

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

27th/28thAugust 2022

Happenings at St Joseph's Bundaberg

By: April Roth APRE

few weeks ago we celebrated the Feast of ■ St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Every second year our school celebrates with a MacKillop Festival, unfortunately like many things COVID had interrupted this in the past few years. This event is a time for our school community to come together and celebrate Mary MacKillop, who visited our school on two occasions. At the MacKillop Festival we presented two students with the Spirit of Mary MacKillop Award. This award is presented annually to students who live Mary's spirit daily, often without drawing attention to themselves or their small acts. This year we congratulated Caitlyn and Tiffany. The night also saw each class present a dance they had been learning during The Arts lessons in Term 2, as well as a piece of work created to share their knowledge of Mary MacKillop. The Prep students drew portraits of



Mary MacKillop with some of the ways they could live Mary's virtues of Faith, Love and Courage.



nspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message the Green Team has been busy implementing many new recycling initiatives to help care for our common home. During weekly meetings the team look at the Laudato Si' Action Platform and brainstorm new ways we can reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The latest addition to our school is a Worm Farm. The worm farm is in addition to a compost bin, meaning that as a school we aren't putting any food scraps into our bins, they are all being **recycled** with the end result helping the gardens. Another initiative introduced recently is a large REDcycle bin. It is amazing how much soft plastic, like chip packets, the students in our school can recycle in 2 weeks. A big bin bag worth of soft plastic is sent for recycling every fortnight from our school. Imagine if every school in Bundaberg did this?

There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle."

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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 MageeExecutive Officer/Stewardship

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 Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Preshy VargheseChair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

Members:

Mr David Batt Mr John Begeda Ms Madonna Davitt Mrs Maryanne Taylor Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Shalom College Principal Mr Dan McMahon shalomcollege.com

Ph: 4155 8111

CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church Corner Barolin & Woongarra Street

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church 38 See Street Bargara

THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Communion of Grace: Sacrament to the World

Part 5

The roles and responsibilities of all the baptised were recognised and celebrated. The Church is seen as being 'like a sacrament', a sign and instrument of union with God and the unity of the whole human race (Lumen Gentium, 21). In Australia the growing multicultural nature of our communities has generated a variety of liturgical and spiritual experiences. We are greatly enriched by the spiritual and mystical traditions which have nourished the universal Church over the centuries.

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its parts form one body, so it is with Christ" (1Corinthians 12:12). Members of the Church are diverse, and their vocations are complementary. Some are laypeople whether they are single or married, some are in consecrated life, and some are ordained as deacon, priest, or bishop. In recent time there has been a broadening of the criteria for admission to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte and now the recognition of the Ministry of Catechist. The Plenary Council highlighted the need for formation and understanding in each of the vocational areas and the fundamental importance of a sacramental and spiritually rich and joyful prayer life that is transformed, transforming and inclusive. Just some of the areas discussed were:

- The diversity and unity of the Church in the practices of prayer and ecclesial/liturgical families of the Catholic communion (The Eastern Catholic Churches and the Latin Church)
- The importance of Catholic Education formation and witness in our schools, colleges, universities, hospitals and outreach processes. The need to explore and respond to who are we not reaching and including.
- The role and importance of catechesis in our government schools
- The importance and richness of the Rite of Christian Initiation of adults.
- The sacramental life of the Church with an emphasis on all the Sacraments with attention to Eucharist, Marriage and Penance
- The understanding and appropriate practice of the three forms of the Rite of Penance
- The beauty and richness of our Liturgies.
- The preparation of a new English translation of the Roman Missal that is both faithful
 to the original text and sensitive to the call of language that communicates clearly and
 includes all in the assembly
- A review in the provisions and guidelines for lay people to participate in the formal ministry of Preaching in Lay Led Liturgies and in the Eucharistic Assembly.

As a Church we must be witnesses of Christ and proclaim the sacredness of all people and welcome them into the communion with God.

Results of Part 5. Motions. Details of Decrees: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CONCERT: Following the 9.00 am Mass, a short concert will be held so that we can enjoy the beautiful sounds of the new Clavis 224 organ. Other performances will be included in the Concert, organised by Suellen Cusack-Greensill and friends. We acknowledge the very generous donation from the Order of the Eastern Star Bundaberg Hall Committee Association towards the purchase of this new organ to replace the one lost in the St. Mary's fire.

