish Office), **Monday, May 22**

Session 2 – 10.30am (Parish Office), **Wednesday, May 24**

All are welcome to attend the symposium of their choice.

For those unable to attend or who would wish to view the movie in full, the link to the movie is below.

<https://laudatosiweek.org/#:~:text=Laudato%20Si'%20Week%202023%20will,encyclical%20on%20care%20for%20creation>

MAY CALENDAR – UPDATES:

May 17 – Visitation Team Meeting 10.30am in the Parish Office.

May 17 – The Creed for Youth I (15 – 20) Novakoski Centre 5.30pm – 7.00pm

May 24 – The Creed for Youth II (15 – 20) Parish Office 5.30pm – 7.00pm

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

Come Holy Spirit - Fill the Hearts of the Faithful

The faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton are invited to gather as we celebrate the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Friday 26 May (12 noon) – Saturday 27 May (1pm)
St Joseph's Cathedral and The Cathedral College, Rockhampton
No cost to attend gathering!
Most meals and materials provided.

Sponsorship (up to \$120) for accommodation for those who have to travel to attend.

Any questions please email dpc@rok.catholic.net.au

Registration - simply use the link or the QR code

<https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/DioFest>



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Register Here

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.**



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THE NICENE CREED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: If you are between the ages of 15 – 20 you are invited to come along to two sessions where we will explore The Nicene Creed. What does it all mean? The Nicene Creed is a way to profess our faith. It's the summary of the most important things we believe as Catholics, as passed to the apostles from Christ.

Do you understand that long prayer we say at every Sunday Mass? Do you rattle it off like a robot not really knowing what you are praying? If so then this is for you.

The first session will be on **Wednesday 17 May at Novakoski Hall**, behind Holy Rosary Church from 5.30 to 6.30 followed by free pizza and finishing up at 7pm.

The second session will be the following **Wednesday 24 May at the Parish Office** at the same time. Presented by Mrs Mary Taylor & Mrs Cheryl Petersen.

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.)

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Next session for Parents and Children, **Wednesday 10th May, 5.30pm**, Holy Rosary Church. **Topic: The Eucharist.**

This is the children's final session before rehearsals and celebration of the sacraments in June. Next weekend will see them celebrate a Ritual of Belonging during all Masses. Please pray for them and their families.

MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA : After 8.00am Mass on **Sunday, May 14th** at Holy Rosary Church. Please join us for a cuppa at the entrance to the Church to celebrate this special day.

HEALTHY FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP: This is an opportunity to share common situations causing family relationship concerns and to work together to find ways to address them. The workshop aims to help showcase positive family relationships and improve mental wellbeing in the multicultural communities as well as providing information about community support services in the region.

With representatives from Family Relationship Centre, Wide Bay Mental Health and Specialised Services, and some members of CALD communities, the multi-hub formed the Multicultural Mental Health Committee (MMHC). MMHC has been working together to develop a unique way to work together to build healthy and connected families within our multicultural communities. This workshop will be held in **Novakoski Centre, Tuesday May 23rd 5.30pm-7.00pm**. For more details see the notice board in the church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY: All past and present members are welcome to attend a casserole Luncheon in The Novakoski Centre commencing at **11.30am**, this Sunday **7th May**.

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: James Harte, 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, John Carlile, Mary Rizzo, Max Martin (Snr).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES : Giovanni Caruso 04.05.2013, Eugene Ferris 01.05.2007, David Thorne 09.05.1981, James Gunn 11.05.1949, Alice Gunn 14.05.1950, Judith Koczan (Thorne)28.05.1997, 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, 22.10.1988, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Liz Strathdee & Family, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Deceased members of The Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families Rhian Elsmore, Rosa A Andres and Ramon D Andres, 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 8 May 2023

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 9 May 2023

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 10 May 2023

St John de Avila

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 11 May 2023

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 12 May 2023

St Nereus & St Achilleus

St Pancras

11.00am Holy Rosary-Exposition

11.30pm Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 13 May 2023

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

14 May 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 8: 5-8, 14-17

Second Reading

Peter: 3:15-18

Gospel

John 14:15-21

PILGRIMAGE- In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. Full details and Early Bird Price will be included in next weeks bulletin.

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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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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding
-policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

OTHER CONTACTS

Mrs Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985

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

Regrettably, due to vandalism, we have
modified the opening hours.

Monday – Friday 8.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday – Reconciliation

9.00am – 10.00am

Sunday – Masses 8.00am and 5.30pm

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.)

STEWARDS OF CREATION

God created the world but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;

None of us can fail to be stirred by the beauty we see around us in such simple things as a sunrise, a sunset, a rain forest, the ocean or the wonder of new life. human, animal or vegetable. We need but to take the time to see, and in seeing, be moved.

Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;

In our own region, we have regular reports of destruction of the environment. We are encouraged, urged to be more environmentally conscious. To name some local examples: The Barrier Reef's life is in jeopardy, the wellbeing of marine life including the turtle population is constantly before us. We can close our eyes and our ears if we wish and see this as none of our concern but if we are good stewards of God's creation, we cannot resile from personal involvement.

Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish;

We have one precious life. It is a gift. From the moment of conception until a body takes its last breath, we cherish life. It is sacred – made in the image of God. As Catholics we celebrate the Sanctity of Life. As stewards of this sacred gift, we are called to stand up against all that threatens and assaults the deep respect in which life should be held. Laws of State may be pragmatic and move with the winds of fancy or expediency but any assault on the sanctity of life in all its stages can never be the butt of expediency.

Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labour, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

In Genesis 3:19 we have mention of the dignity of work for all human beings. There are many references to the work of our hands in the Bible and today in each of our Masses the phrase "work of human hands" comes into the Offertory. Human effort is needed for the ongoing development of this world. Work is a noble vocation. The recent Feast of St Joseph the Worker is a clear statement from the Church of this. It makes all who work co-creators of this developing world.

Live the Liturgy

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, **"You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'"** To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi