



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

13th/14th August 2022

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the eighth century. This solemnity celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

Look at the incredible grace, love and fruitfulness that is produced from saying "YES" to what God wants to achieve through us in the world. Mary is an ideal example of someone who cooperated with God's plans and allowed God to do great things through her life and actions.

Let us never say: "What good is what I have to give, compared with the enormity of the needs, the challenges and the demands of this world? " Rather, let us imitate Mary, and say... "Yes, Lord! You are great and good. I believe you can achieve all things!"

Mary is a clear mirror of Christ's graciousness, peace and love. Whenever we act or speak, with Our Lord's love in our hearts, it is an enormous source of blessing and good for the world.

Let us pray that Jesus will show us how to allow ourselves to be more and more bearers of the light of Christ to each other and to everyone, as Mary is.

May Our Lady reveal to us complete openness and generosity towards God.

Mary prefigures the destiny of all who hope in Jesus' promise that we will be one day in Heaven, body and soul, with the Risen Christ. She inspires us to make a difference. We can be a living and breathing embodiment of "Yes" to the surprising and mysterious work Jesus is creating around us.

We are very blessed in the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg that there are many parishioners who have said "Yes" to God's call, who go above and beyond so we can be a parish of mission to our parishioners as well as the wider community. Is there something small and/or big you can do to further the mission of our parish?

Blessed Virgin Mary, Assumed body and soul into heaven,
pray for us, that we may be made worthy of the sure promises of Christ.

Amen.

Nadene Pettett
Stewardship Council

Excerpts from: Fr Paul Kelly

Vocation – yours, mine and ours.

Sunday, August 14 marks the end of the celebration of Vocation Week. While our thoughts and prayers have been with and for those called to a consecrated life in the service of God's people, we are encouraged to think more widely and broadly of the call which is fundamental to all humanity.

Pope Francis writes:

"The word "vocation" should not be understood restrictively, as referring simply to those who follow the Lord through a life of special consecration. All of us are called to share in Christ's mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God... In a word, we are called to become a single family in the marvellous common home of creation, in the reconciled diversity of its elements."

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 Peter Tonti PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
Executive Officer & Stewardship
Co-ordinator

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Miss Elizabeth Kelly
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Presly Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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Holy Rosary Church
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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Called by Christ, Sent Forth as Missionary Disciples Part 3

There is an increasing struggle in our society for the sense of identity and purpose. In a world that has become consumer driven many are caught in being individualistic with demands for self-gratification and self-importance. Many are slaves to clicking on the devices what *I like* rather than responding to the invitation of surrendering to what is true, beautiful and good. Short-term happiness on our individualised screens is prioritised over the deep satisfaction, contentment and joy that comes from knowing and living in relationship with Christ and one another.

Christ calls each of us by name to go out and bring in God's Kingdom by 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'. We are called together as a community of disciples, as a Church, privileged to share in Jesus' mission. The Love of God, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ overflowing into the work and beauty of creation. Take the time to pray and reflect on our parish mission statement found in the weekly bulletin. As post-resurrection people we have the privilege and responsibility to live our part in the unfolding love story of creation.

The Plenary Council focused on the importance of **Shaping Communities on Christ and Sent by the Spirit**. Our Baptismal call is to be missionary disciples to follow Christ with joy, anointed with the oil of gladness. We are 'Good News' people who reach out to all in humility, dignity, respect and compassion.

We reflected on the many groups of people who have been marginalised including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, those who are divorced, those who identify as LGBTIQ+, and those who have suffered abuse of any form. We reflected on the importance of language and formation. Our Catholic Social Teachings, resources and expertise have a significant and important place in the public square. We need to commit ourselves to building friendly and cooperative relationships with other Christians, communities of other religious traditions and people of no religion. In *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 28 Pope Francis describes four key characteristics of an evangelising parish:

It is in "contact with the homes and the lives of its people."

It is "an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration."

It "encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers"

It is "a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach."

All the Part 3. Motions passed. Details of Decrees: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

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BLAZE YOUTH
Grades 7 - 9
5:30PM - 7:30PM
THURSDAY
@ THE YOUTH CENTRE
Blaze Youth is filled with fun talks and activities that are both enjoyable and pass on the Catholic faith and God's love for us.



HORIZON YOUTH
Grades 10 - 12
6:30PM - 8:30PM
FRIDAY
@ THE YOUTH CENTRE
Horizon Youth is a place where we explore the big and little questions about our faith and delve into our relationship with God.



ILLUMINATE
18+ YEARS
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
SUNDAY
@ THE YOUTH CENTRE
Illuminate focuses on fellowship and formation in a relaxed and social setting by hosting formation nights with talks streamed from around the world

Contact Lizzie Kelly at the Parish Office or email elizabeth.kelly@rok.catholic.net.au

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has produced this year's statement entitled "RESPECT: Confronting Violence and Abuse". The statement points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us". The statement is available online now from www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Limited hard copies will be available on Social Justice Sunday, 28th August.

