



Welcome to the Parish

26th/27th September 2026 Year

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Celebrating 80 Years of Compassion and Care

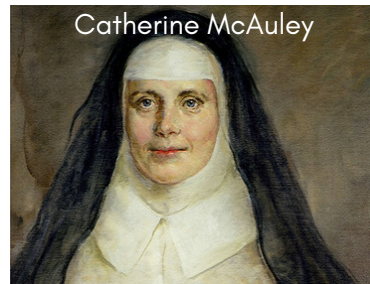
Madonna Davitt

"The poor need help today, not next week." These words of Catherine McAuley continue to inspire Mater's mission of bringing God's healing presence to all who seek our care.

This year, Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg celebrates 80 years of caring for the people of Bundaberg and the surrounding region.

The vision for a Catholic hospital began in 1937 when local medical practitioners approached Dean Bannon seeking support to establish a Mater Hospital. He invited the Sisters of Mercy, already serving the community through Catholic education, to bring their ministry of healing to Bundaberg. In 1940, the Sisters purchased Brabourne, the former Buss family residence and the site on which the hospital stands today. Although World War II delayed their plans, the dream became a reality on 28 July 1946 when the hospital officially opened.

Last week, Mater celebrated Mercy Week, a special time to reflect on the legacy of Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Through prayer, reflection, meditation sessions and a Mercy Week Mass, staff were reminded that every act of kindness, compassion and hospitality continues Catherine's mission in our community.



Catherine McAuley

While healthcare has changed greatly over the past eight decades, Mater's commitment remains the same. We strive to provide excellent healthcare within a Catholic tradition that recognises the dignity of every person.



The original hospital which was formerly the residence owned by Mr Horace Buss.



Opening in 1946

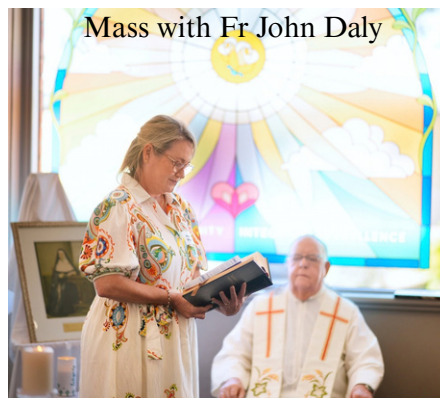


Past Employees

As we mark this significant milestone, we give thanks for the faith, courage and vision of the Sisters of Mercy and for the generations of staff, volunteers and medical professionals who have continued their mission of compassionate care.



Sisters of Mercy 1971



Mass with Fr John Daly

Guided by our values of compassion, integrity, dignity and excellence, we seek to care for the whole person: body, mind and spirit. As Mater continues to grow, we remain dedicated to being a place where all are welcomed, valued and cared for with respect and kindness.

Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg warmly congratulates the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg on 150 years of faithful service to our community and looks forward to continuing this shared mission of mercy and care for generations to come.

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

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026



Message of Pope Leo XIV: "Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10)

"... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt

25:35). ..." **Click on the text for the full message.**

Diocesan Ministry Appeal

This weekend **26th/27th September** we will have a second collection for the Diocesan Ministry Appeal which Supports:

Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre

First Nations Ministry

The Western Pastoral Ministry

The Catholic Prison Ministry

To donate, envelopes can be found at the doors of the churches or you can scan the QR Code.



World Mission Sunday October 4th



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

Made for More: Understanding Vatican II

What: A weekend retreat for young adults (18-35)

When: 23rd-25th of October

Where: Discovery Parks - Coolwaters, Yepoon

All young adults are invited to come away for a weekend to learn more about our faith, reflect on your life, and meet other young Catholics from across the diocese. Featuring Fr Andrew Chase and the Rockhampton NET team, the weekend will include presentations, prayer, personal reflection, sacraments and fellowship. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. For any questions contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



Saints' Parade

Sunday 1st November - **All Saints Day** at St Patrick's Church we will hold a Saints Parade prior to the 9.00am Mass.

We are asking children from the Parish aged from 5-15 years to come as their favourite saint. Each child will dress accordingly and carry a card with the name of the saint they are representing.

If you are interested in your child participating please contact the Parish office with your child's name and the Saint they will be representing.



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

Tell Your Story- 150 years Booklet:

We still need some short stories of your good or funny memories of life in our parish, no matter how many years you've lived here. For example, "I remember Jack Linnane throwing the Green Hymn books at the birds that were caught inside the dome of Holy Rosary, trying to chase them out." Send your memory clip **before 30th September** to sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au or bring to the Parish Office.

16 - 18 OCTOBER



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Only Three weeks to go.

Friday 16 5.30pm Mass Holy Rosary Church followed by a fish & Chips or sausage sizzle. RSVP to the Parish Office	Saturday 17 11.00am Luncheon Brothers Sports Club Tickets available from the Parish Office	Sunday 18 8.00am Mass Holy Rosary Church Multi-Cultural Morning Tea + Memorabilia
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Saturday 17th October

Celebrate 150 years with
our fundraising luncheon
supporting
Cancer Queensland

Tickets are available
from the Parish Office.
\$40.00 pp for a Two
Course alternate drop
meal and lucky door
prize.

The luncheon will have
entertainment from

- Treble Makers
Female Vocal Ensemble
- The Slick Sisters
String Ensemble

During the luncheon a
Multi-Draw raffle will
also be held.

