



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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Welcome to the Parish

11th/12th June 2022

FAMILIES TODAY

by: Bill Goodwin
St Mary's School Principal.



Thursday night's Confirmation group

Schools have a huge responsibility today to ensure that children receive the basics to succeed in life. This statement encompasses a great deal of information that includes homelife and expectations from educational institutions.

Homelife is exceptionally hard these days. The pressures of everyday living and chasing the dollar to cover living expenses, places children in a very precarious situation. Parents are working extremely hard and long hours which means the family unit comes under fire. Family meals together, sharing what happened during the day and having quality time just does not happen as often as it used to when we were growing up.

Children are on devices from a young age to compensate for the busyness of life, and the results are placing schools under enormous pressure.

Extensive screen time has resulted in a lack of oral development in children, social deprivation, and oppositional defiance. This puts early years teachers in an almost impossible position in terms of gaining success.

The family unit is still very important and vital if school partnerships are to be fostered and developed through the years. There needs to be a shift in mindset back to the notion that a "family that spends time together, stays together". We are in a throw away society. Most items that we buy have a short used by date. What is becoming more common than not is that the family unit is becoming a "throw away" item as well. We must take stock and make our families a priority. Only then we will be able to gain control again on what is important in life.

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Focus Continued:

Faith helps us in times of trouble. Faith also gives us direction in life. Maybe our families can't be as "religious" as we are, but they can have a spirituality that allows them to have a purpose and direction in how they act and model to one another. I say this quite often, "children need models, not critics". Too often we are quick to judge and punish. There should be consequences for bad choices but if we aim to be more proactive rather than reactive, maybe society can start to be more forgiving and just.

Seeing the children and their families recently receive the Sacrament of Confirmation encouraged me in thinking the future is good. The Spirit can move us to be great people and do great things.

St Mary's tries each day to instil in its community a sense of value and common purpose. At the centre of this is Jesus, our friend and companion. By ourselves, we can't do anything. Together, though, we can make a difference in the lives of each other. May your week ahead give you the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. The world will be a better place as a result.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Up to the Job

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.



When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack so many qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Time is running out to register for the World Meeting of Families! Join together with Catholics from around the diocese at Coolwaters Holiday Park in Yeppoon on **June 24th-26th** for fellowship, fun, formation and prayer as we look at how we can best live out our vocation to holiness. All are welcome, whether you're married or single, parents or grandparents. For more info or to register scan the QR code or go to <https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/WMoF>



Register Here

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN! We had a very successful visit from Bishop Michael during which the children were confirmed. Last weekend 35 children received their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's and St James'. We look forward to 35 more receiving First Holy Communion during the Holy Rosary masses this weekend. They have now completed their initiation into the family of the Church, and we look forward to gathering with them and their families again.

VISITATION MEETING: This meeting is for Visitation Ministers and those thinking about becoming a part of this ministry. Please join with us in the Parish Office Wednesday June 15th at 10.30am. All welcome.

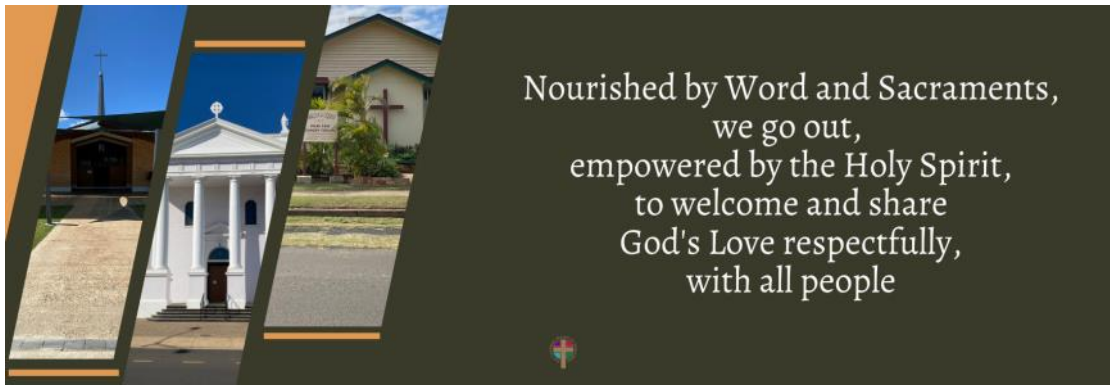
PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY is June 12th. Next weekend's 8.00am Mass Sunday 19th June will celebrate the Filipino nation, its people and culture, in song, and afterwards in Novakoski Centre for fellowship. All are welcome.

