

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.



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg
Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Welcome to the Parish

24th/25th June 2023

rites of passage

by: *Br Ted Magee*
Executive Officer

Term 2 of the school year drew to a close on Friday.

However, for Shalom and other independent Colleges across the State, this week sees involvement in two major sporting events – the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Rugby League and the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball Carnivals. It is no coincidence that both Carnivals had their humble beginnings in Bundaberg in the 1980s.

For many young people during the past forty years this weeklong sporting event has been something of a “rite of passage”. The Rugby League Carnival has for many years been sponsored by the Confraternity of Brothers Clubs in Queensland and so the shortened version of “Confro:” has become the name of this carnival.

Many exaggerated stories of sporting feats abound and there is a camaraderie which exists long after the Carnival, stretching into adulthood.

At the end of July running into early August, thousands of youth (anyone under the age of 35) will gather in Lisbon to celebrate their Faith on World Youth Day. The highlight for most will be the Papal visit to the gathering. In somewhat similar fashion to the sporting carnival but much more life-changing, all who attend World Youth Day 2023 will be changed. Stories and exploits will also abound but there will be a lasting memory of a world of young people united in unashamedly expressing their faith and their belief in a God who loves non-discriminatory of race, colour or gender. Friendships forged will remain as the youth of the world grow into the adults of the world.

As a Parish community we celebrated recently the “rite of passage” of fifty-eight young people. First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion were the rituals led by our priests and Bishop. What a wonderful round of spiritual events we witnessed. For the young people this saw them move from the anointed baptised to the anointed and confirmed Catholics. The gifts of the Holy Spirit they received are now theirs to unwrap and develop in their own individual way. The Sunday Gospel proclaimed that these young people as well as each one of the faithful has been called, gifted and chosen, just as the twelve Apostles were, to proclaim the Good News just as Jesus did. Matthew 9:36 – 10:8.

In our changing world it is a pity that, of the seven Sacraments, four are bestowed before teenagehood arrives. The remaining three are not on the radar yet for these young people.

How fortunate are we as Followers of Jesus to know that the rites of passage we have undergone are strength, courage and hope for the journey. The gifts (grace) received from the Sacraments don't disappear but can remain latent if we don't call on their usefulness in our living out the lives to which we were/are called.

The “Capital S” Sacraments afford grace and strength to the recipient by the act of bestowal – *ex opere operato*. (St Thomas Aquinas Summa Theologica)

Given the many social “rites of passage”, would it not be a wonderful family and community custom to mark each of these with some “lower case s” sacramental celebration or prayer ritual?

Shalom does exactly that when it arranges a ritual of blessing the game uniforms of its footballers and netballers. It is a statement that the wearers are using their gifts and talents in fair competition with others.

Another example of a “sacrament” will be the short prayer ritual we will hold for Norm Whyte as he takes the retirement step in his life's journey.

All are welcome to join us at **Morning Tea on Wednesday, June 28th at 10.30am** where we will wish Norm many happy years of retirement and thank him for his forty years of service to 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 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 &
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Mr Norm Whyte
Property Officer

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Dr Preshy Varghese
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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

ADULT FAITH: *The Mass - Receiving Holy Communion*

After the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest returns to his chair where, after a period of silent thanksgiving, he stands to read the Post Communion Prayer. This is the last *proper* prayer of the Mass, determined by the feast or season, and matches the Collect and the Prayer over the Gifts. Just as the Collect concludes the initial rites of the Mass and the Prayer over the Gifts the Offertory, so the Post Communion Prayer brings the Liturgy of the Eucharist to its close.

The Mass then ends with the **Blessing**. Have you ever stopped to think what exactly we mean by the word *blessing*? The Scriptures are full of reference to blessings and the Church keeps the tradition alive and well. The English language uses two words: *Blessing* and *Benediction*, the former deriving from Old English and the latter from Latin. When God blesses mankind in the book of Genesis, just one example out of many, He supports them and assures them of future prosperity by sharing with mankind qualities which belong essentially to Himself: *God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground"* (Gen 1:27-28).

The Mass ends as it began with the Sign of the Cross, and the blessing is given in the Name of the Blessed Trinity. In Catholicism, blessings are restricted to bishops and priests, the ordained ministers of the Church and sharers in Christ's Priesthood. Even the deacon has no faculty to bless. In giving his blessing, the priest or bishop speaks in the name of the Church, in the name of Christ. It is Christ who blesses, acting in and through the ordained priest or bishop. When a mother blesses her child, perhaps with the Sign of the Cross on its forehead, there can be no doubt but that this action finds God's approval and favour, and the prayer, which it effectively is, is heard. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

Parish News and Announcements

PARISH FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON, for RELAY FOR LIFE: Will be held in the upstairs function room of **Brothers Sports Club, Saturday July 22nd commencing at 12.00noon.** A two course meal will be served along with entertainment and continuous raffle. The cost will be **\$30.00pp**, tables of ten will be set up,

Tickets will be **on sale** at the Parish Office from **Monday, June 26th.**

If you would like to donate or help with collecting of prizes please contact the Parish Office.

Last year's luncheon was a great success and we hope this year will be even better. All monies raised go towards Queensland Cancer Council.

Next Meeting Monday June 26th in the Parish Office at **4.00pm.**

SACRAMENTAL CONGRATULATIONS: This Sunday we congratulate Chloe Rossett on the occasion of her Confirmation and First Eucharist with the 7.00am St James' community. Chloe has been doing "long-distance" preparation for her sacraments and is now able to complete her initiation with her family. Congratulations Chloe!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023/24: The yearly box of envelopes will be available at the front door of each church for collection for all whom we have on our records.

If we have mistakenly placed your envelopes at a different church, please let us know and we will rectify that as soon as possible.

