

### 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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Welcome to the Parish

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

13th/14th January 2024

### “WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH”

By: Fr Sijo George

Associate Pastor



In today's Gospel, we witness an important moment where two of John the Baptist's disciples come across Jesus and declare that "We have found the Messiah." This declaration of faith and recognition of Jesus as the awaited Messiah is a pivotal moment in our Christian faith. It serves as a powerful reminder of the transformative power of faith.

This passage invites us to think about the disciples' unwavering faith and steadfast belief. They immediately recognised His divine nature and proclaimed Him the Messiah upon encountering Jesus. Despite facing doubts and scepticism from others, their faith remained solid and unyielding, inspiring us to cultivate such an unshakeable faith in our own lives.

Encountering Jesus has the power to transform lives in a profound way. The disciples left behind their old ways immediately after meeting Him. This serves as a poignant reminder of the impact that encountering Jesus can have on our lives. When we encounter Christ, it should compel us to follow Him wholeheartedly and leave behind our former way of life.

As followers of Christ, we are called to share the life-changing message of encountering Jesus with others. Let us boldly proclaim His transformative power, inviting those around us to recognize Him as the Messiah in their lives.

Let us remain open to the life-changing influence of encountering Jesus in our journey. May this encounter inspire us to abandon our old ways and wholeheartedly follow Him. And may we also embrace the responsibility of spreading the Good News to others, sharing the transformative power of encountering Jesus.

Let us take inspiration from disciples' proclamation and boldly declare Jesus as our Savior, even in the face of doubt and adversity.

*Amen.*

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Don White PP**

Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**

Associate Pastor

**Br Ted Magee**

E.O/ Visitation, Property & Stewardship

**Ms Pauline Leahy**

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**

Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

**Mrs Jan Aplin**

Safeguarding Representative &  
Bereavement Co-ordinator

**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 Begea**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Mr Michael Walker**

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**Shalom College**

Principal

**Mr Dan McMahon**

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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

**ORDINATION OF DEACON PETER DOHERTY:** Bishop Michael has announced,

The Ordination will be in **St Joseph's Cathedral**

**Thursday morning, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.00am,**

All Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination.

**If you would like to travel to Rockhampton by bus please contact the Parish office to express your interest by February 5<sup>th</sup>. (Please note this will be a day trip only)**

**If numbers dictate we will look at arranging a bus to Rockhampton for this special occasion**

*On the Friday morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Fr Peter will celebrate a*

*Mass of Thanksgiving in St Joseph's Cathedral at 9.00am.*

**Please keep Peter in your prayers and thoughts as he prepares himself.**

**RE-INTRODUCTION OF HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:** Communion under both kinds will be offered at weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday) for the present.

**PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND PAMPHLET RACKS – A REMINDER:** If you wish to display a notice or leave pamphlets/prayer cards etc. in our churches, could you please seek the approval of our Parish Priest, Fr Don.

**No poster etc. should be displayed without prior approval.**

Fr Don can be contacted through the parish office.

**GOD'S WORD 2024:** The Parish Office has received more copies of God's Word (\$22.00). If you missed out or know of someone wanting a copy please contact the office.

**ANNUAL GOOD NEWS:** Copies of the Good News are available at the Church door. This Annual is a great record of the events of the year as well as reports/articles from our Parish Team and Council.

**DECEMBER DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:** is now available at the main doors of all the churches or on the Diocesan website.

**HELP REQUIRED:** If you are able to spare a couple of hours every 4-6 weeks, St Patrick's Church is in need of some cleaners. All equipment is supplied. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - FOR ALL IN MINISTRY IN THE PARISH:** We still have ministers in the parish to yet complete the yearly safeguard training. A new presentation is available to watch for those who are yet to fulfill their requirement. The new presentation can be viewed at the Parish Office and only takes 30 minutes. Please phone 4151 6666 to make a suitable time to view.

**CEMETERY PRAYERS: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January , 9.30am** at the Catholic Cemetery Prayers will be held each third Thursday.

**FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY MEETING:** Will be held **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am** in the Parish Office. New members welcome.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING:** Will be held **Friday 19th January 11.15am** in the Parish Office. New members welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to the staff of Catholic Care who opened their doors and hearts in the Bundaberg, Gin Gin and Childers communities this week with the Annual School Savvy. More than 1000 families were able to avail themselves of the back to school uniforms and necessities as well as free hair cuts.