OFFICE CLOSURE: Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 13th of June.

AUSTRALIAN STRING QUARTET: Will perform in Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday June 21st at 6.00pm -7.00pm. Doors will open at 5.30pm. The Program will include Haydn, Beethoven, Ades, Dessner, Stanhope and Britten. Tickets will be available on line at <https://asq.com.au/liveconcerts/australian-string-quartet-in-bundaberg/> or at the door. **Please Note Holy Rosary Church will be closed from 3.00pm on 21st June to allow for set up.**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Bundaberg group was well attended each week with about 25 people. We met for six Sunday sessions on Zoom with groups from Gladstone, Rockhampton, Emerald and Mackay. Our guest speakers came from all around the Rockhampton diocese. They uplifted and encouraged us to walk in the Holy Spirit by their personal witness and testimony. We shared powerful prayer time in words and songs. We have received the courage to accept, to unwrap, to develop and to share His gifts, which we are all given in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It was a time to develop relationships with other parishioners and for sharing our faith journey. Many experienced the Holy Spirit in the group prayer session for the outpouring of the Spirit just before Pentecost Sunday. We are blessed by attending the seminar and have received fruits of the Spirit - love, peace, joy and healing.

Thank you to all who attended the diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar. For anyone who may be interested in fellowship and worship by song and prayer: The Bundaberg group - United Hearts Catholic Charismatics - meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm in Novakoski Hall.



Nourished by Word and Sacraments,
we go out,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
to welcome and share
God's Love respectfully,
with all people

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Married: Margaret Svenson & Stefan Krug.

Recently Deceased: Valma Burr ridge, Lorna Perryman, Merv McGrane, Rolando Masil (Philippines), Annette Sutton, Roslyn Lythall.

LITURGIES

Monday 13 June 2022

St Anthony of Padua

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 14 June 2022

9.00am St James' - LWC
Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - LWC

Wednesday 15 June 2022

8.00am Shalom- LWC

5.30pm St Patrick's-LWC

Thursday 16 June 2022

6.30am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 17 June 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 18 June 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

19 June 2022
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Genesis 14: 18-20

Second Reading

Corinthians: 11:23-26

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17



PRAYER GROUPS

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: Every 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Takes place every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month **7.00pm** in the Novakoski Centre.

Monthly prayer groups will be advertised in the bulletin the week prior

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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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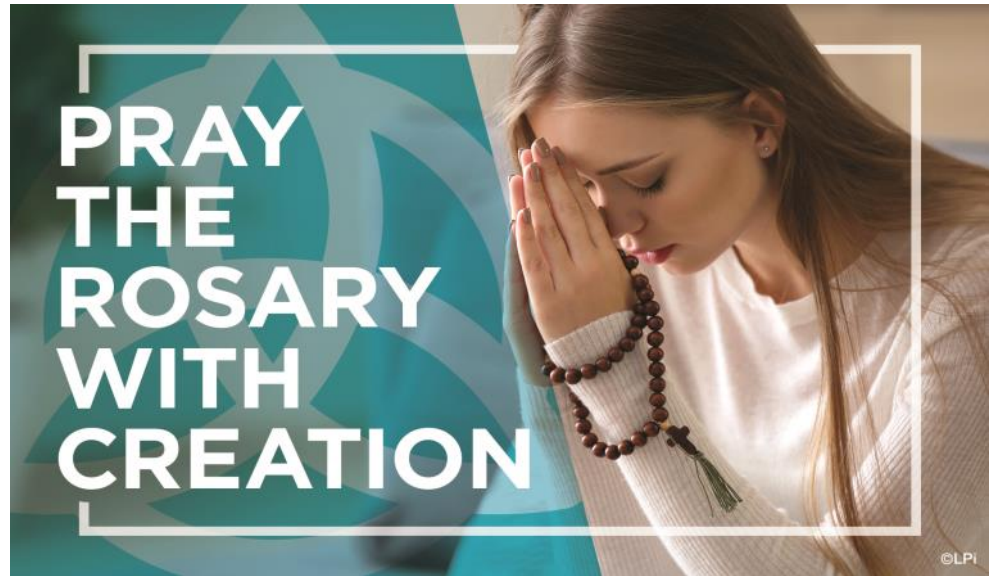
AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

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& follow the prompts

GOSPEL REFLECTION



In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: *“You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness.”* Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Be.

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God’s creative power.

Decade two: Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and critters all conducting life’s business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God’s care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity.

Decade Four: Contemplate God as One.

Decade Five: Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity. ©LPI



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