



Welcome to the Parish

1st/2nd August 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

What can we offer?

In this weekend's gospel we hear, firstly, of Jesus' great compassion for us. Even as he's mourning John the Baptist, he is aware of the hunger of the people in the crowd. Not just the physical hunger as they were in a deserted place without food, but the spiritual hunger we all experience.

This scripture can be a familiar to us as a sign of the Eucharist to come. Jesus performs the same actions as will occur during the Last Supper. He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (Matthew 26:26).

During the week I particularly reflected on the passage that Jesus "broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full."

Just as Jesus tasked the disciples to distribute the loaves to the people, we too are called to help others. We may sometimes feel we don't have anything we can offer others, but when we do share what we have (our skills, our care, our time) God will ensure they are magnified so they can fill the needs of others.

Rather than reflect on what we lack, we can consider what God can provide through us. Every existing thing we have has been provided by God. As with the loaves and fishes, we can bring simple things back to God and they can be increased into great things to share. Just with the loaves and fishes, God offers all that we need, and in overabundance.

It can be the small sacrifices, the acts of kindness and service, our prayers for others that can bring that much needed help, through God. If we can hand our lives over, God can achieve great things through us. Like the crowd on the mountain, on our own we can achieve little. But God can achieve great things through us.

This weekend begins National Vocations Week. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how we may be called to follow Christ. Some may be contemplating a path towards priesthood or religious life, and we keep them in our prayers. Others may be focusing on simply following Jesus as they live life day-by-day.

The word "vocation" comes from the Latin vocare which means to call. We are each called to discern, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what our response to God call should be. Some are called to married or single life, others through priesthood or consecrated life.

God asks us only to bring our five loaves and two fish... our faith, our prayers, our time, our kindness - and place them in God's hands. God can take the ordinariness of our lives' offerings and use it to create help for others.



Pauline Leahy

Liturgy, Music, Sacramental &
RCIA Co-ordinator

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

4.00 pm
Loyola Centre Shalom College

Thursday Weekly

space to meet other people share ideas explore your beliefs

It is not too late to register and join
Please register at the Parish office on 4151 6666



DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE:

Will be held from **6.00pm Friday, 28th August** to **1.00pm Sunday, 30th August** at Our Lady's Hall, The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.

Guest Speaker will be Fr Steve Fletcher, Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love. NET teams from Rockhampton and Darwin will be attending the conference. Children's Ministry will be available throughout the conference. You can expect a Spirit-filled experience of praise, worship, teaching, prayer and healing. Families are encouraged to attend. To register <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569770>
OR scan the QR Code for Early Bird prices.



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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP, Contact the Parish Office 4151 6666 if you can assist with any of the following.

- Historical Display - We need items of historical significance and memories to share, as well as help with the collection of items and set up of display. We would also be looking for volunteers while the display is open.
- Historical Handout - We need help with the gathering of stories to go into a booklet.
- Annual Fundraiser Luncheon for Cancer - This is being held in conjunction with our 150 yr Celebration to highlight this Parish's commitment to outreach in the wider community. Please join us if you can.

DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE ANNUAL CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON -MULTI DRAW RAFFLE

The "Do it for Cancer" Fundraising Luncheon is being held this year in conjunction with our 150 year celebrations. We are asking for donation of prizes for our Multi-Draw raffle. If you have a business that can supply a product or gift voucher that would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to ask a business you regularly visit, the Office can supply you with a letter of request.

All donations can be dropped into the Parish Office.



Tickets
\$40.00pp
Available
from
17th August



COMMUNITY OPEN DAY CELEBRATING 150yrs St Joseph's Primary School

Saturday
8th August



Merchandise
on sale



10.30 am

Parish Mass- Feast Day of Mary MacKillop
Presided by Bishop Danny Meagher

11.45am

Open School: visit classrooms, memorabilia,
student artwork.

Opening of new Paver Path Garden

6.30pm

Dinner at Brothers Club (Ticketed Event)



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

PRIEST RETREAT:Next week our Priests will be on Retreat. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they all come together for the first time with Bishop Daniel.

