

*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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13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A

*Welcome to the Parish*

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

## FEAST DAYS

During the week just passed, our Church calendar nominated two Feasts – **Sts. Peter and Paul** (June 29) and **Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)** (June 27). The former was a solemnity whereas the latter was an optional memorial.

The Feast Day of Sts Peter and Paul is traditionally a day when we celebrate the gift of priesthood in our midst. In years past, it was the day when men were ordained in our churches and the Sacrament of Holy Orders was bestowed on those called to service of the community as its shepherds.

In gratefulness, we pray for our priests who serve our community, diocese and world. They have accepted the call to this consecrated life and, with the grace of God, strive to witness more fully the call we have all received through our baptism: “But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people claimed by God as his own possession,” so that you may proclaim the praise of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. **1 Peter 2: 9**

St Peter in writing this echoed the call to the chosen people made by God to Moses in Exodus **Exodus 19: 5,6**. “Now, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession from among all the peoples, for the entire earth is mine. You will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation for me.’ These are the words you will speak to Israel.” And reiterated in **Isaiah 61:6** “But you will be called priests of the LORD; and you will be named ministers of our God.”

The call each of us received at Baptism and strengthened again through the Sacrament of Confirmation was to share in the priesthood of Christ – to be holy; to obey God’s covenant; to be proclaimers of the Good News: to be light bearers for all; to be God’s ministers.

Our ordained priests have chosen to accept God’s call to them to live out the call of Baptism in a publicly consecrated life. Not all are called to gift their self in such a way but those who are called have given generously of their very self to this vocation which has its existence for building up and sustaining the Body of Christ (us, our Church) and reaching out to all.

Let us all pray for our priests in gratitude and support.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour) remains a strong source of comfort to many in our community. Below is a copy of the icon and the prayer (the Memorare) which has been prayed for centuries.

Perhaps we can take the time to pray this prayer for our needs and the needs of our



**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,**  
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
**implored your help or sought your intercession,**  
was left unaided.

**Inspired with this confidence,**  
I fly unto you,  
**O Virgin of virgins my Mother;**  
to you do I come,  
**before you I stand,**  
sinful and sorrowful;  
**O Mother of the Word Incarnate,**  
despise not my petitions,  
**but in your mercy hear and answer me.**

*Amen*

by: *Br. Ted Magee*  
Executive Officer

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 Preshy Varghese**  
Chair

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Deputy-Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begeda**

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**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

## ADULT FAITH: *The Mass - The Dismissal*

Within the word **dismissal** is the word *missal*, the name we give to our Mass book. It seems that somehow the Mass got its name from this final sending out of the congregation. *Mass* derives from the Latin word *missa*, which occurs in this final *dismissal* of the congregation, *Ite missa est* (Go, it is the dismissal). Here there is a hint that this sending out is more than just a *dismissal*, but a *commission*, a sending out with a job to do, a mission to fulfil.

The Mass made present for us, under the form of Sacrament, the focal and decisive events of world history, the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. In the Mass we are as really present to these events as Our Lady and St John were to the Crucifixion and Mary Magdalene and the Apostles to the Resurrection. As they became witnesses to the world, so too we become witnesses to the world. It is as witnesses to these things that we are commissioned by the Church to go out and tell the world what we have experienced in preached Word and celebrated Sacrament, that God loved the world so much that He sent his only begotten Son among us, who died on a Cross and rose from the dead to bring us deliverance and life. We are the witnesses who have the message the world needs and longs to hear. This commission is a solemn duty laid on our shoulders as followers of Christ; we must strive in every imaginable way to bring to the minds and hearts of our friends and families the wonders in which we have been personally involved.

However, the Mass goes on because we have been made one with Him. He stays with us, dwells with us, invigorates us and transforms us. We are not just an outward tent, or tabernacle, in which Christ dwells; the Sacrament is far more dynamic than that. It changes us on the inside, turning us progressively into the image and likeness of Christ, actually incorporating us into Him – as the term *Holy Communion* implies, it makes us one with Him. Our Christian journey is a progressive growth into this oneness with Christ; a mystery that will only become fully evident at our journey's end when this Sacrament will have done its work and we see the Lord face to face. Then we shall fall down before Him, thanking Him for the Holy Mass in our lives, for his saving Pascal Mystery which it constantly made present for us, and for everything else this great Sacrament meant to us and achieved in us. (Adapted from *The Mass in Close-Up*, Fr Antony Jones STL, PhL, Wales, March 2022)