GARDEN DEDICATION FOR MR. FRANK PIPPIA: Following the 10.30 am Concert, a Garden Dedication ceremony for Mr. Frank Pippia will be held at the front of St. Patrick's church to acknowledge Frank's more than 40 years dedicated volunteer services to St. Patrick's as church cleaner and groundsman.

ROSTERS TERM 4: from October to the end of December, including Christmas, are being prepared now. Ministers are asked to advise Sarah at the parish office, wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au, of your availability during this period. Any changes of contact details would be appreciated too. Thank you.

EMPLOYMENT VACANCY: Within the Diocese of Rockhampton for a Community Engagement Officer. This role is responsible for cultivating and nurturing an effective philanthropic base that supports the mission of the Diocese. The Diocese is willing to consider flexible working proposals. Contact Holly Tucker on 4887 3090 or email hr@rok.catholic.net.au to discuss.

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Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse. This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops have issued a powerful statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, condemning the scourge of domestic and family violence. It is a document very well worth reading. This is very much an issue for people of Christian congregations, as research indicates that such people are as likely to perpetrate and suffer such abuse as the society in which they live. Assistance is available from CatholicCare (previously Centacare) as outlined in the handout at the back of the church. To access a copy of the Bishop's statement go to: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

PAUL SOCIETY: This weekend throughout the Diocese there will be a Leaving Collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society and its many good works. This Outreach of our Catholic Community does remarkable work in many areas of social disadvantage. "Vinnies" is a respected name known by all and we are grateful to all who support and minister to the poor, the oppressed and all in need. Your

financial support is received with gratitude.



BUNDABERG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Invite you to join them at their Spring Function which will be held on Monday 12th September in the Shamrock Room at the Brothers' Sports Club. A Devonshire morning tea will be served from 9.00am. Entry is \$10 with 5 Lucky Door prizes of a \$25 Gift voucher. A variety concert featuring local artists will be followed by a Cent Sale. As usual there will be Lucky Spots and raffles. Proceeds go towards supporting local and Australian charities. To assist with the catering we would appreciate bookings before August 29th. For more information and bookings please contact 4151 3397 or 4152 5365.

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

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

This session will be 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. The net proceeds from the Luncheon will go to the Bundaberg Chaplaincy Committee.

IGNITE CONFERENCE: THE MOMENT: Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. Rockhampton Diocese will be taking a group, open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite will be at St Laurence's College Brisbane on September 22nd to 25th. To register just go to https://app.tickets.org.au/iy/IC22bne. Then enter the coupon code RockyHigh or RockyAdult and then select the ticket type that starts with 'Rocky Diocese'. Accommodation and transport from Mackay, Rockhampton, Calliope and Gin Gin is included in the registration cost. For more information contact Mick on 0433897973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

READING (STORY) BOOK DRIVE: The Parish has been approached to support some needy Primary schools in our region. Reading Books for children aged 5yrs – 11yrs are urgently required. If you are willing to donate suitable books which you no longer require, please leave them with the Parish Welcomers when you come to Mass or bring to the Parish Office. The schools and young children will be very grateful.

Recently Deceased:

Guerino Didone, Peter Bergwever, Duilio Ciotti (Italy), Pietro Felesina, Robert Guidice (NSW), Sr M. Gabriel Kennedy (Rockhampton), Shirley Heale, Delsie Carswell, Francis Watson

LITURGIES

Monday 29 August 2022 The Passion of St John the Baptist

9.00am St Patrick's Mass

Tuesday 30 August 2022

9.00am St James' Mass Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 31 August 2022

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

Thursday 1 September 2022

6.30am St Patrick's Mass

Friday 2 September 2022

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 3 September 2022

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Fathers Day

4 September 2022 Year C(2) 7.00am St James' 8.00am Holy Rosary 9.00am St Patrick's 12.00pm Baffle Ck

SCRIPTURES For next Sunday

First Readings
Wisdom 9:13-18
Second Reading
Philemon: 9–10,12-17
Gospel
Luke 14:25-33

FUNERALS

Guerino **Didone**, 10.00am Holy Rosary ,Sept 1st. Peter **Bergwever**, 2.00pm Des Allen Chapel Sept 5th.

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.

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/ourdiocese/safeguarding/

To view the **Diocesan** Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:

www.rok.catholic.net.au/ safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

Mrs Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080 Diocesan Safeguarding

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985 St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455 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

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