CWL MEETING:The next CWL meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th August** at **10.00am** in the St Patrick's Hall. We look forward to seeing new and existing members.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY APPEAL: Last weekend we held our annual Seminary Appeal. Once again we thank you for your generosity. \$ was received.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS - "Sharing your light, inspiring others"



It was wonderful to join together last Sunday night at the 5.30pm Mass to begin Catholic Education Week. Parishioners gathered with students, staff and families of our Catholic college and schools to celebrate the great gift that our education system provides to our community. The Vision for Catholic Education in our diocese is founded on striving for quality teaching and learning whilst giving witness to the message of Jesus. We thank everyone in our school communities for their help in creating a better future.



DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow You.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who You are calling to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve Your Church.

May all of us seek to know You better, to faithfully follow Your call to holiness, and proclaim the Gospel to the world.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

National Vocations Awareness Week 2nd - 9th August



to a life of special consecration: in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."
POPE FRANCIS

National Vocation Awareness Week is an opportunity to pray for vocations and discernment in the Church, helping all the faithful to explore their calling, and to take the next step in responding to God's call.

How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

Liturgies

Monday 3 August 2026
St Dominic

9.00am St Patrick's - LWC
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration

Tuesday 4 August 2026

St John Vianney
9.00am St James' - LWC
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 5 August 2026

8.00am Shalom - LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

Thursday 6 August 2026

The Transfiguration of the Lord
7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 7 August 2026

St Sixtus II & St Cajetan
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 8 August 2026

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
8.30am Holy Rosary' - Penance
10.30am Holy Rosary-Mass
St Joseph's 150yrs Anniversary Mass
St Mary of the Cross
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 9 August 2026

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

SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13:

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5:

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33:

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

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Mrs Jan Aplin

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Mrs Sandra Fox

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Mrs Lyn Callaghan

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston

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Dr Ken Avenell

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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

Immaculate Heart of Mary 71st Conference

Last weekend we celebrated the 71st Immaculate Heart of Mary Conference at St Patrick's Bundaberg. The gathering was well received with Guest Speaker Fr Don White offering a very insightful reflection. Those present included Fr Anthony and our three visiting seminarians. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated each year by St Vincent de Paul. This year we were pleased to welcome Peter Doherty (State President of SVDP), Corrie from the Family Intervention Centre, Naomi from Gladstone and Childers Conference members Marg and Trish.

We also acknowledged Frank and Kath Gambley who have volunteered not only in our Bargara shop but also in the Bargara Church. Petrina is also a member and volunteer with 25yrs of service. We are very grateful for the dedication they have shown to the SVDP Community and wider Parish Community.

Franciscans everlasting prayer cards were distributed for thanks to long serving members and volunteers from shop and church. Years of service medals and certificates were also issued.

There was also a commissioning of President of Immaculate Heart of Mary that was aggregated on 25th July 1955, 71 years ago to the day.



We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Rita Connor (Rockhampton), Stefan Krug, Ian Ward (Nambour), Monica Allery, Ross Shmrek, Frank Castelli, Mary Ann List (Monto), Mary Attard, Daphne Harriott, Katie Hall (New York), Neil (Benny) Bennewith (Townsville), Shannyn Connor, Kevin Lines, Joe Gatt, Frederick Kitching, Petrin Family (Italy).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Patterson 27.09.2023, Annina Maglicco 29.08.1998, Eithel Crawford 18.08, Josephine Cafolla 24.08.2014, Terence Cagney 4.08.1990, Bonifacio Alcala 27.06.1998, Mario Martins Snr 28.07.2012, Justino Rafael Alcala 28.07.2014, Lilia Alcala 28.07.2016, Norio Cafolla 19.07, Guisippe Cafolla 21.07.1987, Augustus Cafolla 4.07.1960, 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 22.03.2023, Marie Schneider 05.07.2024.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza, Deceased relatives of the Benvenuto Barazza & Parussini Families, Socorro R Cruz, Glorina R Somera, Orencio R Cruz, Filipinas & Carmen Cruz, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria May Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Gerry Hall, Karl Frazer, Felza-Ana Cutas, Wancho Alesna, Abiel Alcosoba, Formosa Family, Fetrin Family, 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.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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