



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Welcome to the Parish

11th/12th March 2023

“Waste Time with People”

Kim O’Shea-Hard

Principal St Patrick’s

This week we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. When I grew up attending St. Patrick’s, I remember celebrating with green cochineal doused foods, shamrock colouring activities and the story of an extraordinary man, who chased snakes away from Ireland. I am sure there was a whole lot more teaching and learning that occurred around this traditional feast day, but these were the highlights my young memory clung to. I never did understand the snake part of the story, but it made Ireland a desirable place to visit in my mind and increased my curiosity.

Many years later, I realised my dream of visiting this lovely ‘snake free’ destination. With the name ‘O’Shea’ it felt like returning home and the locals were so very welcoming. Not unlike our own St. Patrick’s community. My visit to Ireland included a visit to Baggot Street. In the picture below, you’ll see the renowned red hinged door of the ‘House of Mercy’. This little gem of a school, strategically placed in the most affluent part of town, forced the ‘haves’ to rub shoulders with the ‘have nots’ and still runs today. Catherine McAuley used a large inheritance to build this school, in her bid to break the poverty cycle for many women and saw the birth of the ‘Sisters of Mercy’ who would go on to spread out across 40 countries and forge the humble beginnings of our very own school, St. Patrick’s. Sullivan (2005) states how Catherine believed that the development of girls’ and women’s talents was conducive to the good of society and she saw religious education as the centrepiece of a truly merciful education. She could also see that an inclusive community could be built from giving vulnerable woman skills that the wealthy would seek. She acknowledged a natural right to human dignity for all, despite financial status, and a passion to educate all children in unison. Catherine encouraged a strong sense of community and a mutual respect.

On Bishop’s Inservice Day, we wondered why our own Mercy school was called St. Patrick’s? It may have been our strong Irish connection, but I believe the parallels run much deeper. Both characters were separated from their parents from a young age, making them vulnerable but resilient individuals who were able to overcome life’s struggles, with a closeness to God. Similarly, they were both able to call on the inner strength gained from negative life experience. They then used the byproduct of courage, to carry out God’s work for the benefit of those, also made vulnerable due to life circumstance. St. Patrick was less of a ‘reptile repellent’ than a man who strove for human rights and justice. Hoyt (2019) goes as far to suggest that St. Patrick, who was captured to slavery early in life, was the first Christian voice calling for the end of this practice. St. Patrick and Catherine McAuley were both drawn to a life of charity and answered a vocational call. This unearthed for me, on a much deeper level, the Mercy connection to our St. Patrick’s school.

Catherine McAuley was an avid writer and was known to enjoy spending time with others, through the sharing of a good cup of tea. She challenged peers to ‘waste time with people... as a good beginning is of great importance’. Catherine McAuley also suggested that one should ‘dance every evening’ so it was more than fitting that we celebrated Dance Night this week, adorned with shamrocks, but more importantly, joining together as community. This St. Patrick’s Day, we have managed to celebrate not only our Irish heritage, but more importantly the mercy connection of our school and parish.



Happy Saint Patrick’s Day to all!



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

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

ADULT FAITH - The Mass. Within the Eucharistic Prayer is the **Epiclesis**: *Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become + for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.* As the Priest says this prayer, he first spreads his hands over the bread and wine then blesses them with the Sign of the Cross. The *laying on of hands*, as occurs in Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, the Sacrament of the Sick and Ordination, is the traditional gesture when the Church confers the Holy Spirit, as witnessed to frequently in the Acts of the Apostles. In our Western tradition, a bell may ring at this point of the Mass to awaken us to the importance of what is happening. A question which has been asked for centuries: which prayer makes Christ present in the Mass? Is it the **Epiclesis** (the Invocation) or the Words of Our Lord at the Last Supper? The Catechism's answer is both: *At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood.* The Council of Florence in 1439, referring to the words of Our Lord at the Last Supper, declared that these divine words of the Saviour have all the power of transubstantiation. The Church's response is, therefore, that the whole of the Eucharistic Prayer itself is consecratory; it is the Eucharistic Prayer as such that effects transubstantiation. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

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

PLEASE NOTE CALENDAR CHANGES:

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for children will now be held on **Thursday, March 23rd at 6.00pm** at Holy Rosary.

The Sacramental Team will now meet on **Thursday, March 16th at 3.45pm**

The Sacramental Program scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22nd** will be reconfigured.

The Reconciliation Mass will not take place as advertised but the **Sacrament of reconciliation will be available at all Churches during Holy Week. Times will be listed in next weeks bulletin.**

MASS TIME CHANGES: Please note the changes in weekday Mass times in the column on page 3 of this Bulletin. These changes have come about because of a clash of bookings in St Patrick's Hall (on Wednesdays) and our previous Mass time. Therefore, some changes are needed which affect the rest of the days and they have been made with our Liturgy in mind. We apologise for this and appreciate your understanding as we strive to settle on a regular weekly pattern of Masses in our Parish. Br Ted Magee.

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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

R.C.I.A HAPPENINGS: This weekend our Elect celebrate the first of three Scrutinies during the 5.30pm Mass. The Scrutinies form part of the process of purification and enlightenment and "are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and so to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life." —RCIA, 128.



