

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

3rd/4th February 2024

The Word of God is Alive and Active

"The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart." Hebrews 4.12

Word Of God Sunday was proclaimed by Pope Francis in 2019. In Australia we celebrate this on the first Sunday in February.

What a wonderful way to commence the "working year"!

"There were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin.

Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21)."

The second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

It is edifying to see so many of our parish community who spend time each day in scripture reflection, whether it is using the daily readings from our liturgy with the assistance of a commentary such as in "God's Word" or whether it is through reflective Gospel study online or any number of other means.

St Paul, in writing to the Hebrews, stressed that the Word of God is alive and active. We know that the scripture – the Old Testament – was integral in the lives of devout Jews. Jesus studied the Old Testament, as did every Jew. People exclaimed "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24.32

We are indeed fortunate to have both the Old and New Testaments to reflect upon. The context in which they were written is historic but the word itself knows no time restriction. The Word of God is given to us to make real in our own times.

We can pray the scripture using the simple time honoured *Lectio Divina* approach.

Traditionally, there are four steps in *Lectio Divina*:

- *Lectio* (reading – slowly, thoughtfully, and more than once.)
- *Meditatio* (meditation – pondering, sitting with the scripture, and allowing words/phrases to surface in one's consciousness.)
- *Oratio* (prayer – from the heart and use words only if necessary)
- *Contemplatio* (contemplation – let the Spirit lead one where the Spirit wills. No forced effort but use a listening heart.)

These steps however can be quite free flowing. Sometimes we might move through them in sequence but at other times we may move back and forth between them, all at the prompting and discretion of the Holy Spirit!

Word of God Sunday calls us to reinvigorate our love for scripture. May 2024 see us opening the scripture on a regular basis and putting aside some set time each day to bring God's Word alive in our hearts.

With excerpts from an article by Fr Tom Elich, Editor, Liturgy News

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
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
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Mrs Kaye Beston
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Ms Nadene Pettett
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Mr Dan McMahon
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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara



With praise and thanksgiving to God

Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD

Bishop of Rockhampton

invites the people of the Diocese of Rockhampton to the

Presbyteral Ordination of

Rev Peter Duncan Doherty

10.00am, Thursday 22nd February 2024

St Joseph's Cathedral

For those unable to join in person, the event can be watched on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

ORDINATION BUS: Shalom College has offered seats on their bus for parishioners who wish to go to the Ordination. Please contact the Parish Office by **February 16th** to **register** your interest. **(Please note this will be a day trip only).**

ORDINATION LIVE STREAM: The Ordination will be live streamed and can be viewed at the Parish Office. A link will also be available for those wishing to view it from their home.

CELEBRATION OF MASS IN BUNDABERG AFTER THE ORDINATION: The newly ordained, Fr. Peter Doherty, will celebrate Mass in Bundaberg on the weekend of **March 2nd and 3rd**.
Saturday, March 2nd St Patrick's at 6.00pm
Sunday, March 3rd St Patrick's at 9.00am followed by morning tea.
Sunday, March 3rd Holy Rosary at 5.30pm
All are invited and welcome to join in any of the above.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: To Rodney Behan and Bernady Taneo.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. **"...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP : Will be held at the Rossolini Centre (upstairs parish office) on Wednesdays during Lent. The season of Lent is a good opportunity for faith discussion and this year the parish is recommending the resource prepared by the Archdiocese of Brisbane called *A Resurrected Life*. (The book will be available from the Parish Office for \$5.00). The discussion group will commence on Wednesday February 21st at 10am. Fr. Don will attend and support the discussion where available for some of the Wednesdays. Please contact the parish office now if you would like to join in the Lenten Discussion group. Those wishing to have private or individual reflections are also welcome to purchase the books from the Parish Office.

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS: Please amend your monthly calendar as follows.

