



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Parish

14th/15th January 2023

WHAT IS VISITATION?

by: *Marcia Sharp*
Visitation Ministry Coordinator

Visitation is a great ministry, one rooted in the gospel, "I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me" (Matthew 25:36). Sadly, it is a ministry in danger of dying out in modern times; the phone and text messaging have taken over. But they are not the same. Nothing compares with the face-to-face visit of a caring person.

Fortunately, in our Parish, we have a group of Parishioners who are willing to give of their time. Many of the people they visit were once active members in the Parish but due to ill health or age are not able to attend Mass or Parish functions. Such valued members of our Parish are the grateful recipients of the visits.

The Visitation Ministry Team.

- Visits & take Communion to Parishioners who are homebound and those in nursing homes to let them know they are still connected to the Parish.
- Visits hospitalised Parishioners. (It is important when a Parishioner is admitted to hospital to mark the box for a Pastoral visit).
- Accompanies one of the Priests from the parish on Anointing rounds.
- Provides transportation for Parishioners unable to transport themselves to Mass.

A question often asked: If I become involved in the Visitation Ministry how many hours would I have to give? The answer being "what time do you have?"

Some of the Visitation Ministry Team visit one Parishioner; there are others who visit a number of people over a few hours every fortnight.



It is not always an easy ministry, but a very fruitful one, not just for the Parishioner visited, but also for the Member of the Visitation team who is providing great spiritual support by the visit.



If you think this is a Ministry you would like to support in Our Parish, please contact the Parish office, or come along to our next meeting held on Wednesday February 15th 10.30am in 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 our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Rev Sijo George
Associate Pastor

Br Ted Magee
Executive Officer/Stewardship

Mrs Anne Sheehan
Liturgy & Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Finance & Marketing Officer

Mrs Marcia Sharp
Visitation Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative &
Bereavement Co-ordinator

Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Dr Presly Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
Deputy-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

Members:

Mr David Batt

Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

Mrs Maryanne Taylor

Mr Michael Walker

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

ADULT FAITH - "The Mass": – The **Second Reading** was firstly ordered by St Paul that his letters be circulated around the newly founded Churches and read at their meetings that included the celebration of the Eucharist. As well as Paul's letters to the various Churches, he wrote personal letters to his converts and others.

The New Testament also contains letters from Saints Peter, James, John and Jude, the Acts of the Apostles and the Revelation of St John in the *Apocalypse*. All of these appear at some time or other in the Second Reading of our Sunday Masses. When there is no Second Reading, as at a weekday Mass, they can appear as the First Reading.

From these letters and inspired writings, we can see how Jesus carefully and thoroughly prepared Paul and the Apostles to be the Leaders of his Church and the Teachers of his people.

The First Readings and the Gospels, derived from long hours spent in one-to-one conversations with the Lord, continue to instruct us in the art of being Christian, passing on to us what they themselves had received from the very mouth of the Lord. (Notes from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

RECOGNISE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40

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The graphic features a blue background with a white cross icon in the top left corner. The text is centered and reads: "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." To the right of the text are three circular images: a church building, a classical building facade, and a modern building. At the bottom, there are three small circular icons labeled "Time", "Talent", and "Treasure".

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING: If you wish to make a donation to the Parish by direct debit, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank You.**



Parish News and Announcements

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN: A heartfelt thankyou to all who have so graciously supported me throughout my time in the Bundaberg Parish. There have been many learnings on the journey of participating in a Stewardship parish. The willingness of so many to offer their God given gifts for the good of others is true discipleship. Thank you for your forgiveness and generosity of heart when I went the wrong way.

The Prayer-filled Love of God and Parish, from the Parish Team, Parish Councils to the Welcomers at the door, from all in Catholic Education, Catechetics and Adult Faith, from Liturgy, Visitation and the many Ministries on the Margins, I will take with me on my journey. May the Spirit of God continue to burn within you. *"I thank my God each time I think of you"*. (Philippians 1:3-11).

Loads of Love Peter Tonti PP.

PRIESTS' GATHERING – ROCKHAMPTON: Most of our priests will be involved in this gathering from Monday, January 16th until Thursday, January 19th. It is an important time for the Diocese as the gathering will conduct some business but will also serve as a time of brotherly support for each person. Please keep all the priests of the Diocese in your prayers during these few days.

FR DON'S ARRIVAL: Fr Don will be in Bundaberg in time to preside at the Beginning of School Year Mass for all teachers and staff of our four Catholic Schools on Friday, January 20th. Parishioners will have the opportunity to meet Fr Don who will celebrate weekend Masses at St Patrick's and Holy Rosary on January 21st and 22nd.

We welcome Fr Don and assure him of our support and prayerful best wishes as he takes up his appointment as our Parish Priest.

ELIZABETH KELLY – FAREWELL: Lizzie will return from the Ignite Summer Camp on Sunday and will officially conclude her time with us on Monday, January 16th. Farewells were made last weekend, but we assure Lizzie of our gratitude for her three years' (approx.) ministry with the youth of our Parish.

As Lizzie continues in a new role with youth in Brisbane, we wish her well and continued enjoyment in supporting the young people of our Church and society.