**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.**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### *Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

## Parish News and Announcements

**NEW YEAR –RENEWED FAITH:** With the New Year comes a chance to renew your faith. **HOW???**

**Join the Ministry of Blanket Buddies.** Blanket buddies have recommenced for 2024. If you have a love of, or want to learn how to knit or crochet this could be a new social gathering that can help give to those in need. Every Wednesday morning between 9.00am - 12.00 noon the group gathers in friendship for a cuppa and a chat while making blankets, beanies, scarfs and many other items. These items are distributed locally and sent all over Australia to those in need.

**Christian Meditation:** Re-commences on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** in the Parish Office. Meditation is held in the Parish Office Chapel **Tuesdays** between **10.00am-10.30am** and **Fridays** between **11.30am-12.00noon**.

If you would like to try something new, please join us in tranquil meditation.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** David Rosset (Tasmania), Gloria Mary Collins (Townsville), Stephanie Rivera Herbert, Doreen Gardiner, David Wright, Leonie Makiol, Mary Rough, Norah Gallagher, Martin Ghirxi, Doreen Baker, Genoveffa & Sebastiano Lituri.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Lionel Magee 31.01.1979, Aurelia Balobo 04.01.1991, Maria Giuseppina Ciocca 31.01.2005, Antoinette Bromwich 01.01.2023, Corrado Barazza 01.01.2019, Gino Barazza 13.01.1990, Mario Brillante 30.12.2008, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Romon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Leonie Makiol, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Fermo and Teodolinda Benvenuto, Renza and Elio Franz, The Geiger and Cook Family, William Mollard, Mary Mollard, Giovanna De Papi, Romeo De Papi, Gina De Papi, Irene Bot, Susan Boisen, The Cook Family, Margareta Fitzgerald, Claire Fitzgerald, James Fitzgerald, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, M'Angelo Theuma, Mary Jane Theuma, Joyce Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

## LITURGIES

**Monday 15 January 2024**  
9.00am St Patrick's -Mass

**Tuesday 16 January 2024**  
8.30am St James' - Penance  
9.00am St James' - Mass  
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Wednesday 17 January 2024**  
**St Anthony**  
11.45am Holy Rosary – Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

**Thursday 18 January 2024**  
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 19 January 2024**  
11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition  
11.30 am Holy Rosary– Penance  
12.15 pm Holy Rosary—Mass

**Saturday 20 January 2024**  
7.30am St Patrick's –Mass  
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance  
6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

**Sunday 21 January 2024**  
7.00am St James' - Mass  
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass  
9.00am St Patrick's- Mass  
5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

### Gospel

*Mark 1:14-20*



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." – *Mark 1:16-17*

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2002), 1996, 1970 CCD



## PRAYER GROUPS

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Where: St Patrick's Church

When:

First Sunday 2.00pm-5.00pm

Third Sunday 3.00pm-5.00pm

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

## The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022)**, 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/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk commitment statement and policy:**  
[www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html](http://www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

**Ms 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.

## RE-VISITING THE SUMMIT February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9.00am – 2.00pm



The term, “summit” is well used in our present world. It usually is applied to the collaboration of leaders to help resolve global issues through meetings and discussions.

In our Parish we have used the term to denote the past series of meetings and discussions open to all in our Parish on aspects of Parish life and mission.

Our Parish Vision and directions were the result.

Now it is time to revisit the summit – the top of the mountain – to relook with new eyes at where we have come from, where we are now and what lies ahead of us.

Mountains are integral as places in the Old and New Testaments where God is present;

*“Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.”* Isaiah 40: 9 – 11.

We are confronted with a stark contrast of God's qualities - the powerful Warrior and the loving Shepherd. How easy it is for us to see only the qualities of God which we wish to see. How difficult it is for us to combine in our minds and hearts both power and tenderness. Yet, this is our God – possessing all the qualities of which we see glimpses in the lives of those who walk with us as the people of God in our community.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> we will again have the opportunity to walk with our brothers and sisters, to listen with open hearts and open minds to their thoughts, feelings and dreams as we again share the one Vision – **Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we go out, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to welcome and share God's love respectfully, with all people.**

# Sacramental Preparation 2024

Children 8+ years

**Parent Information Evening**

Wednesday, 31 January,  
5.30pm in the Parish Office

**Register online**

<https://form.jotform.com/222899018048060>

or phone the parish office

4151 6666

**Registrations are being taken now.**



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Sacramental  
Preparation