Thank you for your contribution from your treasure to support parish ministries.

SAFEGUARDING CATCH -UP: We have the training recorded and it is available for viewing in the Parish Office. For compliance reasons, all involved in ministry with children and adults at risk are asked to attend this training annually. The recording is approximately one hour in duration. Could you contact the **office 4151 6666** to arrange a time that suits you. We are happy to accommodate all and will strive to meet your needs.

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF NORM WHYTE

We invite all Parishioners to join us for a Morning Tea in the Parish Office, Wednesday, June 28th at 10.30am. This celebration will be a thank you for the forty years of service Norm has given to our Parish, as we wish him a Happy Retirement.

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.**



CALVARY HOSPITAL Canberra TAKEOVER

www.savecalvary.com.au

Save
Calvary Hospital
Petition



The Parish Stewardship Council has followed this takeover by the ACT Government of Calvary Hospital. The Council has written to Archbishop Prowse and offered our support and prayers. Council has also written

to our local member stating our concern at this move and the way it was orchestrated. The fact that any legal recourse has been rejected does not augur well if any Government legislates to nationalise non-government services.

Information appears below and we urge you to read and act on the information:

- The legislation was drafted and tabled without any consultation with Calvary Hospital, management, staff or patients.
- The proposed timeframe demonstrates a complete unwillingness on the part of the ACT Government to dialogue with its citizens,
- The ACT government does not have the competency to run a second hospital, as it is already struggling to provide adequate services at the Canberra Hospital.
- The government will target other faith, welfare and community groups without consultation. The signatories to this petition have a variety of religious beliefs and value the work of Calvary Hospital under its current management.

Please continue to contact your [local member](#)

Email Senator Pocock at Senator.David.Pocock@aph.gov.au

Contact [Hon. Anthony Albanese, MP, Prime Minister](#), to let him know how you feel and think

Sign the Petition to Save Calvary

PETER'S PENCE IS A PAPAL FUND USED FOR CHARITY - HELPING THE POPE TO HELP OTHERS.

The monetary offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection contribute to a papal fund used for Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support the Holy See. The collection for the fund occurs each year around June 29th, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

A second collection will take place this weekend at all Masses to allow you to contribute to this fund. Your prayers for the Pope's intentions are welcome also.

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP: Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, June 27th** at the Anglican Christ Church **10.00am**.

OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Audrey Messenger, Neil McDonald, Rosie Kabel-Palmview, Giuseppe Condemi, Anne West (Nth Ireland), David Steble (NSW), Livio (Joe) De Florian, Sue Wiber Wilson (Terrigal), Dorothy Lester (Brisbane), Tim Bradley.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Della Vedova 26.06.1971, Lew Della 05.07.2003, Rosalinda Cruz 17.06.2022(Philippines), Francesgo Cafolla 22.06.1948, Luigi Zuppicchiali 22.06.1989, Charles O'Brien 10.06.1991, Merie Figallo 15/06/2013, Sebastiano Lituri 09.06, Michael McGaw 05.06.2019, Eric Stitt 28.05.2004, Dolly Stitt 06.06.2018, Les McGaw 24.06.1973, Frances McGaw 24.02.1990, Ernie Thorne 09.06.1992, Edna Gunn 10.06.2019, Rolando Masil 23.05.2022, Tonino Crawford 09.06.2020, Pasquale Brillante 08.06.1999, Lawrence Formosa 02.06.2014, Annette Sutton 23.05.2022, David Wilson 30.04, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Maria Condemi, Joe Formosa & Family, Christopher Cook, Paul Formosa and Family, Joseph Attard, Amber Cooper, Margaret Morris, Leisa Dick, Mario Coco, Mary Galea, Olivia, Tamara, Brad and Rankin Family, Holy Souls, Paul and Laurence Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley



LITURGIES

Monday 26 June 2023

9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

Tuesday 27 June 2023

**St Cyril of Alexandria
Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

9.00am St James - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 28 June 2023

St Irenaeus

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet
after 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 29 June 2023

Sts Peter & Paul

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

Friday 30 June 2023

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance
12.15 pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 1 July 2023

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

NEXT SUNDAY

2 July 2023 Year A(1)

7.00am St James'
8.00am Holy Rosary
9.00am St Patrick's
12.00pm Baffle Creek
5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Readings

Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

Second Reading

Romans: 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Happy Holiday

We wish Fr Sijo safe travels and a relaxing holiday at home in India.



We look forward to welcoming him back at the end of July.

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

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

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.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

Some security has been put in place. Holy Rosary Church will be open **weekdays from 9.00am – 3.00pm**. On weekends and Public Holidays, it will be open a short time before and closed soon after any liturgies or rituals in the Church.

Entrance will be by the door from the car park off Woongarra St.

Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 6

A Disciple's Response

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

(The following relies heavily on the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship from the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS 1992.)

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles.

A dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

We do not have to look too far in our city, state and country to see that a secular culture dominates the decisions by governments at all levels. The oft-repeated question – "What's in it for me?" form apart of the decision making and has been taken up by many in our society. Selfishness and self-absorption have taken over from selflessness and the good of the other. A disciple/a steward is called to live contrary to the social norms and proclaim the Gospel norms by example always and by word only when necessary.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture.

It is easy to be influenced by the secular culture. How many times have we found ourselves agreeing with a view espoused through the media only to realise on reflection that our Christian values call us to a completely opposite view? As Christians, we are inclusive and so we are very much a part of the society in which we live. Jesus words in his prayer for his disciples are applied to us: "I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world." John 17: 15 -18

Obstacles may be seen as hindrances but to the disciple/the steward they are seen as challenges to be overcome.

Live the Liturgy



When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us? — Father John Muir ©LPI