

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

🔥 PENTECOST 🔥

27th/28th May 2023

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord.

At the Ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here, and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous, or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted him when we he needed them the most. After his death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house shakes with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart, and new purpose. Their fear and silence are replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the good news of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At this very moment the missionary church is born.

Pentecost is often described as the "birthday" of the church. This birthday is not contained to ancient events in an upper room in first century Jerusalem; it is a 'birthing' movement of the Holy Spirit that must occur continuously in our lives; and that is not an easy process. Birth involves the struggle and pain of labour. Seen this way, Pentecost is an annual opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church, while renewing our commitment to its continual 'rebirth' through personal conversion and the ongoing story of Christianity. As a Church we are far from perfect, but we remain loved and called, and that is a tremendous blessing and responsibility to share with the world.

There is nothing gentle, mild, or gentle about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing, and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. Oscar Romero, the Latin American Bishop who was murdered in 1978 said, **'The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.'**

As celebrate the birth of the missionary church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. May we do what Pope Francis asks of each of us, 'Go out again and again, without hesitation without fear and proclaim this joy which is for all people...'

This Pentecost let's call on the Holy Spirit with confidence and say 'Yes' to belonging to this beautiful yet wounded, struggling yet gifted, limping yet loved, faith community of ours.

by: *Bill Goodwin*
Principal St Mary's

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH – Re-opening

Some security has been put in place and we are happy to announce that Holy Rosary Church will be open weekdays from 9.00am – 3.00pm.

On weekends and Public Holidays, it will be open a short time before and closed soon after any liturgies or rituals in the Church.

Entrance will be by the door from the car park off Woongarra St.

Thank you for your understanding.

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
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Ms Nadene Pettett
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Mr David Batt

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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 Sign of Peace*

Following on from the only major prayer in the Mass that is directed not to the Father but to Jesus Himself the Priest then offers this Peace of Christ to the congregation and invites them to share it among themselves: *The Peace of the Lord be with you always... Let us offer each other a sign of peace.* The Mass is moving on, with that dynamism implied in the word *Shalom*, to the moment of Holy Communion when we shall receive Christ, the Prince and Giver of Peace, into the deepest reaches of our being.

The shaking of hands is an outward sign of peace. The person standing next to you represents Every person; you are proclaiming that you are at peace, as far as within you lies, with all people on earth. If you are not, then heed the words of the Lord: *Leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift* (Mt 23:25).

If we were able to see ourselves just a little as the Father sees us, then we would be well on our way to experiencing something of that peace Christ offers. He does see his beloved Son Jesus Christ when he looks upon us; He does see us hidden within the wounds of Christ who endured his passion precisely for our peace and reconciliation; He does love us with and within that same infinite and passionate love with which he loves his Son. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

Parish News and Announcements

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION APPEAL – TODAY

We are gifted to have two retired priests living with us in Bundaberg – Fr Terry and Fr John. Between them, more than 110 years of service to the people of God in our Diocese has been selflessly given.

Neither of them would ask for our support but it is our responsibility to ensure that these two men along with other retired priests in our Diocese are afforded suitable accommodation and care as they age.

The purpose of the Appeal today is simply that – our small way of expressing the gratitude of the people of our Diocese for those who have served us and our forbears in ministry.

There will be a 2nd Collection today for the Foundation

Envelopes are available today and can be returned either this weekend or next weekend with the ordinary collection.

Thank you.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - CHURCH CRAWL: The Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church communities will hold this event this **Sunday May 28th** 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.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: We are always open to people who inquire about becoming Catholic. There is a process that the Church has given us to enable this to happen, called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). An adult is anyone over the age of 16. If you know of someone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, a very informal Information and Inquiry Night will be held in the parish office on **Thursday, 15th June, 5.30pm**. Please accompany them to this gathering. Further, if you would like to assist others as part of a Team to become Catholic, you are also invited to this Information and Inquiry Night. Contact Anne at the parish office, 4151 6666.

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

Phone 02 8912 4818

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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CALVARY HOSPITAL CANBERRA

The government of the Australian Capital Territory is preparing to take over the Catholic hospital in Canberra, called Calvary hospital. It has operated as a Catholic public hospital since 1979 and has offered quality medical pastoral care over many years. Now it seems because the hospital does not align with the ideological position of the ACT government on the sanctity of life, the hospital will be taken from the Church and made a government hospital.

This is a disturbing development that a government can just move to take over a faith-based entity. The wider concern is if it starts with the Calvary hospital, it could happen anywhere in Australia. So please pray for the Archdiocese of Canberra over these days and, if you can, follow this issue in the news as it is situation that really concerns every person of faith in Australia.

Some links for further information – these are on our Facebook page also.

[Faith leaders condemn ACT plan to take over hospital - CathNews](#)

[‘We have a petition going’: Community protests Canberra Calvary hospital takeover - YouTube](#)

[Archbishop Prowse calls for new talks with ACT Government over Calvary - CathNews](#)

CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday nights, **6th & 8th 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.

