

*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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The Most Holy TRINITY Year A

Welcome to the Parish

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## PEACE BE WITH YOU

Last weekend we celebrated the Church's great feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost. Fifteen members of our parish were present for the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan in Rockhampton with over one hundred others, and many of us walked with other Christians from the Uniting Church to the Anglican Church via Holy Rosary Church on the annual Pentecost Church Crawl. The air was filled, not with tongues of fire or mighty winds, but with excitement and energy. The Spirit was swirling through the People of God.

This week Bishop Michael will be in Bundaberg for a brief Pastoral visit, during which he will confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon fifty-five young people on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

He will greet the children and their families with "Peace be with you", a powerful promise from the Risen Christ to everyone gathered. Archbishop Coleridge once said to a group of confirmation candidates: "If you accept the gifts, open the gifts, not just throw them away or forget about them, and if you use the gifts of the Spirit freely given to you then I promise, you will experience the peace that only Jesus can give." This assurance of peace, a peace the world cannot give, directs us as it was for the apostles, to go out and be "filled with joy", being Christ to others.

I pray that the risen Lord, standing alongside the children, and indeed all of us, bringing his peace and breathing the Holy Spirit upon us, will find us willing to accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives and to use those gifts to bear fruit in our world.

All liturgies of the Church are communal acts of worship. No liturgy is private. With that in mind feel free to come to either of the Confirmation liturgies next week and pray with their families for these young ones. Your presence will increase the buzz and energy in the church!

Archdiocese of Brisbane, "Flame of Faith: Confirmation", Youtube, 2016

By Anne Sheehan

Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator



Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Church Crawl



Diocesan Pastoral Plan Launch

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 Agnus Dei*

When the exchange of peace has finished, Priest and People say or sing together the **Angus Dei**, another part of the Mass set to music by so many of the great western composers:

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Referring to Christ as the *Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)* takes no one by surprise. He is prophesied as the Lamb of God by Isaiah (Isaiah 53:7); pointed out as such by St John the Baptist whose very words the Priest later quotes (Jn 1:29); and referred to frequently by St John in his Apocalypse, where Christ is depicted as a Lion-Lamb, sacrificed to achieve our salvation and risen victoriously to deliver it.

When we pray that the Lamb of God *have mercy on us*, we are asking for all the blessings that he is able to bestow: on our past, present and future actions; on our physical and social well-being; on our spiritual life and our relationship with God; on our eternal salvation. And for this mercy we appeal to the Lion-Lamb who was slain out of love for us but who rose victoriously to devour our death and our iniquities and to give us everything we ultimately need.

Reference to Jesus as the *One who takes away the sins of the world* occurs six times in the Mass: twice in the Gloria, three times here and once when the Priest shows the sacred Host to the people before reception of Holy Communion.

By Christ's death and mercy we live; by his weakness we are strengthened; by his passion we are freed from suffering; by his love, we are granted that *peace that the world cannot give*.

## Parish News and Announcements

**CALENDAR – ERRATUM:** Our apologies to our Indian Catechists. Your meeting (as you well know) is on **WEDNESDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>** commencing at **5.30pm** at St Patrick's.

**CALENDAR – ADDITION:** Bargara PFG is holding a "Progressive Luncheon" commencing at **11.30am** on **Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Judy Erle for more information (0407 346 476).

**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.

**CWL JUNE MEETING:** All are welcome to attend the June meeting of the Bundaberg CWL. **Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>**, in St Mary's Community Centre, Morning Tea will be at **9.30am** with the meeting starting at 10.00am. For further information contact Maureen 4152 1263/0407 964 753

**CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOUR with BENEDICTION: Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, sees the celebration of the **Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ)**. To celebrate this Feast and the extraordinary gift we have been given of the Real Presence of Christ in communion, you are invited to join with the Parish in a thanksgiving **Holy Hour commencing at 11.00am** and concluding with **Benediction at 11.50am** at Holy Rosary church.

It is a concerning thought to read the following from a recent United States survey:

*A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life.*

May we pray in this Holy Hour that all in our Parish, Diocese and country might reaffirm that the Eucharist is "*the source and summit of the Christian life.*" Lumen Gentium 11

**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, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

**CHURCH CRAWL:** The annual “Church Crawl” was attended by more than one hundred people last Sunday. Beginning at the Uniting Church where prayer and song commenced the sense of unity, we travelled to Holy Rosary where we were welcomed to the strains of music and song as we entered the church and then took part in intercessory prayer and song. As we continued along Woongarra St., the bells of Christ Church invited us to prayer, song and a final blessing. The readings of Pentecost were delivered at each church.

Fellowship provided by parishioners at Christ Church allowed all to meet and converse as a group united in Spirit. A wonderful celebration of Christian unity on the “birthday” of the Church.