Liturgies

Monday 28 September 2026

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

Tuesday 29 September 2026

St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 30 September 2026

St Jerome
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 1 October 2026

St Therese of the Child Jesus
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 2 October 2026

The Holy Guardian Angels
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 3 October 2026

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

Sunday 4 October 2026

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

BAFFLE CREEK MASS: The next Mass will be held on **Sunday 11th October** at **11.00am**.

If you are in the area we encourage you to experience Mass in this peaceful community

PUBLIC ROSARY- OUR LADY OF FATIMA

DATE: Saturday 10th October

TIME: 2.30pm-3.30pm

PLACE: St Patrick's Church, Powers Street, Bundaberg West.

Everyone is invited to come along and pray the Rosary for Peace in our World

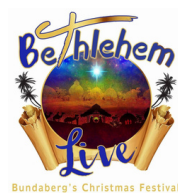
SAVE THE DATE



The Online Accompanied Marriage Kit from Smart Loving is a six-week relationship enrichment program helping couples connect, learn, and grow together. Covering topics on communication, intimacy, relationship dynamics, and more, the course is designed for couples at any stage of their relationship.



With all conversations between partners remaining private in the comfort of the home, couples can engage in the online discussion at their own comfort level. The course will run from Wednesday 7 Oct to 11 November. Scan the QR code for more details and to register



BETHLEHEM LIVE Returns again in 2026:

Bethlehem Live will be held at Bundaberg Central School from 15th-18th December 6.00pm-9.00pm nightly. This bi-annual event is presented by the Combined Churches of Bundaberg and SU Australia. Members of the Parish who would like to volunteer are asked to contact the Parish Office.

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 5: 1 -7:

Second Reading

Phil 4: 6-9:

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43:



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.

A celebration of the Church's Funeral Liturgy

Colleen Gahan



**Wednesday 30th
September**

10.00am



**Holy Rosary
Catholic Church**

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

Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
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Mrs Monica White
Principal

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**St Mary's Catholic
Primary School**
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Principal

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**St Patrick's Catholic
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Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard
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Shalom College
Mr Dean Wearmouth
Principal

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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 Barga



This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: *Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.*

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Eagleson (Nth Ireland), Henry "John" Senini, Colleen Gahan, Betty O'Keefe, David Allen, Bro Peter Sheldon (Brisbane), Bill Willett (Sydney), Joe Galea, Bruce Patrick Gillespie.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Lawrence Galea 1.10.2022, John S.V (Val) Gill 30.10.1987, Olympia Cagatin 24.10.2024, Assunta Borza 30.09.1990, John Edward Clarke 25.09.1969, Eric Chapman, Cath Dwyer, Lina Baggetto 30.09.2012, Gliceria Mendoza 12.09.2011, Joe Jendra 24.09.2007, Moira Pendleton 17.12.2019, Malcolm Bell 05.09.2012, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Jim Dunphy 10.09.2018, Edna Callaghan 26.09.2019, Jack Callaghan 28.10.1956, Sergio De Paoli 20.09.2016, Mario Crawford 7.09.2025, Ken Bennett 6.09.2024, Phillip Cafolla 5.09.1995, Shane Hocking 23.11.2018, Cameron Hocking 20.07.2022, Damian Mullins 1.09.2024, Agostino Asnicar 1.09.2019, John Blundell 28.09.2019.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Holy Souls, Gino Troiani, Enio Troiani, Emma and Johnny Carossi, Souls in Purgatory, Cook and Geiger Families, Gerry Walsh, Formosa and Grima Families, Holy Souls, Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza, Deceased relatives of the Benvenuto Barazza & Parussini 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

OTHER CONTACTS

Graham White: 07 4887 3080
Diocesan Safeguarding Manager

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985
St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700
Ozcare: 1800 692 273
Mater Hospital: 4153 9539

150 *Celebration* YEARS OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE



Keyring \$5.00 each



Tote Bags \$10.00 each



Stainless Steel Vac insulated Mug in Blue or Silver
\$20.00 each



Wooden Coaster \$5.00



Pens \$5.00 each

Promo Bundling Merchandise



\$40.00

Save \$5.00



Volunteers Required for 150years Celebration

Friday 16th Dinner in St Joseph's School Grounds

Sunday 18th Multi-Cultural Morning Tea

St Joseph's School Grounds (After 8.00am Mass).

We are only three weeks out until our celebrations. The organizing committee is doing a wonderful job, but it is only a small committee, and we need parishioners' help to make this a successful event. Below is a list of when and where help is required.

Please don't leave it to someone else, many hands make light work.

Friday 16th October

From 3.30pm:

- Assembling marquees
- Setting up tables and chairs
- Setting up the BBQ area
- Drink Station, Tea and Coffee Station, Dessert tables and Merchandise Stand.

Depending on the number of helpers will depend on time required.

From 6.30pm:

- Servers at the Tea/Coffee station, Drinks station and Dessert Station
- Helpers in Novakoski for the Memorabilia display.

From 7.30pm:

- Emptying of rubbish bins
- Packing up tables, chairs and marquees.

Sunday 18th October- Multi-Cultural Morning Tea

All parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share from their country of origin. National Dress is also encouraged.

From 8.45am:

- Servers at the Tea/Coffee station.
- People to oversee food. (Unwrap food or clear away empty plates).
- People circulating with food, everyone can sample the variety.
- Memorabilia display will also be open and require people.
- Merchandise will be for sale and require people to help.
- Finally, we will need people to pack up the tables, chairs and marquees.

Please contact the Parish Office to offer your help.

