



Welcome to the Parish

8th/9th August 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



A Family for All

The motto for Passionist Family Groups (PFG) is "A Family for All" and that is precisely what we aim to offer. Whether you are married, single, separated, divorced, young, old church-going or not, you are welcome. Existing parishioners are always welcome and for those who have recently joined our parish, Passionist Family Groups offer an immediate opportunity to connect with other families, which in turn encourages community within our parish.

Within Bundaberg Parish, we have two active Passionist Family Groups, Bundaberg- Mackillop and Bargara. These groups operate independently but join for special occasions. The groups organize an activity every month. The wide-ranging activities have included visiting a country pub for lunch, picnics, evening dinners, lunch and games afternoons at a member's home as well as Christmas in July. A Car Rally is currently being organized. Sharing food, fun and friendship helps to build great relationships.

Please note the annual Ladies Dinner hosted by PFG has been postponed until 2027.

Passionist Family Groups are a great way to turn Faith into action.

We aim to :-

- Get to know other Parish Members
- Support and care for each other in good and difficult times
- Build a Christian Community as in the early Church
- Encourage our children in the Faith, directly and indirectly, through our examples of compassion and love.

Brochures containing more information can be found in all Parish churches and at the Parish Office.

GROUP CONTACTS

Passionist Family Group Co-Ordinator: Helen Mackie

Bundaberg - Mackillop: Shirley Egan

Bargara: Judy Erle

Bargara Gathering



Celebrating 25 years of PFG
in our Parish

Pub Lunch with the Bundaberg Members



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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Parish News and Announcements

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.



150TH CELEBRATIONS MEMORIES:

What was it like to grow up Catholic in Bundaberg? What has been your experience of being Catholic in Bundaberg? Do you have a story to tell from your experience? Maybe a funny experience? Momentous occasion? A particular celebration? Changes you have seen in buildings, ritual, ministries, church life?

As part of the celebrations in October, we are wanting to prepare a book of parishioners' memories from all ages and backgrounds. Stories need to be written and sent into the parish office on or before Monday, 31st August, preferably to sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. Length to be maximum of 500 words. Any photos that you may have of parish life will be appreciated too.

"DO IT FOR CANCER" - FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON.

WHEN: Saturday 17th October 2026 at 11.00am

WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, Takalvan Street.

Tickets will be on sale from the Parish Office from **Monday, 17th August.**

\$40.00 per person will include a Two Course Meal and Lucky Door Prize.

Entertainment will be supplied by students from our Catholic Schools.

The popular multi-draw raffle will also be a feature.



Proudly supporting

**Cancer
Council
Queensland**

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, we would greatly appreciate products or gift vouchers from local businesses. 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.



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.

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.



EUCHARIST28 UPDATE: ETERNAL LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028!

At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who's body and blood we share.

In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises.

This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ.

To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

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

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SYCAMORE

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Thursday Weekly

Please register your name
at the Parish office on 4151 6666

4.00 pm

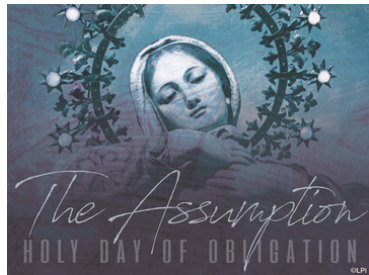
Loyola Centre Shalom College



space to meet other people

share ideas

explore your beliefs



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Is a Holy Day of Obligation
See below Mass Times

Friday 14th August Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm
Vigil Mass-Solemn

Saturday 15th August St Patrick's Church 7.30am
No devotions after Mass

St James' Church 9.00am

SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY: Will hold their next meeting on **Monday, 17th August** in the Parish Office at **4.00pm**. If you are interested and would like to know more, we look forward to meeting you.

VISITATION MEETING: If you are in the Visitation Ministry or are interested in joining, our next meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Wednesday 19th August** at 10.00am for a cuppa with the meeting starting at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Our monthly Cemetery Prayers will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on **Thursday 20th August** at **9.30am**. All are welcome.



FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Please join us in Holy Rosary Church on **Thursday, 20th August** from **3.30pm**
Feel the power of this Spiritual Tool.



WEEKLY ROSARY TIMES:

Tuesday	10.00am	St James' Church Bargara (After Mass)
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Patrick's Church
Thursday	5.30pm	Holy Rosary Church



Join the Conversation

YOUNG ADULTS CONVERSATION GROUPS

If you are aged between 17 to 35 years old,
you are invited to come along to the
Parish Office every Sunday at 6.30pm.
The group shares food,
fellowship and conversation
about the Catholic Faith.

New members are warmly welcome!!

Baptismal News

This weekend we welcome into God's Loving Church.
Harry James Coonan, Riley Benjamin Wockner,
Dixie Clare Maree Yates, Kyha Cove Brown,
Giovanni Angelo Escher and Vincenzo James Escher

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



Liturgies

Monday 10 August 2026

St Lawrence

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 11 August 2026

St Clare

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 12 August 2026

St Jane Frances de Chantal

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 13 August 2026

St Pontian & St Hippolytus

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 14 August 2026

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary Mass

The Assumption Vigil

Saturday 15 August 2026

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00 Holy Rosary' - Penance

9.00am St James'-Mass

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 16 August 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7:

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32:

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28:

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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Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
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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



As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Levene Bailey 3.08.2023, Jovita P Espiritu 15.08.2012, Genoveffa Lituri 7.08.2023, 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 Alcalá 27.06.1998, Mario Martins Snr 28.07.2012, Justino Rafael Alcalá 28.07.2014, Lilia Alcalá 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ramon D Andres, Rosa Andres, Gerry Walsh, 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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