**SAFEGUARDING CATCH-UP:** If you did not attend the required Safeguarding Training last month, we will be holding a viewing of the recorded session this **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** in the Parish Office at **11.30am**. The video goes for 1 hour. We will be holding other sessions for those who cannot make this viewing. Please contact the office to advise when you would be able to update your **yearly safeguarding Training** and we will arrange a suitable viewing time.

**MEN ALIVE BREAKFAST:** Will be held in the Parish Office on **Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>** commencing **7.00am –8.30am** (Hot tea and coffee will be available from 6.30am). The cost of **\$15.00** can be paid on arrival. The Guest Speaker will be our Parish Priest, Fr Don White. The topic will be on “Euthanasia”. To help with catering please phone either The Parish Office 4151 6666, or Joe McCorley 0418 727 845 or email Joe on [j.mccorley@bigpond.com](mailto:j.mccorley@bigpond.com).

**VISITATION MEETING:** Will be held in the Parish Office at **10.30am** on **Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Guest speaker will be Jenny Tree from Catholic Care. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** Copies of the Diocesan Newsletter are available at the main door of the churches.

## **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**

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST :** The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **More information and Applications Forms** are available on our website

[pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship) Closing Date 4 August 2023

## **WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dorothy Lester (Brisbane), Tim Bradley, Wesley West (Nth Ireland), Helen Murphy, John Gatt, Patricia Tripp, Cameron Hocking

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES :** Ernie Thorne 09.06.1992, Edna Gunn 10.06.2019, 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:** Christopher Cook, 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 Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley

## **LITURGIES**

**Monday 5 June 2023**

**St Boniface**

9.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

**Tuesday 6 June 2023**

**St Norbert & St Marcellin**

9.00am St James - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick’s - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

**Confirmation**

**Wednesday 8 June 2023**

8.00am Shalom College - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

after 12.15pm Mass

**Thursday 08 June 2023**

7.00am St Patrick’s –Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

**Confirmation**

**Friday 09 June 2023**

**St Ephrem**

11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition

11.30 am Holy Rosary– Penance

12.15 pm Holy Rosary– Mass

**Saturday 10 June 2023**

7.30am St Patrick’s –Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**11 June 2023 Year A(1)**

7.00am St James’

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick’s

**11.00am Holy Rosary**

**Corpus Christi Holy Hour  
with Benediction**

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## **SCRIPTURES**

**First Readings**

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

**Second Reading**

Corinthians: 10:16-17

**Gospel**

John 6:51-58

**MASS ROSTERS TERM 3:** 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 before **Friday 9th June** at

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

**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](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

**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**

Some security has been put in place. 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.

**DIOCESAN FESTIVAL**

The Diocesan Festival was attended by more than one hundred and twenty parishioners from all parts of the Diocese. Our Diocese covers over 414,000 square kms. Fifteen members from our Bundaberg Parish attended. The twenty-four hours saw the launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Over the next three weeks, the highlights of that plan will be printed in the Newsletter.

It is a three-fold Call to Action for the whole Diocese. The three calls are: to **evangelise**, to **be co-responsible** and to **celebrate**.

As you ponder the call and reflect on the priorities of each call, you might evaluate where we are as a Parish; where you are as a vital member of this Parish; and, where we might journey together as both Parish and Diocese into the future.

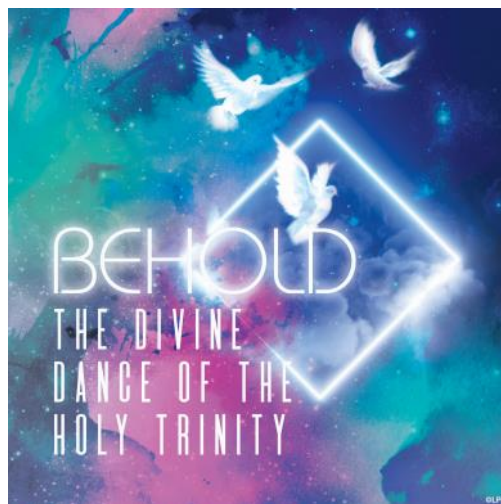
**CALL TO ACTION**

- **To evangelise**, we continue the great commission given by Jesus to his disciples before he ascended to the Father: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19

**PRIORITIES**

- **Active welcome:** Actively welcome every person in the church and wider community and promote opportunities for engagement.
- **Geographical needs:** Advocate for and support communities across the diocese with unique geographical needs and those living in remote rural and mining communities.
- **Pastoral outreach:** Strengthen support for outreach and parish ministries.
- **Reconciliation:** Promote and implement the Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).
- **Initiation:** Guided by the Diocesan Policy ‘Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton’, implement the process and programs used for the Sacraments of Initiation.
- **Invitation:** Explore strategies to encourage fuller participation in the life of the Church with those who connect for special events.
- **Faith formation:** Provide intentional and ongoing faith formation for all.

**Live the Liturgy**



this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this “other.” Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back. — Father John Muir

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: “Looking good, buddy!” Ask a man. He’ll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man’s ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in