



Welcome to the Parish

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October 2026 Year A

# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



## Interim Financial Report- Parish Finance Council

Norm Whyte  
*Finance Council Chair*

Your Parish Finance Council is budgeting for necessary maintenance and upgrade projects for this financial year. As mentioned in the previous report, the Holy Rosary Presbytery is no longer fit for purpose, and, after months of discussions, the decision was taken to replace the building with much-needed additional car parking spaces. This work will commence at the beginning of the December school holidays. The capital required for this project will come from a bequest and will therefore have no negative impact on the Parish's balance sheet.

Part of the design considerations for the additional parking spaces is to ensure that safe and adequate disabled access into Holy Rosary church is maintained and if possible, enhanced. To this end, the Parish Finance Council is considering the option of adding a disabled access ramp to the side door of the church which faces the paved courtyard adjacent to St. Joseph's School.

The Parish has recently extended our lease agreement with our major tenant who occupies the ground floor space of the Parish Office building. With this long-term secure rental income, we have gained approval from the Diocese to outlay capital for the replacing of the oldest part of the air conditioning system which services the ground floor space. This work was flagged some time ago, however contracting the right tradespeople has taken time. This work will be completed this financial year.

Another important maintenance project is being considered for the cottage attached to St. James' church, Barga. Substantial refurbishment work is required to make this residence secure and comfortable. It is likely that the building will be required for accommodation in 2027, therefore this proposed work is important.

It is gratifying to report to you that we were able to continue our financial support during 2025-2026 for the struggling Western Parishes. Provision for this outreach support is again included in this current Parish budget.

In general terms, the current financial year Parish budget is forecasting a modest 6% increase in income. While acknowledging inflationary trends, we have budgeted for a 9.6% increase in expenses. This divergence highlights the importance of your commitment to regular and reliable financial support in the form of planned giving, either via the envelope systems or via automatic direct crediting to the nominated Parish account.

The stability of this income enables the Parish Finance Council to plan for and commit to the maintaining and improving of Parish assets to the highest standard, and for that we thank you.

## Welcome Bishop Danny Meagher

On behalf of Fr Don and our parish, we are very excited to welcome Bishop Danny to our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations this weekend.

Bishop Danny has been very generous with his time. He will arrive on Friday for our 5:30pm Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Rosary and he will share our light dinner afterwards on St Joseph's grounds.

On Saturday Bishop Danny will attend our luncheon at Brothers Club where we continue our 150th celebrations in conjunction with the annual "Do it for Cancer" luncheon, raising much needed funds for cancer research.

Bishop Danny will again join us on Sunday when we conclude our celebrations with the 8.00am Mass at Holy Rosary Church followed by our Multi-Cultural Morning Tea in St Joseph's grounds. Bishop Danny is very much looking forward to spending time with us and this offers another great opportunity to meet our Bishop and enjoy a variety of food from the diverse cultures within our parish.

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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On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity.

Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani\* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together.

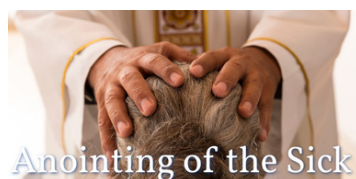
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\*Name changed for privacy

**SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL, JUSTICE WORKING PARTY:** Will hold their next meeting on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at **4.00pm**. If you would like to know more please join us in the Parish Office.

**VISITATION MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** in the Parish Office. Join us for morning tea at **10.00am** followed by the meeting at 10.30am. This month we have a guest speaker giving a **Digital Safety Workshop**. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to meeting new members.



Anointing of the Sick

**ANOINTING MASS: Thursday, 22nd October** at **10.00am** in Holy Rosary Church. Please join with us after Mass for morning tea in Novakoski Centre. Everyone is welcome.



**MADE FOR MORE: UNDERSTANDING VATICAN II:** A weekend retreat for Young Adults (18-35). All young adults are invited to come away for a weekend **23rd -25th October** at the Discovery Parks, Coolwaters, Yeppoon, 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](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au) or 0433 897 973.



**NEWLY WED SURVEY:** Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey into the experience of early married life. The survey is being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life.

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

## PARISH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are looking for groups, families or individuals to volunteer for the upcoming community events.

**PAGEANT OF LIGHTS: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** This is the official switching on of the CBD Christmas lights, followed by a festive parade of Christmas Floats. Each year our parish has a float showing the true meaning of Christmas.

**BETHLEHEM LIVE 2026:** Bethlehem Live will be held at Bundaberg Central School from the **15th-18th December** 6.00pm-9.00pm nightly. This bi-annual event is presented by the Combined Churches of Bundaberg and SU Australia.

If you would like to be part of these events please register your interest at the Parish Office.

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

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

### "The Cup of My Life"

Ladies of the Parish are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Women's Retreat. Take time away from the busyness of daily life to renew your faith, enjoy fellowship, prayer, reflection, and spiritual encouragement with other women of our community.

This year's retreat will be led by:

*Sr Anne Keim* RSM



All women are welcome. Come and be refreshed in heart, mind, and spirit. Saturday 31st October St James' Church 10.00am. Cost is \$20.00pp

For more information contact the Parish office 4151 6666

## Liturgies

### Monday 19 October

St John de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues,  
St Paul of the Cross  
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass  
6.00pm Holy Rosary  
Adoration & Penance

### Tuesday 20 October 2026

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

### Wednesday 21 October 2026

8.00am Shalom - Mass  
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 22 October 2026

#### St John Paul II

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

### Friday 23 October 2026

#### St John of Capistrano

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass  
6.30pm St Patrick's - Mass  
Malayalam

### Saturday 24 October 2026

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

### Sunday 25 October 2026

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

### SCRIPTURES

Exodus 22:20-26:

### Second Reading

1Thess 1:5-10:

### Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40:

### 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.

### 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!!

## A celebration of the Church's Funeral Liturgy

Colleen Geiger

Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup> October  
9.30am

St Patrick's

Mary Nogorotto

Friday  
30<sup>th</sup> October  
9.30am

Holy Rosary

Delma Hardstaff

Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> November  
3.00pm

Des Allen  
Chapel



**EUCCHARIST28:** This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.



## 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

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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

# Gospel Meditation

## Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

-Fr John Muir

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something – a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child – knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone – including Caesar – belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

## We Pray for our Deceased

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Nogorotto, Delma Hardstaff, Annette Francks (Perth), Colleen Geiger, David Allen, Alfio Bonanno, John Eagleson (Nth Ireland), Henry "John" Senini, Colleen Gahan, Betty O'Keefe, David Allen, Bro Peter Sheldon (Brisbane).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Sam Camilleri 15.10, Lawrence Formosa snr 30.10, Carmen Grima 4.11, Brian Fordham 15.10.2025, Gena Mode Bennett 16.10.1980, Elizabeth Maria Maglicco 22.10.2002, Frank Cafolla 29.10.2004, Lawrence Galea 1.10.2022, John S.V (Val) Gill 30.10.1987, Anthony Eric Arkinstall 30.10.1971, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Formosa and Grima Families, Antonette Nordone (Italy), Alife Cafolla (Italy), Holy Souls in Purgatory, Holy Souls, Gino Troiani, Enio Troiani, Emma and Johnny Carossi, Cook and Geiger Families, Gerry Walsh, 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.



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