

# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

## Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

*Welcome to the Parish*

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**By: Fr Peter Tonti**  
*Parish Priest*

## *Defender of the Faith*

The funeral for Queen Elizabeth II will be held at 11:00 am GMT on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Abbey in London. After the service the coffin will be taken to St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle where Queen Elizabeth II will be buried with her husband, Prince Philip. Charles III ascended to the British throne immediately upon the death of his mother on the 8th of September. The Coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla as King and Queen Consort is yet to be scheduled.

Pope Francis immediately responded with thoughts and prayers and joins everyone *"in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and firm hope in his promises"* Pope Francis also offered prayers for King Charles III as he begins his responsibilities: *I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord."*

Here in Bundaberg Reverend Kate Ross, Assistant Priest for the Anglican Parish of Bundaberg, led a commemoration service for Queen Elizabeth on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September in Christ Church, and generously invited us to attend the service of prayers, readings and hymns. The beautiful bells were muffled as a sign of respect. The service was solemn and meaningful and we thank the Anglican Church for allowing us the opportunity to share in their deep loss. Queen Elizabeth clearly lived her promise all those years ago to devote her life to service and to defend the faith. Clearly an inspirational world leader of our time. *"The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.* (Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster).

As a nation we may have come a long way. Are you old enough to remember as students, standing up each Monday morning before school, saluting the flag and singing *God save the Queen*? Some of us may also remember the ABC on the 'wireless' and later the television, closing each night with our national anthem, *God Save The Queen*. How about standing up at the end of a film at the local theatre and singing the national anthem! There will be many other stories to recall the role of the monarchy in this country for close to the past two hundred and fifty years.

We acknowledge the role the monarchy has played in providing this nation with a sharing of language, culture and governance. So many of our people have lived, fought and died under the national flag. And today we are most fortunate to have people from different lands, sharing their cultures and language on these shores.

In all the remembrance of these days it is important to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to all their people, listen to their wisdom, deep spirituality and hopes and dreams for today and into the future. As a nation we must recognise the hurt, the pain and deep loss that continues to occur on these shores and come in humility to respond openly and honestly, in one spirit of unity, to share the goodness, truth and hospitality of this land.

Above all we acknowledge we are all God's people, created equally in the image of God. We recognize Christ as our King. A King not of power and politics but one who calls all people to himself in love and service. Read John 18: 33-38. It is here that Pilate stands face to face with Jesus and the tension of kingdoms becomes the issue. Our final allegiance is due to God's Kingdom of Faith, Hope and Love where Christ is our King.

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 our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

## PASTORAL TEAM

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Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**

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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**

Corner Barolin & Woongarra Street

**St Patrick's Church**

14 Powers Street

**St James' Church**

38 See Street Bargara

# THE PLENARY COUNCIL

## Integral Ecology and Conversion for the Sake of Our Common

### Part 8

Our country is subject to extreme weather conditions and circumstances. We realise the urgency of responding to our baptismal calling of taking up God's mission of love for the whole of creation. Throughout the Scriptures we learn of God's love for creation, from the affirmation of the goodness of creation in Genesis (Genesis 1:2-4) to the Book of Revelation's vision of creation made new (Revelation 21:5). We are called to care for our Common Home, and we are called to cherish and promote the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Our Church has the excellent resource of local and universal Catholic Social Teaching which we need to explore and put into action.

Pope Francis' landmark Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (2015) powerfully points that we do not stand outside of creation but are "joined in a splendid universal communion" with other creatures and are called to care for the common home which we share with them (n. 220). In their Social Justice Statement 2021-22, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, the Australian Bishops also affirm "an integral approach to economic, social and ecological issues" – an integral ecology – if we are to address the interlocking crises of our times.

The Plenary Council:

Recognises the sacred duty to care for and protect the Earth as a common home for all God's creatures, including the generations to come;

Encourages all Catholic people, families, parishes, dioceses, eparchies, religious institutes, educational institutions, and other Catholic organisations to accept Pope Francis' invitation to join the *Laudato Si'* Action Plans, as a vehicle for their ecological conversion; and

Promote initiatives in Church and society which promote and defend human life from conception to natural death, especially those who are most vulnerable.

All the Part 8. Motions passed. Details of the Decrees: [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)

The original flame that was lit by our First Nations people on the Monday certainly became a fire on the Wednesday. The cleansing smoke that had come from the gum leaves suddenly broke into flames of fire that touched our hearts and minds. The Holy Spirit was at his fiery best.

Jesus said, "As the Father sent me so I send you" and he breathed on them. (John 20:21)

## PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TAP AND GO – a request.

During COVID we commenced using the \$5.00 electronic donation points in our churches.

We have been asked if there could be a series of amounts added to the facility.

At this time, we are reluctant to change the amount or the facility to accommodate the request. Obviously, if you wanted to gift more using the facility, you can simply tap again once the machine has recognised your card.

