



# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

## Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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2nd Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to the Parish*

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March 2023



## “WHERE ARE ALL THE MEN?”

*By: Joe McCorley*

In 2003, this was the question asked by Robert Falzon as he surveyed the congregation at a Parish Mass in Brisbane. Men seemed to be outnumbered by women in the ratio of 4:1.

In the week that followed, Robert with a friend Peter Shakhosky, organised a meeting with Archbishop Bathersby to discuss the establishment of a Ministry for Men in Brisbane. Following an enthusiastic response from the Archbishop, they formed a small group of men dedicated to our Church, and “menALIVE” was born.

Its title, “menALIVE” comes from the Gospel of John,  
“I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness”(John 10:10)

The purpose of the menALIVE ministry is to bring men together to give men a space to talk with each other, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage one another to become an active force in our Church.

About 15 years ago, we invited some of the menALIVE from the same parish in Brisbane to lead about 60 men from our parish in a weekend retreat. Our priests joined us in the retreat. At the end of the retreat on Sunday afternoon, the Bundaberg “menALIVE” ministry was born!

Each one of us has been created by God with a purpose of making a difference in our world. We use our unique God-given gifts in our families, workplaces, and in the life of our Church. Many men in our parish have now joined the women to use their God-given gifts in the different ministries in our parish.

menALIVE has now spread across many parishes in Australia and New Zealand. It has the endorsement of the Australian Bishops and Clergy.

St Irenaeus, a saint from the early Church, wrote that,  
“**GOD IS GLORIFIED WHEN HUMANS ARE FULLY ALIVE!**”

When was the last time you felt FULLY ALIVE?

**womenALIVE + menALIVE = churchALIVE**

### menALIVE Breakfast

menALIVE: All alive men are invited to our first Breakfast for 2023 at the Parish Office, on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00am – 8.30am.**

Tea and coffee will be available on arrival from 6.30am. **Cost \$15.** Bring a guest if you can!

Our **Special Guest Speaker** will be **Bishop Michael McCarthy**, who will discuss with us the recent Oceania Synod.

To assist our B-B-Q Cooks with numbers, kindly advise attendance: Parish Office (41516666), or Kerry Devine (0418796720) or Joe McCorley(0418727845).

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.

# Parish News and Announcements

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

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### 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 Preshy 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**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**Mrs Monica White**  
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**St Mary's Principal**  
**Mr Bill Goodwin**  
[smbg@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smbg@rok.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph: 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Principal**  
**Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard**  
[spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph: 4152 1380

**Shalom College Principal**  
**Mr Dan McMahon**  
[shalomcollege.com](http://shalomcollege.com)  
Ph: 4155 8111

### CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**  
Corner Barolin & Woongarra Streets

**St Patrick's Church**  
14 Powers Street

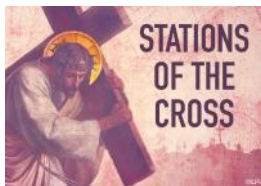
**St James' Church**  
38 See Street Bargara

**ADULT FAITH - Prayer of Praise.** With our Saviour, and praising Him with our Hosannas, we now enter sacramentally and actually, the Holy City, the celestial New Jerusalem, as we begin the Eucharistic Prayer proper. The praise of the Sanctus, with its emphasis on the Holiness of God, carries over into the opening words of all the Eucharistic Prayers. Because the praise of God is the essence of all prayer, it is not surprising that praise opens every Eucharistic Prayer. But what exactly do we mean by the word *praise* and why does God expect it of us? In our English language, there is close affinity between the words *praise* and *prize*. A prize is something we would greatly value, be prepared to struggle for, yearn to possess. Scripture tells us that God is the One whom we must prize above all, the Prize for whom we must run the race of life. *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus* (Phil 3:14). What we prize we spontaneously praise, *for the mouth speaks what the heart is full of* says Our Lord (Mt. 12:34). Because we prize God we praise Him. The sincerity, the depth, the frequency of our praise of God expresses how much we value Him, his love, his creation, his salvation, and all the benefits He has given us. The praise we give God, or fail to give Him, is a gauge of our true priorities in life. Praising God means essentially remembering who He is and what He has done for us. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022).