CEMETERY PRAYERS RECOMMENCE: Prayers will be held at 9.30am at the Catholic Cemetery on Thursday, January 19th (the third Thursday of the month). All are welcome to join in praying for all who are buried in the cemetery and for all our loved ones who have departed this life.

DEATH OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL GEORGE PELL: We pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell. A tribute by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is on the Diocesan website . May he rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION: On each First Friday of the month The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour from 11.00am before Mass at Holy Rosary at 12.15pm.

This opportunity for communal and private adoration is in addition to the other opportunities already celebrated in both St Patrick's and St James.

All are welcome to spend the hour or part thereof each First Friday commencing from Friday, February 3.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: The 2023 program begins on **Wednesday, 8th February**, 5.30pm in the Parish Office. This session is for Parents only on the topic "Remembering Baptism".

Children must be baptised, 8+ years old, to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Registration forms are available through the parish office, 4151 6666.

Funeral Details: Colleen Mary **Brown**, Monday 23rd January, 9.00am at St Patrick's Church.

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Colleen Mary Brown, Antoinette Bromwich, Fred Galea, Gerard King, Althea Brotto, Josephine Galea (Malta), Sr M Veronica Gatt, Barry Walsh (Toowoomba), Paul Cox (Brisbane), Mary "Philippa" Pike, Brenden Rieck.

LITURGIES

Monday 16 January 2023

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 17 January 2023

St Anthony, abbot

9.00am St James' LWC

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 18 January 2023

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 19 January 2023

6.30am St Patrick's—Mass

Friday 20 January 2023

St Fabian & St Sebastian

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 21 January 2023

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

22 January 2023
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7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

For next Sunday

First Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Second Reading

Corinthians: 1:10-13,17

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

What's On!

Mark the date in your
Calendar

January

21/22 Welcome to Fr Don
at Masses

23 School year commences

26 Australia Day Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary

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 1st Sunday, 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 3rd Sunday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CCR UNITED HEARTS PRAYER GROUP: Will resume Tuesday 24th January.

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

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.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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St Vincent de Paul: 4151 5455
Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Mater Hospital: 4153 9539
Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

AFTER HOURS

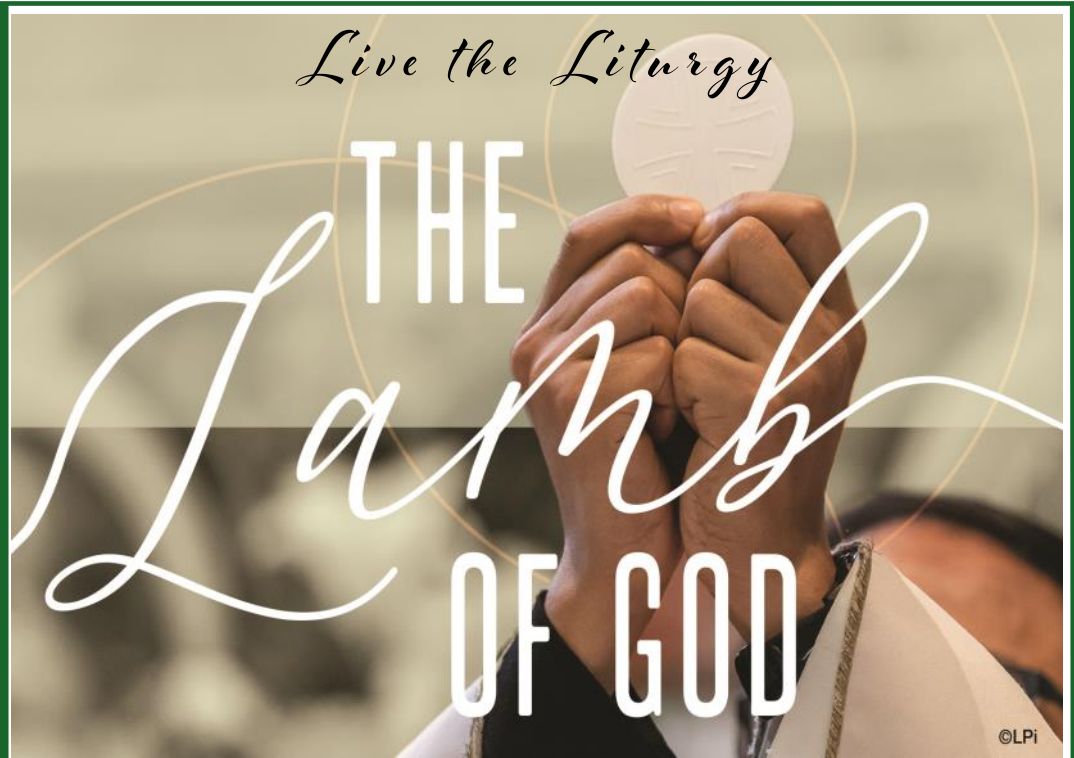
**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

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.



When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, “The Lamb of God!” Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, **“Behold the lamb of God.”** His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God’s lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, “This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God’s people may be free from sin and united to God.”

It’s crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That’s why he is the Lamb of God. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
9.00AM

HAPPY
AUSTRALIA
DAY

Please join us after Mass
in the foyer for
Tea, Coffee and Scones.

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