



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Welcome to the Parish

10th/11th September 2022

“... we go out, ... to welcome and share...”.

Your Parish Finance Council (PFC) has continued to be very productive since our last report, with several positive outcomes. Two recent initiatives taken by the Council are (1) to assist other Diocesan parishes which are financially challenged, and (2) to establish a local Community Grants program. Both initiatives strongly align with the Parish Vision: “... we go out, ... to welcome and share...”.

As we reported at the recent Open Finance meeting, 40% of Parish income is derived from the Diocesan investment which is structured through Catholic Church Insurance Asset Management (CCIAM). Since our initial deposit in January 2020, the fund has achieved significant growth, to the extent that we were able to withdraw a capital gain amount equivalent to a 10% profit over two years.

Assisting other parishes: It was always the intent of the PFC to distribute some of this profit in an outreach capacity to less fortunate parishes. One Priest services Western communities from Longreach where, for example, the distance from Longreach to Blackall is a 428 kms round trip. The Director of Diocesan Service and the Diocesan Property Manager have advised that they want to keep these struggling parishes alive and are guiding us with the allocation of \$100,000 from the CCIAM profit to these Western Parishes where presbyteries at Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall and Aramac are badly in need of maintenance and repairs. We believe it is important to provide our priests with good accommodation and so give them the opportunity to care for others. Maintenance costs of other parish facilities will continue to be met by the Diocese.

Community Grants: The Diocese has been asked to approve our outreach initiative to establish an ongoing community grants program which will use some of the annual distribution from what will be a new CCIAM investment account using some of the proceeds of the sale of the St. Mary's property. The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg will invite applications from Not-for-Profit Organisations (or groups or individuals aspiring to begin such organisations) within the Bundaberg Community who see a social need, a justice need, an emotional need, a service need or a local community need and wish to do or to continue to do something about it. We are planning to launch this later this year. The Parish Finance Council works very closely with our Parish Stewardship Council and embraces the true principles of Stewardship. We commend these outreach programs to you, and we sincerely hope that you feel part of what we want to achieve through these sharing initiatives. We want the light of our Parish to shine forth to illuminate, and to warm the hearts of others in need.

By: Norm Whyte

Chair Parish Finance Council



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 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

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 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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shalomcollege.com
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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

At the service of Communion, Participation and Mission: Governance

Part 7

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit gives believers, and therefore the whole Church, a special gift so that together they can faithfully interpret and live the Christian Gospel in the diverse circumstances of history and culture – the *sensus fidei* (Lumen Gentium n.12). All the baptised are called to participate in the three offices of Christ as a priestly, prophetic, and royal people (Lumen Gentium, nn. 31,35).

The Plenary Council affirmed the importance of governance to be exercised in a synodal manner, with the appropriate participation of all the baptised. This would mainly involve the participation of lay women and men in governance structures at a Diocesan level, including the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors, the Diocesan Finance Council, the Diocesan Curia, various boards and other governance bodies, and, at times, a Diocesan Synod. At a parish level this would mean the participation of lay women and men in the Parish Stewardship Council and the Parish Finance Committee.

There is a need to recognise, affirm and support the many initiatives already undertaken at parish, diocesan, eparchial, and national levels to implement recommendations agreed to in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference response to *The Light from the Southern Cross*. Our diocese is already a leader in a number of these initiatives so necessary due to the vastness, demographic and diversity of our region. It is the reason why everyone of us is called to offer our gifts for the mission of our Church.

The Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to fostering the discernment and synodal leadership envisaged in Vatican II, called for by Pope Francis and experienced in the Plenary Council's journey.

All the Part 7. Motions passed. Details of Decrees: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES: A meeting will be held at the Parish Office on **Tuesday, September 13 at 5.00pm** for all who have nominated for these three ministries or who are willing to offer their gifts and talents as a welcomer or a provider of hospitality. This will be an opportunity to share ideas and explore new ways we can live out our Vision, "to welcome and share God's love respectfully with all people". The meeting will conclude by 6.00pm. Contact will be made with all listed on our database or you can let the office know of your interest/attendance.

ATTENTION MASS ASSISTANTS – DEFIB TRAINING: It is strongly recommended that you attend the QFES training for the Defibrillation machines which are now installed in our three churches. This one-hour training session will be held in the Parish Office at 3.00 PM on Friday 16th September.

MACKILLOP PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: The September gathering will be a Morning Tea held at River Cruz Café on **Sunday, 18th September @ 10.30am**. Booking is essential. Please provide numbers to Karen Burton 0412 516 703.

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 Lawrence'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.

DATE CLAIMER: Mark your diaries for **Friday, 7th October, 5.30-7.00pm**, in the parish office, for a faith formation session not to be dismissed! "The Mass – Source and Summit", presented by Sr Ursula O'Rourke SGS from the Formation Team of Holy Spirit Seminary.

BLANKET BUDDIES: Meet weekly on **Wednesday** at Novakoski Centre. **9:00am to 12:00 noon**.

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE AND SUPPORTED: The Parish of Bundaberg and the Diocese of Rockhampton are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for **National Child Protection Week**, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY : The first meeting was attended by Geraldine Bauer, Beth Donovan, Lahna Bury, Carol Marano, Ivy Masotti and Jim Thorne. The group is enthusiastic about the proposed improvements planned for the cemetery on a timeline:

- The precinct to be fenced with the front gardens remaining.
- Two pergolas to be built for quiet reflection
- The Former Church to be restored as a Chapel.
- All weather roadways to be constructed.
- Widening the entrance/exit to provide safety
- An effort made to have name plaques on all the unmarked graves in the older parts of the cemetery.
- More gardens to be placed strategically within the cemetery.

The group will look to:

- Initiating monthly prayer rituals and weekly prayer rituals during November.
- Some minor maintenance tasks such as restoring clergy and religious Sisters graves.
- Keeping an oversight of the environment of the sacred place.

If you wish to be a part of this group, make your wishes known to one of the members who will see that you are placed on the contact list. Meetings will be held monthly initially. As Friends of the Catholic Cemetery, the two quotes from completely different sources give rise to the reasons for the existence of such a group.

Show me the manner in which a nation or a community cares for its dead. I will measure exactly the sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.

William Ewart Gladstone

It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead. 2 Maccabees 12:46

PARISHIONERS SUPPORT: The final amounts for various appeals held recently are:

Relay for Life: \$7690.00

St Vincent De Paul Society: \$2110.00

Peters Pence: \$806.00

Clergy Support Foundation Appeal: \$2126.00

Diocesan Ministry Appeal: \$1232.00

Seminary Appeal: \$1100.00

Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE: Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue is now permitted with the appropriate precautions with regard to hygiene, especially by those who are distributing Holy Communion. Given that the COVID virus is still highly active and the pandemic is not over, the Bishops of Queensland would prefer that the faithful continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

As a parish, in the coming weeks, we will be providing a short video clip on the accepted practice, in our diocese, of receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

Ministers distributing Holy Communion must ensure they have taken the appropriate precautions with regard to hygiene particularly when the person receives Holy Communion on the tongue.

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.

Recently Baptised: Leonardo Corliss, Charlotte Formosa and Bronte Fitzpatrick.

Recently Deceased: Sr M Alberta Busuttin rsm, Sr Josie Curran rsm, Sr Anne-Maire Kinnane rsm, Patricia Smith, Karen Galea (Gatton), Guerino Didone, Peter Bergwever, Duilio Ciotti (Italy), Pietro Felesina.

LITURGIES

Monday 12 September 2022

9.00am St Patrick's Mass

Tuesday 13 September 2022

St John Chrysostom

9.00am St James' LWC

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 14 September 2022

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

Thursday 15 September 2022

Our Lady of Sorrows

6.30am St Patrick's Mass

Friday 16 September 2022

St Cornelius and St Cyprian

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Saturday 17 September 2022

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

18 September 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

Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading

Timothy: 2:1-8

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

Prayer groups are held at the Parish Office Chapel on **Tuesday** each week, from **10:00am to 10:30am** and on **Fridays** from **11:30am to 12:00pm**. New members are welcome, no experience is required. Contact Joe McCorley 0418 727 845.

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/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

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

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: 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

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).” ©LPi

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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