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. (Please note commencing 17/03 the new start time will be 5.30pm)**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION : The fifth session of our reflective study of the Nicene Creed will be held on **Monday, March 13th**. The study will continue each Monday, concluding on **March 20th**. 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.

FOUND: A mobile phone was found in Novakoski Car Park. Please collect from the Parish Office.

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

Bishop Michael will be in Bundaberg on this weekend. On Saturday, March 18th the Parish will host the Members of the Southern Regional Pastoral Council for their meeting from 9.00am – 11.00am. On **Sunday, March 19th**, 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.

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

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: The children are preparing for their First Reconciliation on Thursday, 23rd March, 6.00pm in Holy Rosary church. Lent is an appropriate season in which to do this because Lent is about falling in love again with Jesus Christ. The children are examining their consciences based on how well they have shown love to God, others and themselves. Please pray for them.

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

THE GIFT OF MASS OFFERINGS: Mass offerings have been part of the Church's life since about the second century. Their purpose is simply to provide an offering for a particular intention to be prayed for during the Mass. In many cases, these offerings are passed on to priests who have little or no other income, often in other parts of the world. So, the gift of offering a Mass is a way of helping the Church somewhere at some time. And it is a tangible sign of the spiritual and material dependence we have, as Christians, on God and on one another. Masses can be offered for the living and for those who have died, or for a special intention and highlight the importance of constantly turning to God in prayer, whether in times of joy or trial. To assist with the recording of the intentions for those who have gone before us in faith, Masses for the dead will be included in the parish bulletin on a monthly basis.



Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jon Pearson (Crows Nest), Max Martin (Snr), John Wientjens, 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: John Joseph Mooney 21.02.2009, Mary Jane Theuma 7.03.2013, Gordon Salzman 17.03, Edward (Ted) Burton 23.04.2019, Kathleen Burton 9.03.2008, 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,



FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED: Joe Formosa and Family, Mary (Phillipa) Pike, Colleen Brown, Shirley Heale, Bernadette Ash (Emerald), Rev Fr Pedro Sombilon, 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, Margaret Morris, Mick and Mary Galea, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Kevin and Doris Whalley, Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, Galea & Zahra Families.

LITURGIES

Monday 13 March 2023

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Tuesday 14 March 2023

9.00am St James' Mass

Followed by Rosary and Adoration

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 15 March 2023

8.00am Shalom College Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 16 March 2023

7.00am St Patrick's-Mass

Friday 17 March 2023

St Patrick

11.00am Holy Rosary
Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-
Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary
Malayalam Mass

Saturday 18 March 2023

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

19 March 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

Samuel 16: 1, 6-7,10-13

Second Reading

Ephesians: 5:8-14

Gospel

John 9:1-41

FUNERALS

John Wientjens (Prayers)

Monday, March 20th

10.30am

Holy Rosary
Church



PRAYER GROUPS

ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Novakoski Centre
3rd Sunday of each month from
10.00am -12noon with morning
tea. Contact Dr Olga Marinovic
0477 701 640

ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in some of
our Churches before Mass.
It is also recited communally at
St James every Tuesday 10.00am
Holy Rosary every Tuesday and
Thursday 5.30pm

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/](https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/)

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

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

OTHER CONTACTS

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Ozcare: 1800 692 273

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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

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir

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RESPONSE TO MEDIA REPORTS ABOUT RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (RI) IN STATE SCHOOLS

You may be aware of stories recently, in the Courier Mail, Channel 7 and 9 about Religious Instruction in our Queensland State Schools. This has been pushed by groups who would like RI to be removed from curriculum time in our schools. As usual, there has been a lot of misinformation promoted by them to make the story more sensational. The video which was contained in the online Courier Mail article was several years old and had been edited to push their point of view.

Some fast facts about State School Religious Instruction:

It is part of a holistic education, RI enables children to question, explore and discover faith for themselves, students only participate in RI if opted in by parents or carers. It is all about parent choice.

RI is popular and is in over 600 schools around the state, (13 in the Bundaberg area), with over 200 000 children having consent to attend. Unfortunately, not all students consented into RI can be part of an RI class, due to a lack of volunteers.

A multicultural Queensland is a multifaith Queensland and to support this there are many options for RI e.g. Baha'i RI, Buddhist RI, Christian RI, Jewish, Islamic etc. Only Christian RI is offered here in Bundaberg, but others could be available if their faiths wished it.

RI supports student wellbeing where children are taught faith-based values.

Only accredited RI instructors can teach RI. These instructors need to complete training and have a current blue card.

An Independent panel of curriculum experts reviews approved RI curriculum, which must be used in the RI classes.

School staff supervise all RI classes, which last about half an hour per week. We have 30 Instructors, 9 of whom are Catholic going into the 13 schools in the Bundaberg area.

There are many classes in these 13 who do not have RI and several schools who have none, due to not enough volunteers. I would like to thank our 9 parishioners who have taken up this ministry to "Go out and teach the Good News to the world". Even if you don't feel you could be an RI instructor, you can help by spreading the positive aspects of RI amongst your friends and colleagues, praying for the continuation of RI and/or contacting our local state members of parliament to state that you support RI and ask them if they do too.

Hopefully through these actions we can ensure Religious Instruction continues during curriculum time in our state schools.

Thank you.

Pauline Merefield

State School RI Coordinator

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