



Welcome to the Parish

22nd/23rd August 2026

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

21st

Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

“Why doesn’t God just fix it?”



In my State School Religious Instruction lessons we have been talking about Jesus’ having human emotions and in one lesson finding out if Jesus got angry. The story looked at the time in the temple when Jesus got angry and turned over the stall holders’ tables because their market was preventing the Gentiles entering the Temple and engaging in prayer and instruction.

We were discussing righteous anger and what makes us angry. I explained that I get angry with the amount of plastic ending in our waterways, which then becomes mistakenly eaten by turtles and seabirds feeding the plastic to the chicks in their nests.

One of the children asked, “Why doesn’t God fix it?” “He does”, I said, “God created you and I to do just that, fix it.” God has tasked all humans to care for, and show stewardship of, our natural world. A well-known motto states ‘if people understand what they are looking at, they are more likely to love it, to care for it and want to protect it.’ We can fix it.

One of the pillars of Catholic Social teaching is Care for God’s Creation. “We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just a slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all God’s

creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

This ministry of stewardship of the natural world is given a special focus during the **Season of Creation**. The season begins on September 1st, World Day of Prayer for Creation to October 4th, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. We take time to renew our commitment to care for God’s creation. This year the theme is “Living Water”.



**Baldwin Swamp
Nature Walk**



Bush Chapel

In our Parish the Social, Ecological, Justice Working Party are always looking for opportunities to carry out our faith responsibilities to care for God’s creation. We are organising a walk in Bundaberg’s “Living Water” – Baldwin Swamp. On **Saturday September 12th at 9.00am**, all are welcome to accompany us on a Contemplative Walk around the ponds. We will meet at the carpark off George St, go for a walk and then return for a shared morning tea. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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



ANOINTING MASS: The monthly anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday, 27th August** in Holy Rosary Church commencing at **10.00am**. This Sacrament is for people who are seriously ill, facing major surgery, or weakened by age. After Mass, please join us for morning Tea.



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.



CWL LUNCHEON: The CWL will hold their Luncheon on Tuesday **8th September** at the Brothers Sports Club in the Leprechaun Room. Tickets are **\$25.00 pp (Cash Only)** which includes a one course alternate drop meal and lucky door prize. During the luncheon a continuous raffle will be held for charity. Tickets are now on sale at the Parish Office and must be purchased by Tuesday 1st September.



ASCEND IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for young Catholics to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. All students in Years 7-12 are Invited to travel to Brisbane for the 2026 conference as part of our diocesan group.

For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.



LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco



The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for **January 2027 departure**. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Rather than "helping," we walk in solidarity with young people, creating opportunities for mutual learning and growth. Cagliero volunteers work in the Salesian way, placing young people at the centre of all they do and approaching life with joy, compassion, and respect. While the focus is on those we serve, the experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers as well.

Applications close **October 31st, 2026**. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.



SYCAMORE
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Thursday Weekly

4.00 pm
Loyola Centre Shalom College

Please register your name
at the Parish office on 4151 6666

space to meet other people

share ideas

explore your beliefs



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

CONGRATULATIONS : Bridget Doyle has been accepted to serve with NET Ministries 2027 for a year of service and mission work. Bridget is fundraising for the the cost of joining the Net Ministries which is \$13000. This weekend Bridget will be at the **Shalom Markets** on **Sunday 23rd August** running the **BBQ**. We encourage all parishioners to support Bridget on the day. If you would like to donate directly to her fundraising click on the below link.

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/6h10qljVngdsbLsd0gWXpQ.

Please read the bulletin for future fundraising events.

CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP: Will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 25th in the Parish Office at 10.00am. Please join us for prayer and fellowship. Morning Tea will follow. This is an Ecumenical gathering all are welcome.

FATHER'S DAY WORKING BEE: There will be a working bee at the Catholic Cemetery (off Fitzgerald Street) on **Saturday 29th August**, commencing at **6.30am -9.30am**. This is a chance to help tidy the site for Father's Day. Many families come on this day to pay respects and give thanks for the life of their father. If you could spare some time to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring along your gardening implements including, whipper snippers if possible. Morning Tea will be provided.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL- Leaving Collection: Next Sunday 30th August we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. The theme this year focuses on Economic and Social Justice. St Vincent de Paul help those in our community in difficult times. At the end of all Masses on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th volunteers will be at the doors of our churches for a leaving collection. Please come prepared next weekend to support this worthwhile charity.

"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.

\$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.



Tickets
on
sale
Now

150th CELEBRATIONS UPDATE:

The Celebrations will be held over three days from Friday 16th- Sunday 18th October.

Friday 16th : A Thanksgiving Mass will be held in Holy Rosary Church at 5.30pm presided over by Bishop Daniel Meagher. We encourage attendees to stay for a light dinner provided by the Parish. During the evening Novakoski Centre will be open with memorabilia on display.

Saturday 17th : A Luncheon will be held at Brothers Sports Club from 11.00am to raise money for cancer. The "Do it for Cancer" Luncheon has tickets on sale through the Parish Office for \$40.00pp, which includes a two - course alternate drop meal and lucky door prize. A multi-draw raffle will also be held.

Sunday 18th : A Multi-Cultural morning tea will be held after the 8.00am Mass at Holy Rosary. Those wishing to contribute are asked to contact the Parish Office. Novakoski Centre will also be open after Mass with the memorabilia display.

Volunteers will be required to make this weekend a success. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

ROSTER AVAILABILITY FOR OCTOBER-JANUARY: We are organising the next roster for October, November, December and January. If you will be unavailable during any of these months please contact the Parish Office with the dates by Wednesday 2nd September. If you wish to join any ministries please contact the Parish to arrange training.

Baptismal News

This weekend we welcome into God's Loving Church.
Lyla Maree Sergiacomi

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



Liturgies

Monday 24 August 2026

St Bartholomew

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 25 August 2026

St Louis & St Joseph Calasanaz

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 26 August 2026

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 27 August 2026

St Monica

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 28 August 2026

St Augustine

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 29 August 2026

The Passion of St John the Baptist

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00 Holy Rosary' - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 30 August 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 20: 7-9:

Second Reading

Romans 12: 1-2:

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27:

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

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston

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Deputy Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett

Secretary

Members:

Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

Miss Clare O'Rourke

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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



The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bruce Patrick Gillespie, Graham Hocking, Patricia "Pat" Sawtell, Sr Rita Connor (Rockhampton), Stefan Krug, Frank Castelli, Mary Attard.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Attilio D'Addario 30.08.2010, Siebert Schafer 13.09.2002, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: George, Zillah and George Jnr, Dominic Attard, Phillis Micolás, 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, 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.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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