Ash Wednesday Masses are as advertised except Holy Rosary is at 12.15pm.(not am)

The Liturgy of the Word and Communion is at **St Patrick's** (not St James') on **February 22nd**. All our priests will be either at Rockhampton or travelling to the Ordination.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION SESSION: It was lovely to see so many parents when we gathered for the Parent Information Session on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for all the children (and their parents) as they now begin their journey towards their Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year.

YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP meets every Sunday evening, **after 5.30pm**

CWL MASS: On **Monday February 5th**, the **9.00am** Mass at St Patrick's will be offered for the CWL.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Will be held on **Tuesday, February 6th** in **St Patrick's Hall**, commencing at **9.30am** with Morning Tea. The AGM will follow at 10.00am. Please remember that your subscriptions (\$35) are now due. Please place them in an envelope with your name. We welcome all interested ladies to join us.

For more information contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.

STATE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION : Are you are interested in spreading the Good News with the children in our state primary schools? This is a truly Inspiring ministry where your faith grows along with the children's. All necessary resources and training are provided. You will need a current blue card.

ANNUAL TRAINING DAY DETAILS for new and existing instructors:

Date: Thursday February 15th.

Time: Registration **9-9.30am until 2.30pm**.

Venue: Apostolic Church, Ashfield Road.

Morning Tea and Lunch are provided.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Br Peter Clinch (Rome), Roy Smith, James "Denis" ST. Ledger, Maurice Scott (Melbourne), Mary Dalton, Robert Woods (Brisbane), Rev Fr Edward (Don) Murray (Toowoomba), Joe Mullins (Gladstone), David Rosset (Tasmania), Gloria Mary Collins (Toowoomba), Stephanie Rivera Herbert, Doreen Gardiner, David Wright.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Fr Pedro A Sombilon (Philippines) 22.01.2023, M'Angelo Theuma 16.01.2020, Jem Ireland 2/09, Bill Ireland 17/10, Darryl Lamberton 17/01, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Lionel Magee 31.01.1979, Aurelia Balobo 04.01.1991, Maria Giuseppina Ciocca 31.01.2005, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ron Cook, Tony Mooney, Mary Dalton, George and Zillah Geiger and Georgey, Joseph Formosa, Josephine Formosa, Zeppa Formosa and families, Liza Camilleri, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Mary Galea, Charles Galea and Forts Galea, Edward Krah, 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, Susan Boisen, 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 5 February 2024

St Agatha

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 6 February 2024

St Paul Miki and companions

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 7 February 2024

8.00am Shalom- Mass

11.45am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 8 February 2024

St Jerome & St Josephine

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 9 February 2024

11.00 am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 10 February 2024

7.30am St Patrick's -Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 11 February 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

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 -11:1

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

GOD'S WORD 2024

The Parish Office has ordered more copies of God's Word.

(Due in early February)

If you missed out or know of someone wanting a copy please contact the office.

4151 6666 or

sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

St Mary's Sunday School

When: Each Sunday after
9.00am Mass.

Where: St Patrick's Hall.

For children and youth 3yrs old
—16years.

Contact: Sony Xavier
paulmonxavier@gmail.com

Binoy Joseph
binoynj@gmail.com

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.

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 Adults at Risk
commitment statement and policy:**
[www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding
-policies.html](http://www.rok.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 24th, 2024, 9.00am – 2.30pm

YOU

Are invited

To join the Parish Community



As we Revisit the Summit

On

Saturday, February 24

From 9.00am – 2.30pm

At Shalom College

For organisational and catering please reply asap (no later than Feb 19)

by phone 4151 6666

email: bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

As preparation for the gathering, keep in mind the access to the three documents mentioned last week. Being aware of the information is essential. Being reflective about it is even more necessary. You can access these documents on our website: bundabergcatholic.net.au

The revisit is about refining and reestablishing in the light of each one's lived experience of what had been decided at the third summit in 2021. It also gives the opportunity to relook at our Parish in light of the International Synod, our Oceania plenary Council and the launch of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Your presence, your listening, and your active involvement will make our Parish truly a synodal parish.

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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.