

### 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*

13th/14th May 2023

## Mothers Day

Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Our thoughts turn to our mothers today, those still with us or not, hopefully with fondness. My mother always said, "Every day is Mother's Day!" and no matter what age, "once a mother always a mother." So true, because as St Paul said to the Corinthians, "Love never comes to an end."

The foundation of motherhood is unconditional love. To witness the love between a mother and her child is to see the face of God. A mother's love is almost sacramental in nature. It puts "the flesh and bone on God's Love." What does God look like? Look at a mother. What does God do? Watch a mother at work. She cares, feeds, nurtures, hugs, encourages, comforts, is patient and proud.

Motherhood is different for every woman. My experiences may not be the same as yours, but here's a few words and thoughts that may give praise to mothers.

Pain. Unimaginable pain that turns to immeasurable joy. Miracle. Who can doubt the existence of God and God's marvelous works of creation? Wonder and awe in God's creative imagination when this tiny bundle is placed in your arms.

Let's not forget sleepless nights, tiredness, and exhaustion because Life as a mother is not a bed of roses all the time. Just ask Mary, the mother of Jesus. Then there's the laundry, cold dinners, an untidy house, sharing a bed with a wriggly child, and forget about the Gucci handbag, it's now a nappy bag! And have I mentioned sleepless nights, skinned knees, broken limbs, back-chat, tantrums in the supermarket, defiance, and independence?

Who could forget the "firsts"? The first smile, the roll-over and crawl, the first word, walking for the first time, riding a bike, how clever they are! The first birthday, the first loose tooth, the first day at school, the first certificate of achievement, the first friend, the first job, car license, the first girlfriend or boyfriend, the first grandchild?

But let's not forget the "lasts" that come with motherhood. The sense of loss that must be endured for our children to grow. The last day of primary school or secondary school, the last "Mummy" (now Mum), the last cuddle in bed, the last story read to them, the last night at home, the last hug in public.

Throughout our lives, mothers experience little life-and-death, first and last, moments that go hand-in-hand with motherhood. When my first child was born, while still in hospital, the midwife said to me, "Treasure this treasure, for from today onwards he will grow away from you." I was a bit taken aback at first but then thought about it. From the moment they are born, children grow up and away from the sphere of their parents to become the best versions of themselves that God created them to be, by the love that has been showered on them in a million ways, daily.

Mothers, on this day, be thankful for the greatest gift that God has given you, the gift of your child or children. You've done your best to bring them up to be the best that they can be. Pat yourself on the back. There is no manual. There is only love, and love endures all things, including sleepless nights.

### MOTHERS' DAY THANK YOU.

Special thanks to the Passionist Family Group for the prayer cards distributed this weekend. Thanks to all who contributed to the Morning Tea at Holy Rosary.

May all mothers in our parish have an enjoyable and blessed day with their families. St Paul's words on love from Corinthians 13: 4-7 could well be attributed to a mother's love:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

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**  
Chair

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Deputy-Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

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**Mr John Begeda**

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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 Embolism*

The Embolism refers to the prayer *Deliver us Lord ...* which follows immediately on from the Our Father and it is called the *Embolism* precisely because it has been added on to it. This is the reason why we don't say Amen after the Our Father as we normally would, because the embolism in effect continues the prayer. Its purpose is to amplify and develop the reference to evil referred to in the last clause of the Our Father because of the complexity of evil that exists in our world. Here it is as it appears in the Mass: *Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

At the embolism's conclusion both Priest and People say: *for the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.* These words are a reconstructed quotation from King David's prayer as he consecrated his newly built temple (1 Chronicles 29:10-13) and while they do not appear in the earliest versions of the Gospels, they do appear in many of the earliest texts of our Liturgy, some dating back to the second century. In the course of time, they fell out of use but when the Mass was being reformed after the Second Vatican Council, the liturgists decided to restore these words to their original liturgical setting as an embolism (add on). It is a very ancient part of the Mass and a very beautiful prayer too. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

## Parish News and Announcements

### MAY CALENDAR – UPDATES:

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

**May 18** – Prayers at the Catholic Cemetery 9.30am.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** It was great to have more than 70 people attend the training on Tuesday. Thanks to you all. Special thanks to Judy Pidcock and Emma Finlay from the Diocesan office who led the very informative sessions.