We are grateful to all who use this technology to support our Parish.

**ROSTERS TERM 4:** from October to the end of December, including Christmas, are being prepared now. Ministers are asked to advise Sarah at the parish office, [wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au), of your availability during this period. Any changes of contact details would be appreciated too. Thank you.



Nourished by Word and Sacraments,  
we go out,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
to welcome and share  
God's Love respectfully,  
with all people



# PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME** to the Godfrey children – Georgia, Jayden, Chase and Chloe – who were baptised this weekend during the 8.00am Mass.

Georgia and Jayden, because of their age, were also fully initiated into the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We will keep them and all others who are preparing to be part of the Church community in our prayers.

**VISITATION MEETING:** will be held for all members and those wishing to learn more about this fulfilling ministry. **Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Parish Office at **10.30am**.

**THE ANOINTING MASS:** will be held on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **10.00am** followed by Morning Tea in the Novakoski Centre. This Mass will be the only Parish Mass of the day, as the day is a Public Holiday. All parishioners are welcome to attend Mass at 10.00am. Prayers will be offered for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II also.

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>:** **YOU ARE INVITED** to join with us in celebrating Migrant and Refugee Sunday. This year we are privileged to have our Italian community host us to Morning Tea. We celebrate all migrants and refugees and their contribution to our Parish and community.

**THE MASS – SOURCE AND SUMMIT:** A Presentation by Sr Ursula O'Rourke SGS, lecturer and formator at ACU and Holy Spirit Seminary, on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30-7.00pm** in the parish office. The sacred liturgy is the "summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; and the same time, it is the fountain from which all her powers flow." (SC 10) The desired fruit of this document and the liturgical reforms that followed was that "all the faithful be led to that full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian People ... have a right and obligation by their baptism." (SC 14) (SC: Sacrosanctum Concilium 1963) What does this mean for us on Sundays?

**SENIORS TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION:** The Bundaberg Library is inviting all seniors who may be interested in learning more about their Smartphones and Online Safety to register at the Library or phone 4130 4140. The sessions are being held at **9.00am** on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** for Online Safety and **Smartphones (Date to be confirmed) please check with the library.**

**THE CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** wish to thank everyone who supported their Spring Function which was a social and financial success.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BUNDABERG:** Would like to thank all those who generously donated to their recent collection. The funds raised will be used locally to continue offering Support Services in the Bundaberg community. These services include food assistance and emergency relief, education assistance to provide new school uniforms, books and stationery, and other programs such as microfinance including NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme).

**READING (STORY) BOOK DRIVE:** Thank you to all those who donated books for some needy Primary Schools in our region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the schools and young children receiving them.

**THE CLOTHES BASKET:** Is an initiative of Bundaberg Church of the Nazarene (62 Svensson Street, Svensson Heights. If you or anyone you know is in a situation of homelessness this service will be available monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 8.00am -12.00pm while donations and the need continue. Clothes will be available for babies to older adults and all ages in between. One bag per family member will be given. Free tea, Coffee, juice and morning tea will also be available. Our own St Vincent De Paul is supportive of this.

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Joss (Ireland), Norma Hourigan (Brisbane), Queen Elizabeth II, Sr M Alberta Busuttin rsm, Sr Josie Curran rsm, Sr Anne-Maire Kinnane rsm, Patricia Smith, Guerino Didone, Peter Bergwever, Pietro Felesina.

## LITURGIES

**Monday 19 September 2022**

**St Januarius**

9.00am St Patrick's Mass

**Tuesday 20 September 2022**

**St Andrew Kim Tae-gon**

**St Paul Chong Ha-sang**

9.00am St James' LWC

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 21 September 2022**

**St Matthew**

5.30pm St Patrick's-Mass

**Thursday 22 September 2022**

10.00am Holy Rosary  
Anointing Mass

**Friday 23 September 2022**

**St Pius of Pietrelcina**

10.00 am Mater-Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary-  
Malalayam Mass

**Saturday 24 September 2022**

7.30am St Patrick's – Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary – Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's-Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY

**25 September 2022**  
Year C(2)

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

*For next Sunday*

**First Readings**

Amos 6:1,4-7

**Second Reading**

Timothy: 6:11-16

**Gospel**

Luke 16:19-31

**BLANKET BUDDIES:** Meet weekly on **Wednesday** at Novakoski Centre. **9:00am to 12:00 noon.**

## PRAYER GROUPS

**ROSARY GROUP:** The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

**ADORATION IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

**CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP:** Takes place every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7.00pm in the Novakoski Centre.

## The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013)**, 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](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net)

**Diocesan website for more information:**

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and policy:**

[www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

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## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick**  
**for Medical Emergencies**  
Phone 4151 6666  
& follow the prompts

## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

Sunday to Friday from 7.00am until 5.00pm approx. Saturday, open for Reconciliation from 9.00am -10.00am.



### *Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do. ©LPI

### 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