INDIAN CATECHIST TRAINING REMINDER: If you are involved in this ministry, training will be held in St Patrick’s Church, **Wednesday June 14th** commencing at **5.30pm** and concluding with refreshments in St Patrick’s Hall.

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 before **Friday 9th June**.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Bereavement Team was pleased to welcome the many relatives and friends who came to the service last Wednesday. Praying for our departed as well as praying for our comfort and strength were very much to the forefront in the service.

O God, this prayer time revives in us memories of loved ones who are here no more.

What happiness we shared when they walked among us!

What joy, when, loving and loved, we lived our lives together.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Amen

Special thanks to all who prepared and served the supper and to Brown’s Funerals for the beautiful commemorative roses.

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Wesley West (Nth Ireland), Helen Murphy, John Gatt, Patricia Tripp, Cameron Hocking, James Harte.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES : Rolando Masil 23.05.2022, Tonino Crawford 09.06.2020, Pasquale Brillante 08.06.1999, 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, Margaret Morris, , Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, , Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, Paul and Laurence Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra

LITURGIES

Monday 29 May 2023
The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
9.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

Tuesday 30 May 2023
9.00am St James - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick’s - LWC

Wednesday 31 May 2023
Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
8.00am Shalom College - LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet
after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 01 June 2023
St Justin
9.00am Holy Rosary –Mass

Friday 02 June 2023
St Marcellinus & St Peter
11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition
11.30 am Holy Rosary– Penance
12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

Saturday 03 June 2023
7.30am St Patrick’s –Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance
6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

NEXT SUNDAY
04 June 2023 Year A(1)
7.00am St James’
8.00am Holy Rosary
9.00am St Patrick’s
12 noon Baffle Creek
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings
Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9
Second Reading
Corinthians: 13:11-13
Gospel
John 3:16-18

MEN ALIVE BREAKFAST

DAY: Saturday 10th June
TIME: 7.00am-8.30am
PLACE: Parish Office
COST: \$15.00 Payable on arrival
GUEST SPEAKER:
Fr Don White
TOPIC: Euthanasia

**UNITED HEARTS
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER
GROUP**

1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly
Novakoski Centre
(Behind Holy Rosary Church)
7.00pm.

**Recommencing on
6th and 20th June**

**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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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 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 THE CHURCH

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and co-operators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission.

The Gospel of last Sunday – The Ascension – spelt out clearly for us that we are not passive beneficiaries of God's gifts to us. "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28: 19) is an imperative which does not leave any doubt in the mind of a good steward. God's redemptive work cannot be left to then Pope, Bishops and priests of our Church. It is our work which each of us will perform using the gifts and talents we have been given.

This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- **Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;**
- **Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;**

All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

"Proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying" is the task confronting us. St Peter puts it boldly to the earliest Christians, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people claimed by God as his own possession, so that you may proclaim the praise of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Peter 2: 9. St Peter's words are as appropriate even more today than when first spoken and each of us can take them as addressed to us – the parishioners of Bundaberg.

Live the Liturgy

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI

June



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Show Holiday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASS 9.00am HR 	2	3	4 Trinity Sunday
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaplains' meeting 2.00pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Pastoral Visit • CWL meeting 9.30am • Baptism Prep 4.30pm • Confirmation 6.00pm HR 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Pastoral Visit • Music team meeting 3.45pm 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Pastoral Visit • Confirmation 6.00pm HR 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • menAlive breakfast 7.00am • First Communion St Pat's 6.00pm 	11 Feast of Corpus Christi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Communion St James' 7.00am • First Communion St Pat's 9.00am
12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Indian Catechists 5.30pm St Pat's 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Priests Meeting • PSC meeting 5.30pm 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Priests Meeting • Cemetery Prayers 9.30am • RCIA Information & Inquiry Night 5.30pm 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Team Review & Planning 	17	18 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Communion HR 8.00am & 5.30pm • MacKillop FPG - Kalkie Moon 11.00am
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering (Rockhampton) 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering (Rockhampton) 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering (Rockhampton) • Visitation meeting 10.30am • PFC meeting 5.15pm 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests' Gathering (Rockhampton) 	23 School Term 2 concludes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOCC Meeting 10.15am • Bereavement Team Meeting 11.15am • Malayalam Mass 6.30pm HR 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter's Pence Collection 	25 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter's Pence Collection • Confirmation & First Communion St James' 7.00am
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr Sijo on leave (Happy Holiday) 	27	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anointing Mass (10.00am) 	30		

Teaming up for a Cure

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg is looking for your help.

A meeting to organise our contribution will be held on

Wednesday, 31st May
4.00pm in the Parish Office

If you would like to join our team to help in either the Relay for Life or our Fundraiser you would be very welcome.

For more information please contact the Parish Office at

07 4151 6666

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BECOMING CATHOLIC

INFORMATION AND INQUIRY NIGHT

Accompany someone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith, or Assist others who want to become Catholic.

- THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE
- 5.30PM
- PARISH OFFICE
- 1/66 WOONGARRA STREET

REGISTER NOW
4151 6666