## Parish News and Announcements

**PETER DOHERTY – Diaconate Ordination** Bishop Michael has announced that Peter will be ordained Deacon in St Joseph's Cathedral on Thursday, July 20 at 11.00am. We congratulate Peter on this significant event on his journey to priesthood. The Parish will be represented at the ordination and we know that there will be parishioners who would like to attend. If you are wishing to attend, Shalom College has offered to make available one of their buses for the return trip. Probably the bus would depart at 6.00am approx. and return by 6.00pm. **if you wish to avail of this opportunity, please contact the office (4151 6666) asap.**

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:** Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the unique gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, "A New Life in Christ" reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolises our unity as one people in Christ.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT RENEWAL WEEKEND: Saturday & Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>.**

After consultation and dialogue, and with the support of the Parish Priest, we have made a commitment to renew the Passionist Family Group Movement in our parish. The date for the renewal and establishment of any new groups coming out of the renewal will be (Dates & Mass times) For this occasion, we will have members of the Passionist Family Group Team.

The motto of the Movement is a Family for All. It provides opportunities for individuals and families to belong to a small network who gather regularly for various inexpensive outings. As these people get to know one another, they can offer practical Christian care and support, "In good times and challenging times".

More information will be provided in the parish newsletter over the next few weeks.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023/24:** The yearly box of envelopes is available at the front door of each church for collection today.

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.

**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



The Stewardship Council urges you to express your objection to the events in the ACT. The fact that one 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](mailto: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**

### SAFEGUARDING – Public comment invited by Pontifical Commission

Emphasising the responsibility of all Catholics to ensure the Church is a safe place, the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors is inviting public comment on a proposed set of principles that Church bodies must reflect in their safeguarding guidelines. Source: [NCR Online](#).

Distribution of the draft “Universal Guidelines Framework” was approved by members of the commission at their meeting in May. The framework begins by calling Church leaders to “acknowledge and take ownership of their moral, pastoral and governance responsibilities to work for the creation of a ‘one Church approach’ to safeguarding”.

The principles, though, insisted guidelines must be tailor-made for different countries and their cultures. And, it said, they should include processes for “regular internal review and external audit procedures”.

The framework was sent to the world’s bishops’ conferences, the heads of religious orders and survivors of abuse for review. But on Friday (June 23), the commission also launched a period of public comment, inviting anyone interested to use a survey on the link below.

Survey: <https://www.tutelaminorum.org/universal-guidelines-framework/>

### OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

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

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Malcolm Schneider, Cameron Hocking 20.07.2022, Frank Galea 02.07.2013, Joseph Della Vedova 26.06.1971, Lew Della 05.07.2003, Rosalinda Cruz 17.06.2022 (Philippines), Francesco 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, 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, 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 3 July 2023**

**St Thomas**

9.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

**Tuesday 4 July 2023**

**St Elizabeth**

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

**Wednesday 5 July 2023**

**St Anthony Zaccaria**

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

**Thursday 6 July 2023**

**St Maria Goretti**

7.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

**Friday 7 July 2023**

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

**Saturday 8 July 2023**

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

**9 July 2023 Year A(1)**

7.00am St James’  
8.00am Holy Rosary  
9.00am St Patrick’s  
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

### Safeguarding Training - for all in ministry in the Parish.

The opportunity to watch the training remains available. We would like our ministries to have an 100% attendance record. It is a yearly requirement. Please contact the office (4151 6666) and a time suitable to you can be arranged.

## 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:** 4339 3700  
**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

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 7

### 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.)

### A Steward's Way (Part A)

**The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards.**

Modelling Jesus is not an impossible task. Copying Jesus is an impossible task. When one models their life on another, uniqueness is not lost. The humanity of Jesus was unique, just as the humanity of each one of us is truly unique. Jesus is the supreme example of stewardship. Our task is to emulate his life and his service using the gifts we have been given. The joy that only God can give is the reward in this life to all who serve and use their gifts for others. As Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (24 November 2013) states: *The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.*

**After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call.**

In the conclusion of *Evangelii Gaudium* Pope Francis offers us this prayer:

*Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus.*

*Filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith, you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection, and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit so that the evangelizing Church might be born.*

*Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.*

*Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's kingdom.*

*Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.*

*Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!*

## Live the Liturgy

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **"surely will not lose our reward."** The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir ©LPi