

## 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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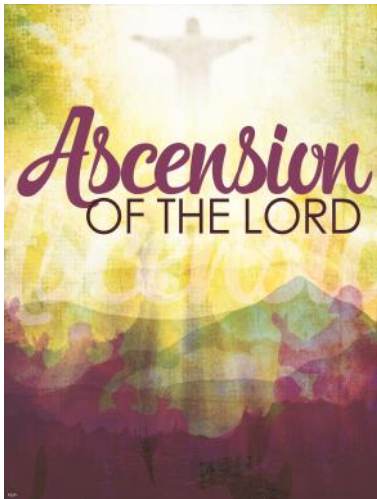
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Welcome to the Parish

7th Sunday of Easter

20th/21st May 2023



**T**oday, we commemorate the Ascension of Jesus, the day he successfully fulfilled his mission on earth and returned to be with his Father in heaven. Jesus now dwells with us in spirit and holds dominion over the ongoing plan of redemption through the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension of Jesus is a powerful source of strength and motivation for us as we continue to pursue our Faith. Whenever we feel disconnected from our beliefs and struggle to pray, we can take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is always interceding on our behalf. In times of adversity, we must remember that Christ will return in glory, just as he emerged from the tomb and ascended to heaven. Even when we don't comprehend everything, Jesus remains with us and is actively involved in every aspect of our lives.

Christ's Ascension made it possible for the Holy Spirit to be present everywhere and for us to become agents of Christ's will. This enables us to live with a renewed sense of purpose, driven by the Spirit of God. As we are transformed, our actions take on a greater significance, making us more like Christ in the world.

by: Fr Sijo George  
Associate Pastor

**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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### IMPORTANT NOTICE HOLY ROSARY UPDATE

Following another intrusion at Holy Rosary Church this week, we have been forced to make the following changes to our opening times.

**Holy Rosary Church** will be open weekdays.

**Wednesday** 11.15 – 1.00pm

**Friday** 10.00am – 1.15pm

**Saturday** 9.00am – 10.00am

**Sunday** shortly before and after each Mass - 8.00am and 5.30pm

As soon as we can be assured that our security is risk averse, we will let you know.

Our apologies for this inconvenience.

### 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.

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

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

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begea**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**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 Peace*

The reference to **peace** in the Embolism, as discussed last week, is now taken up directly: *Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever.*

The ancient Hebrew word for peace, *Shalom*, means a condition where war is not prevailing but it means much more. It points emphatically to human nature, complete in itself, in its relationships with God, and in its relationships with its fellow people. It carries an intimation of the delight which such wholesome and healthy relationships bring: that is why the Jews still use the word both as a greeting and a blessing.

Importantly though, it is more even than all this: *Shalom* is a dynamic word, hinting at a progress forward, an advancement, an improvement: a still deeper relationship with God and still better relationships of justice and fairness within society. In the Old Testament, *Shalom* would be realised when the Messiah should come (hence the implied expectation in the word): *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* (Is.9:6)

And when the Messiah did come, his constant message, summing up his whole purpose, was *Shalom Aleichem, Peace be with you.* Or, as our prayer quotes: *Peace I leave you; my peace I give you.* The Peace He bequeaths to us is a share in that unshakable Peace which reigned in his Heart when knowingly He stood on the very threshold of death by crucifixion. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

## Parish News and Announcements

### **VOLUNTEER WEEK – Thanks to our many Volunteers in ministry.**

From 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May we celebrate Volunteer Week. Today we remember with gratitude all who volunteer their gifts and talents in service in our Church Community. The Bundaberg Community is blessed by your efforts and by your living out stewardship in a complete way.

**HEALTHY FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP:** This will be held in Novakoski Centre on Tuesday, **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **5.30pm – 7.00pm**. Details are on the noticeboard at each church. After Mass today, there will be a representative from the organising group at the door if you have any questions.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY:** From May 21<sup>st</sup> to Pentecost is a time in Australia that has been set aside to pray for Christian Unity. The theme this year is "**Do Good; seek justice**". (IS 1:17) Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at Holy Rosary Church on **Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **10.00am** to be followed by fellowship. All welcome

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE – Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm at Holy Rosary**

All are welcome to attend and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us.

**RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING: Parish Office, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 4.00pm.** The Parish is again this year looking to put a team together for Cancer Council Relay For Life. We would also like to follow on from last year with a fundraising function to appeal to the wider Parish and community. These events help to raise much needed funds for Cancer Research. If you would like to participate in the organising and helping with either or both of these fund raising functions we would love to see you at the meeting. For further information please phone the Office.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - CHURCH CRAWL:** The Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church communities will hold this event on May 28<sup>th</sup> commencing at 2.00pm at the Uniting Church Barolin Street. The walk (crawl) will move to the Holy Rosary Church and conclude by 5.00pm with refreshments in the grounds of Christ Church Anglican Church. All are welcome to celebrate this occasion of Christian Unity.

### **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 two weeks. (Refreshments will be served prior, from 6.00pm).

**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:** Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June, 6.00pm, in Holy Rosary Church with Bishop Michael presiding. First Holy Communion will then be received during the Masses on the following two weekends.

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

**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.

**MASS ROSTERS TERM 3:** will be sent out at the end of June and are being compiled now. If you have any changes to your contact details, times that you know you are away, or are coming off the roster, please let Sarah know at [wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au) before Friday 9th June.

**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)



## CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL – 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> MAY

Fr Terry Loth writes:

*"Thank you, on behalf of all the retired priests, for your continued support in ensuring we enjoy a dignified retirement and have access to medical care when needed. If you are in a position to help at this time, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible donation to continue looking after them in their golden years."*

Envelopes will be available next week.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE:

**Recently Baptised:** Alexander Corrado Penny and Apolo T P Tevita Sealiimalietoa

**Recently Married:** Gabrielle Galea and Jay Rivett.



## 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, Betty Taylor.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES :** Lawrence Formosa 02.06.2014, Annette Sutton 23.05.2022, 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, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.



**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Paul Formosa and Family, Joseph Attard, 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 22 May 2023**

**St Rita**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Tuesday 23 May 2023**

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

6.15 pm St Patrick's - Penance

**Wednesday 24 May 2023**

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

after 12.15pm Mass

**7.00pm Holy Rosary**

**Memorial Service**

**Thursday 25 May 2023**

**Pope St Gregory VII**

**St Bede**

**St Mary Magdalene**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

**Friday 26 May 2023**

7.00 am Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 27 May 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's -LWC

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**28 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 2: 1-11

**Second Reading**

Corinthians: 12:3-7, 12-13

**Gospel**

John 20:19-23

## DIVINE MERCY

### CHAPLET

Prayers for the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be held every Wednesday in Holy Rosary Church after 12.15pm Mass

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS for 2023:

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 McCortley (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](mailto: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.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

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**St Vincent de Paul:** 4339 3700

**Ozcare:** 1800 692 273

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**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 continued intrusions we have again modified the opening hours.

Wednesday & Friday

11.15am—1.00pm

Saturday – Reconciliation

9.00am – 10.00am

Sunday – Shortly before the Masses  
at 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

**Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name.**

**Isaiah 43: 1** “But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine”.

**John 10:14-15** Jesus proclaims, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for my sheep”.

The Christian call is a personal call. Each of us is unique, admittedly with some things in common, and so the call we receive to be and do as Christian is unique. No one of us lives our lives the same. No one of us can copy the life of another. We can strive to emulate the qualities we admire in others but we live these with the body, mind, heart and giftedness which is our very own.

We are not nameless. With singular respect, Jesus' call to each one of us is prefaced by that which identifies us – our name. Jesus knows us and we know him like sheep of the Good Shepherd.

**The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.**

The statement, “Called, Gifted, Sent”, aptly sums up the vocation of a disciple. Having been called (by name), we are gifted with various talents and gifts which we receive gratuitously from a loving God. Our vocation is to develop these gifts to the best of our ability.

Then, when these gifts are matured, we are sent to make disciples of all people.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20**

## Live the Liturgy

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: “I pray for them.”

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi