



Welcome to the Parish

18th/19th July 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Mission Week Placement in Bundaberg Catholic Parish

Harold Conrod, Dylan Asmus, Godwin James and Vincent Nguyen.

Over the following week (July 20th to July 26th) me, (Harold Conrod) and my brothers Dylan Asmus, Godwin James, and Vincent Nguyen from Holy Spirit Seminary will be coming to Bundaberg for our Mission Week. Most of our year is spent in Brisbane studying and training to become priests. The purpose of our Mission Week is to go and experience the life of the Church across Queensland. We get to experience different parish communities, learn from experienced priests, and see how the Spirit is at work in people's everyday lives.

Vincent is a first year seminarian in his propaedeutic stage. The word propaedeutic is originally Greek meaning 'first-teaching' which summarizes it well. During someone's first year in the seminary they are introduced to the life of the community. There is a focus on prayer and spiritual discernment, along with some early studies on the Scripture, Spirituality, Liturgy, and Church teaching. Along with being a kind and friendly face around the seminary, Vincent is also a gifted musician and chef.

Godwin and I are both in our fourth year and the discipleship stage. The discipleship stage stretches from the second year through to ordination as a Deacon. After the first year there is a greater focus on active training and preparation for the priesthood. The seminarians study a dual degree of Philosophy and Theology to give a strong foundation to their life of prayer and service. In their fifth year seminarians are then sent out for a year of parish placement to fully experience a life of ministry in a parish. Godwin is a great soccer player and fan of cricket.

Dylan, as a sixth year seminarian has just finished his year of placement and returned to Holy Spirit Seminary. Still in the discipleship stage, he is preparing more intently for his ordination as a Deacon and as part of the seminary's studies pursuing a Master of Theology. Dylan also has a keen interest in history and sharing his deep knowledge of the Church.

Me and my brothers are very excited to spend next week with your parish community! The four of us are up from Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane to experience the life of the church in Bundaberg. We look forwards to joining you for Mass, parish events, and even a quick chat.



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 respect to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.



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SYCAMORE

YOU ARE INVITED

space to meet other people

share ideas

explore your beliefs

Commencing Thursday 23rd July 4.00 pm
Loyola Centre Shalom College



Please register at the Parish office on 4151 6666



"Do it for Cancer" Luncheon

**Saturday 17th October 2026
11.00am
Brothers Sports Club**

More details
to come

This year our annual Cancer Fundraiser will be held in conjunction with our 150years Celebrations.

CELEBRATING 150YRS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BUNDABERG 16th - 18th OCTOBER:

This year we celebrate 150 years since the first Catholic Church was erected in Bundaberg with a resident priest.

The weekend will include - Mass with Bishop Daniel Meagher presiding.

Memorabilia Display

"Do it for Cancer Luncheon"

Multi-Cultural Morning Tea.

If you would like to assist the organising committee with any of the events, have memorabilia to display or memories to share, please contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.



NATIONAL MENALIVE CONFERENCE

OCEANS

MAX26

7th-9th August

MAX26 National Gathering

The MAX26 event is another step in your journey to find the deeper purpose of your life.

Be inspired, challenged, and energised to navigate the oceans of life alongside other men as you share your stories, faith, and experiences together.

The conference will be held at:
Luther Heights Camp
1592-1606 David Low Way
Coolool Beach QLD

The event will run from Friday evening to Sunday early afternoon and include a mix of talks, panel discussions and small group sessions. There will also be opportunities for personal quiet time and reflection, as well as fellowship and recreational activity.

The cost of attending all days and evenings, starting Friday is \$250.00. If on-site accommodation is required as well as attendance the cost is \$450.00.

The Bundaberg branch of MenAlive is considering taking a small bus if there is sufficient interest to travel together. If so please register yourself for the conference and advise the Parish Office 4151 6666 so numbers can be gauged.

Registration is at: https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2026Sunshine_Coast

If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support.



CELEBRATING
150 years
1876
2026

Parish News and Announcements

SEMINARIANS VISIT: This week we welcome four Seminarians who will be spending time in our Parish. Please make Vincent, Harold, Godwin, and Dylan very welcome when you see them.

2026 HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY APPEAL: Will be held on the weekend of **25th/26th July**. Envelopes can be found at the end of the seats and at the doors of the churches. Please take one home this weekend, for next week's collection.