CONGRATULATIONS to the past and present priests of our parish who recently celebrated the Anniversary of Priesthood: Rev Frank Gilbert 65 years; Most Rev Brian Heenan 60 years; Rev Pat Mooney 50 years; Rev John Hogan 40 years; Rev Sijo George CMI 15 years.

VISITATION MINISTRY MEETING: Will be held Wednesday, **August 17th** in the Parish Office at **10.30am**. All current Visitation Ministers and anyone interested in knowing more about this fulfilling ministry are welcome to attend.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CONCERT: A concert will be held in Patrick's Church on **Sunday August 28th, at 10.30am** to showcase the new organ. Music will be led by Suellen Cusack-Greensill and friends.

MINISTRY TRAINING AND FORMATION for continuing Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are as follows:

Wednesday, 24 August, Ministers of the Word (Readers), 10.30am or 5.30pm

Wednesday, 31 August, Ministers of Communion, 10.30am or 5.30pm

Both sessions held in the Parish Office. Attendance would be appreciated. RSVP's to the parish office thank you.

THE 19th ANNUAL BUNDABERG ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON: Will be held on **Saturday September 10th** at the Bundaberg Services Club (RSL, Quay St). Doors will open at 10.00am with presentations commencing at 10.50am. Guest speaker will be Mr Jeff Irwin, Principal, Woongarra State School. **Tickets are \$40.00 per person** and will be available through the Catholic Parish Office (**Cash Only**) from Monday August 15th. For Group booking, tables up to 10 people will be available. All net proceeds from the Luncheon will go to the Bundaberg Chaplaincy Committee.

GOOD NEWS: Please collect from the church entrances, a copy of the latest edition of our parish newsletter. Articles featured include news and photos from within our Parish and Diocese.

MASK WEARING: The current surge in cases is a reminder that COVID is still among us. You might consider wearing a mask in the workplace, at Mass and in places when you can't socially distance, to protect yourself against the virus and to prevent further spread. This is a recommendation and is optional. This is also a reminder to keep practising good hygiene and monitoring your own health for any symptoms. If you are experiencing any COVID/flu like symptoms, please stay home and test yourself using a Rapid Antigen Test. Being in public when you are unwell puts others at risk of contracting the illness. Please take care of yourselves through these winter months.

MACKILLOP PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP AFTERNOON TEA: Sunday August 21st held at the home of Bernice and John Lesbanft at 2.00pm. Contact Bernice 0418 681 267.

BARGARA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP LUNCHEON: Sunday August 21st held in the home of Richard and Margaret at 12.30pm. Contact Judy 0407 346 476

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Baptised: Oliver Maxwell Magner

Recently Deceased: Raymond Zardus, Pietro Felesina, Daniel Kaufusi, Concetta Bertolla, Shirley Heale, Delsie Carswell, Francis Watson, Lorraine Argent (Mackay).

LITURGIES

Monday 15 August 2022

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am St Patrick's Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary—Mass

Tuesday 16 August 2022

St Stephen

9.00am St James' Mass
Followed by Rosary and Adoration
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 17 August 2022

8.00am Shalom - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 18 August 2022

6.30am St Patrick's Mass

Friday 19 August 2022

St John Eudes

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 20 August 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

21 August 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

Isaiah 66 :18-21:

Second Reading

Hebrews: 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

FUNERALS:

Pietro (Peter) Felesina,
22nd August, 10.00am
Holy Rosary Church .

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

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Faith, Hope & Love

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPI

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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

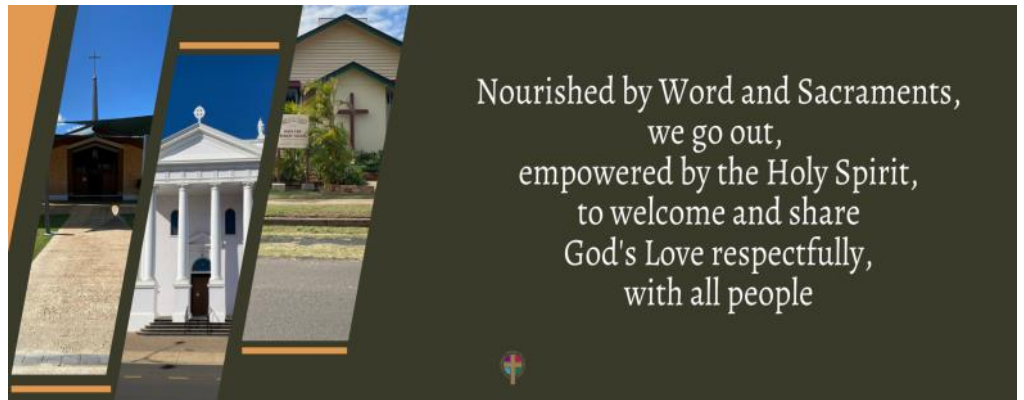
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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**
Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts



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