**EASTER MINISTERS** of the Word, Communion, Gifts, Mass Assistants – please contact Anne, [litcord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:litcord.bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au), if you are able to minister at any or all of the Easter Triduum Masses.

**R.C.I.A HAPPENINGS:** Lent is the season of Purification and Enlightenment for the Elect. This period of purification and enlightenment includes the celebration of the Scrutinies and the reception of two major “gifts”: the Creed and the Our Father. It is an intense time of reflection on their part.

Last weekend our candidates for initiation, now called the Elect, participated in the Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent they participate in the Scrutinies, beginning next weekend during the 5.30pm Mass. The community who gathers with them and prays for them lead by example in the ways of Christian living.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be held Friday weekly during lent .

- St James' Church Bargara **5.30pm**
- Holy Rosary Church (Malayalam) **6.00pm**
- St Patrick's Church **7.00pm**.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION :** The fourth session of our reflective study of the Nicene Creed will be held on **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. The study will continue each Monday, concluding on **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. The two sessions commence at **1.00pm** and **5.15pm** each Monday. We look forward to welcoming you as together we deepen our understanding and the practice of our Faith.

**BUNDABERG CWL MONTHLY MEETING:** The March meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** in St Mary's Community Centre. Morning Tea will be at 9.30am. The meeting will commence at 10.00. (**Please note the change of time**). This meeting is particularly important as we will finalise the arrangements for our St Patrick's Day Function. Please remember to bring your grocery items for the raffle. All are welcome to attend. For further information contact Maureen 4152 1263 or 0407 964 753.

**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.**



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**FRIDAY EXPOSITION and MASS AT HOLY ROSARY:** The rhythm of the time will be:

- **11.00am** Exposition commences.
- **11.30am** Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **12 noon** Pray the Angelus and the conclusion of Exposition.
- **12.15pm** Mass.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** We are progressing steadily through the sacraments. The families are now preparing for First Reconciliation on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will notice the children's crosses in Holy Rosary church which they made to remind them of their baptism. We will keep them in our prayers.



**CWL, ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION FUNCTION:** to be held at the Brothers Sports Club on **Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>** at **9.00am**. There will be some Irish music while you enjoy a Devonshire tea. The usual cent sale, lucky spots and raffles will follow. Entry \$10. Bookings **Olga 4151 3397** or **Helen 4152 5365**.

## **BISHOP MICHAEL'S VISIT - WEEKEND MARCH 18/19 – SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Bishop Michael will be in Bundaberg on this weekend. On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> the Parish will host the Members of the Southern Regional Pastoral Council for their meeting from 9.00am – 11.00am. On **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**, Bishop Michael will install Fr Don as Parish Priest at Bundaberg at the **9.00am Mass at St Patrick's**. All are warmly welcome to Fr Don's installation. Following Mass, an informal morning tea will be held at the front of the Church.

**TERM 2 ROSTERS:** beginning the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April, are being prepared now. All ministers are asked to notify Sarah, [wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au), with any absences or change of details BEFORE Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

**4 & 5 March**



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney

who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dr Peter (Pitre) Anderson, Kathryn Mary O'Sullivan, Anne Schreal Agius (Cairns), Mary Ethel Horwood, Victoria Zande, Danny Ryan (Gold Coast), Anthony (Tony) Mooney, Joe Attard, Vaughan Johnson, Lisa Helen Zorzan, Shirley Ryan, Cardinal George Pell, Colleen Mary Brown, Antoinette Bromwich, Fred Galea, Gerard King, Althea Brotto.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021, Gordon Salzmann 17.03.2022, Dennis Donovan 21.02.2020, Bernard Stanley Collings 8.02.2008, Anne Andrewartha 17.02.2020, Sylvia Jendra 10.02.2000, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Carmel Bryan 30.01.2022.

**FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED:** Benvenuto Family, Corrado and Gino Barazza, Stella Cafolla, Celestino Magliocco, Antonio Borza, Joe Togneri, Maria Carmela Forte, Members of the Geiger and Cook Families, George and Zillah Geiger and George Jnr, Giovanni De Zotti, Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, Shane Hocking, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney and Margaret Mary Cagney, Kerry Halpin, Tony Mooney, Joe Attard, Margaret Morris, Ron Cook, Mick and Mary Galea, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Kevin and Doris Whalley, Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Galea & Zahra Families.



## **LITURGIES**

**Monday 6 March 2023**

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

**Tuesday 7 March 2023**

**St Perpetua & St Felicity**

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Wednesday 8 March 2023**

**St John of God**

8.00am Shalom College Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Thursday 9 March 2023**

**St Frances of Rome**

7.00am St Patrick's-Mass

**Friday 10 March 2023**

11.00am Holy Rosary  
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-  
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

**Saturday 11 March 2023**

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**12 March 2023**  
**Year A(1)**

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Patrick's

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## **SCRIPTURES**

**For next Sunday**

**First Readings**

Exodus 17: 3-7

**Second Reading**

Romans: 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel**

John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

*What's On!*

**Mark the date in your Calendar**

**March**

18 menALIVE Breakfast with  
Bishop Michael McCarthy

19 Installation of Fr Don

27-30 Priest's Gathering.

## PRAYER GROUPS

### ADORATION & EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Patrick's Church  
1st Sunday 2.00pm-5.00pm  
3rd Sunday 3.00pm-5.00pm

### UNITED HEARTS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1st and 3rd Tuesday monthly  
Novakoski Centre  
(Behind Holy Rosary Church)  
7.00pm

## 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/](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

**Mrs Judy Pidcock:** 4887 3080  
Diocesan Safeguarding

**Catholic Care:** 1300 523 985  
**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

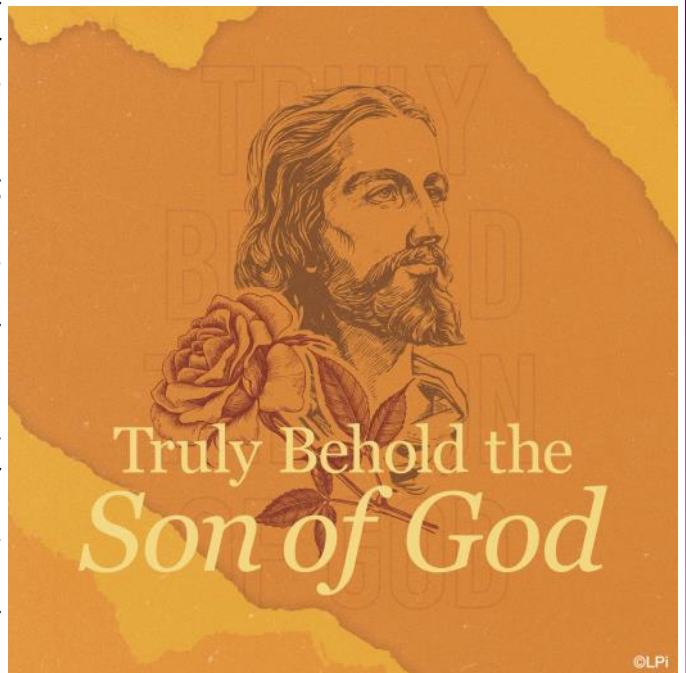
## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

### OPEN HOURS

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

## Live the Liturgy

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.



Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him."** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

### Job Opportunity: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Rockhampton

Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Rockhampton Diocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Bishop of Rockhampton and promotes the work of Caritas Australia through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes.

The role is flexible, working 1 day/7.6 hours per week on average across the year and involves engaging with communities across the Rockhampton Diocese, supporting Caritas Australia appeals and coordinating volunteers.

Duties include:

- Coordinating Project Compassion including the Diocesan Project Compassion Launch
- Providing a communications pathway between Caritas and the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton parishes and schools
- General administration tasks

For more information, including a copy of the role description and overview, contact the HR Manager on 4887 3090. To apply for the position, submit your resume and cover letter to [hr@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:hr@rok.catholic.net.au). Diocesan employees are encouraged to apply.