ANOINTING MASS: Our monthly Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday, 23rd July at 10.00am** in Holy Rosary Church. All who would like to receive this special blessing are encouraged to come.
Morning Tea will be served after the Mass.

SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL & JUSTICE WORKING PARTY: Will hold their next meeting on **Monday, 20th July** in the Parish Office at **4.00pm**. If you are interested and would like to know more, we would love to see you.

ST JOSEPH'S 150 YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER: Will be held on **Saturday, 8th August** at Brothers Sports Club. Anyone with a connection to St Joseph's are warmly invited to purchase tickets from the School Office. \$85.00 per person for a three-course meal and entertainment. **Numbers need to be finalised by 31st July.**

CLEANERS REQUIRED FOR ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: If you can spare an hour or two, weekly, fortnightly, or monthly to help with the vacuuming, mopping, dusting, cleaning of seats and the altar, we would be very grateful. Times are flexible. If you can assist, contact the Parish Office.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Bundaberg Conference

**Request the pleasure of your company at
their 71st Anniversary Festival Gathering**

WHERE: St Patrick's Hall, Power Street, Bundaberg

WHEN: Saturday 25th July 2026 commencing at 3.30pm.

Please join us for Afternoon Tea and Spiritual Reflection from Fr Don White.

Mass will be held in St Patrick's Church at 6.00pm where the New Leadership Team of St Vincent de Paul Bundaberg will be commissioned.

RSVP your attendance: contact the Parish Office (4151 6666) by 21st July

Baptismal News

*We give thanks for those recently
baptised in our parish and pray
that God's love will guide them
always.*

Daisy Ada Wigg



Church Funeral Liturgy

Funeral Mass

Mary Attard
Holy Rosary Church
Mon 20 July 10.00am



Memorial Service

Daphne Harriott
St Patrick's Church
Wed 22 July 9.30am



Liturgies

Monday 20 July 2026
St Apollinaris

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

Tuesday 21 July 2026

St Lawrence of Brindisi

8.30am St James' Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 22 July 2026

St Mary Magdalene

8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 23 July 2026

St Bridget

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Anointing Mass

Friday 24 July 2026

St Sharbel

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's
Malayalam Mass

Saturday 25 July 2026

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

Sunday 26 July 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12:

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30:

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52:

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.



AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies
Phone 07 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP VG

Parish Priest

Fr Anthony Nguyen

Associate Pastor

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Operations Manager

Ms Pauline Leahy

Liturgy, Music, Sacramental &
RCIA Co-ordinator

Ms Judy Pidcock

Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Jan Aplin

Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Sandra Fox

Receptionist

Mrs Lyn Callaghan

Bereavement Coordinator

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston

Chair

Ms Madonna Davitt

Deputy Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett

Secretary

Members:

Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

Miss Clare O'Rourke

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara



A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

*Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church.
Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds.
Amen.*

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Ann List (Mono), Mary Attard, Daphne Harriott, Katie Hall (New York), Neil (Benny) Bennewith (Townsville), Shannyn Connor, Kevin Lines, Joe Gatt, Moya Cuppitt, Frederick Kitching, Emily Dingle Rudd (Gosford), Bishop Emilio Bataclan (Philippines), Myrl Naske, David Barnes, Norberto Saporne (Philippines) Dan Lavender, Moya Cupitt (Clifton).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Formosa 11.08.2019, Beatrice (Beattie) Gill 16.07.1982, Barry Southern 18.07.2025, Joyce Galea 17.07.2023, Mary Mathew 15.07.2025, Virginio Zorzan 22.03.2013, Marie Schneider 05.07.2024, Ann Baxter 3.06.2025, Olivia Cafolla 4.07.2019, Margareta Fitzgerald (Gladstone) 13.06.2000, Joe Della-Vedova 20.06, Kathleen Clarke 17.06.2012, Ronald John Pizaro 29.06.2024, Ann Rosacinda Cruz 17.06.2022.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Formosa Family, Gerry Walsh, Fetrin Family, Rev Fr Aurelio Ocarol Jr, Ernesto Fernando Aguila, Cesarina Della-Vedova, Alma Della, Lew Della, Ron Cook, deceased members of the Geiger, & Cook Families, Paul Galea, Joyce Galea, Joseph Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea, deceased relatives of the Galea, & Zahra Families, Kevin and Doris Whalley.



The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022), 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 Adults at Risk commitment statement and policy: www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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