If you are a “volunteer” and were unable to attend, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Jan Aplin, and alternative arrangements for training can be made.

It is a Diocesan requirement that all involved in ministry in the Parish attend the training when it is offered.

**WORKING BEE THANKS:** The ten people who gave their time and energy to clean up one more section of our cemetery did excellent work. Any visitor to the cemetery will notice how “cared for” it looks. A real tribute to those who have gone before us. Thank you.



**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS:** The Diocesan Seminary appeal last weekend raised \$3370.00. We thank all those who contributed.

### CELEBRATING THE 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### [The Letter:Laudato Si](#)

**THE BUNDABERG CWL YOUNGER GROUP:** will meet again for dinner on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at the Melbourne Hotel. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. Please RSVP Suzie 0400 989 066 by Monday night 15<sup>th</sup>, if you are attending or for further information.

**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

**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.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** This weekend the children are present for a Ritual of Belonging, their final step before rehearsal and celebration of the sacraments.

They ask that you pray for them and their families in these final weeks. You may be lucky to receive an individual Prayer Card from one of the children.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June, in **Holy Rosary Church** with Bishop Michael presiding. First Holy Communion will then be received during the Masses on the following two weekends.

**DIOCESAN POSITION VACANT:** The Community Engagement Office of the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is responsible for cultivating and nurturing an effective philanthropic base that supports the mission of the Diocese. Applications are being accepted from persons with suitable qualifications/experience for the role of Community Engagement Manager.

The role will be responsible for:

- Appeals management, including receipting and donor acknowledgement
- Public relations, including social media and organisational communications
- Donor relations, including bequests and major donors

Please visit <https://rok.catholic.net.au/employment> before 10am on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to apply or phone Holly Tucker on 4887 3090 or email [hr@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:hr@rok.catholic.net.au) to discuss whether your skills may match the Diocese's requirements.

*Successful applicants must be willing to undertake a National Criminal History Check*

**RCIA HAPPENINGS:** You may think that the RCIA is finished for the year, since the Easter Vigil was the time of initiation for six new members into our Church. The RCIA is a process with no starting date and no set finishing date. People inquire about becoming Catholic all year round and we receive them when they do. We hope that you have seen our neophytes (newly-initiated) among you on Sunday.

At the moment we have three people inquiring about being baptised Catholic; three young people who will complete their initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist) in a few weeks' time; and one lady already baptised in the Anglican tradition who asks to be received into the Church.

If you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic, please encourage and accompany them as they make contact with the parish office.

## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Gatt, Patricia Tripp, Cameron Hocking, James Harte, Napoleon Eguia (Philippines), Doreen O'Brien, Fr Bob Maguire (Sth Melbourne), John Azzopardi, Bill Pronger (Maryborough), Margaret Majella Woltmann (Kingaroy), Betty Taylor.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES :** Roy Shadwell 2012, 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, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.



**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Amber Cooper, The Geiger and Cook Families, Liz Strathdee & Family, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Deceased members of The Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, 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 15 May 2023**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 16 May 2023**

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Wednesday 17 May 2023**

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Thursday 18 May 2023**

**Pope St John I**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 19 May 2023**

11.00am Holy Rosary-Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 20 May 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**21 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 1: 1-11

**Second Reading**

Ephesians: 1:17-23

**Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

## FUNERALS

NAME: TRIPP Patricia

DATE: 16<sup>TH</sup> May 2023

PLACE: Des Allen Funeral Chapel

TIME: 2.00pm

**GARDENING POTS: Fr Don** is looking for any large outdoor pots you may no longer have any use for.



If this is you, could you please take a photo and show Fr Don or email a photo to the Parish Office.

[sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au)



## 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  
paulmonxavier@gmail.com  
Binoy Joseph  
binoynj@gmail.com

## 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](mailto: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

## Live the Liturgy

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, **"I will not leave you orphans."** God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> commencing 5.30pm-7.00pm.** For more details see the notice board in the church. If you would like to know more about the workshop, please place your name and contact details on the sheet at the front door of the church. One of the presenters will contact during the week.

### 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. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For further information, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Coordinator:

Email: [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) Phone 02 8912 4818

**Early bird price Ex Brisbane \$4,230**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS EXTENDED.

The Parish Office will be open from 9.00am until 3.00pm each working day.  
From 3.00pm approximately our telephone will be switched to the recorded message.

**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](mailto: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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