

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

Office Hours: 9.00-3.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

4th Sunday of *Lent*

9th/10th March 2024

THE GIFT OF HANDS

As a part of our Bereavement Ministry we extend support and friendship to our bereaved families.

We often find ourselves extending our hands to shake another's hand in support; or we place our hand on their shoulder. No words are really needed. In our lives, our hands in particular, play a very important role.

Just as Jesus used his hands in some of our recent Sunday Gospels:



Mark 1:29-39

“Simon’s mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.”

Let us ask Jesus to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law.

Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

Mark 1:40-45

“A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.”

Jesus not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even solidarity) with a social outcast.

I am not saying that we can work miracles, but we can be of comfort and support to our friends, families and those we meet everyday. Look at your hands and think of how often you use them. They may be wrinkled, shaky or worn from hard work. Think of when your hands held your new born child; or when you held your little grandchild's hand to walk them safely across the street; or when you held your aging parent's hand to guide and support them.

A wave of your hand indicates hello, goodbye, how are you? We reach out to others. Jesus used his hands to bear the burden of others, to feed the hungry. Think of when we exchange a sign of peace in the Mass – we can get a sense of sincerity and joy. When we pray we join our hands together and we feel a sense of stillness. The action of putting hands together when engaging in prayer, has a great symbolic value of support. When you pray, you are not alone.

I recently attended the ordination of Fr Peter Doherty where Bishop Michael and all the priests present participated in the “Laying on of Hands” – the invoking of the Holy Spirit. Shortly after, we had the “Anointing of Hands” with Chrism by Bishop Michael, so that Fr Peter might be guarded and preserved by Christ to sanctify the people and offer sacrifice to God. What beautiful rituals!

Our hands are such important mediators of social contact. They enrich our communication with gestural expression. Our hands give blessing; they receive and they give. They convey thoughts and emotions without us even knowing it.

We are so grateful for the gift of our hands and the work they do.

**By Bereavement Coordinator Jan Aplin,
For Funeral Ministry and Bereavement Team.**

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

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Dr Presly Varghese
Chair

Mrs Kaye Beston
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Ms Nadene Pettett
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CHURCHES

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Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

THANKS – FR PETER DOHERTY: Fr Peter presided at weekend Masses, and it was good to have him with us.

Dr Presly Varghese presented Fr Peter with a gift from the Parish to commemorate his Ordination.

Morning Tea enabled many to spend time with Fr Peter in a relaxed situation. (Thank you to all who brought a plate to share and to the willing workers who served.)

Deacon Michael Tran – a classmate of Fr Peter's – was present with us as well.

Fr Peter took the opportunity to visit both St Mary's and Shalom, where he received his education and Carinity where he caught up with people he knew from his younger days.

We wish Peter well as he now prepares for his first appointment to Gladstone.

CWL ST PATRICK'S DAY MORNING TEA: Everyone is invited to the CWL Annual St Patrick's Day Morning Tea, Friday **March 15th** at the **Brothers Sports Club** commencing at **9.00am**. **Entry \$10.00** will include a Devonshire tea and music, 4 x lucky door prizes and lucky spots. A cent sale and raffles will follow. **Please book at the Parish Office by Friday March 8th**. For further information please phone 4151 6666.

LENTEN DEVOTION: Will be held in Holy Rosary Church on **Sunday 17th March**, commencing with **Adoration at 10.30am** and **Benediction at 11.30am**.



EASTER CEREMONIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PENANCE: Times were on the back of the Calendar last week. Please refer to this and prepare to celebrate this wonderful season at the end of the month. We will restate these times in future newsletters.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Next week the children will celebrate their First Reconciliation in Holy Rosary Church on **Wednesday 13th March at 6.00pm**. Those who miss out will have reconciliation on Saturday 16th at Holy Rosary Church at the normal time of 9.00am.

CEMETERY WORKING BEE, FITZGERALD ST: In preparation for Easter, we will hold a Working Bee at the Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday, March 16th from 6.30am – 9.00am**. We will work in two sessions **6.30 am – 7.45am** and **7.45am – 9.00am**. Whipper-snippers, spades, rakes, etc will be useful. All are welcome.



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: 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*. (Some books are still available from the Parish Office for \$5.00). There are two Lenten Discussion groups held in the Parish Office.

Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm led by Joe McCorley, **Wednesdays at 10am** led by Fr. Don (when available) or Pauline Leahy (Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator).

Please contact the parish office if you would like to join a Lenten Discussion group or purchase a Lenten Booklet for those wishing to have private group or individual reflections at home.

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

ROSTERS FOR TERM 2: are being compiled. If you are unavailable, please contact the Parish Office or email wbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au **by Friday 22nd March**.

If you are new to the Parish or are looking to join a Liturgical Ministry as (Mass Assistant, Reader, Communion Minister, Gift Bearer, Children's Liturgy or Alter Servers) please contact the Parish Office to receive training.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

St James'	5.30pm
Holy Rosary	6.00pm (Malayalam)
St Patrick's	5.30pm

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

ANointing MASS CHANGE: With our priests on in-service (18th – 21st March) and Holy Week (24th – 31st March) and with the fourth Thursday coinciding with ANZAC Day in April, we have arranged to have the next Anointing Mass on **Thursday, April 4th at 10.00am** in Holy Rosary.

The Anointing Mass following this will be on May 23rd.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

ERROR – CALENDAR CORRECTION: Our Apologies.

The CWL St Patrick’s Morning tea commences **at 9.00am** at Brothers’ Club. **(Please amend the time on your monthly calendar).**

You could miss some of the action if you arrived at 10.00am!

INVITATION: St Mary's Sunday School is sponsoring a 3-day retreat for the Sunday School students (36 of them) aged between 12-17.

A team of Jesus Youth <http://www.jesusyouth.org.au> is conducting the retreat on **April 5th-7th (the weekend after Easter) during School Holidays.**

St Mary’s Sunday School extends an **invitation for the retreat to all Parish Youth between age 12 – 17.**

Two of the aims of *Jesus Youth* (taken from their website) are:

- Lead people, especially youth, to a renewed life in Christ, assist them in their growth in holiness and prepare them for the apostolate in communion with the mission of the Church.
- Help people to have a personal relationship with Christ and experience the love of the Father and fellowship and guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED: Joseph Andrew Nguyen



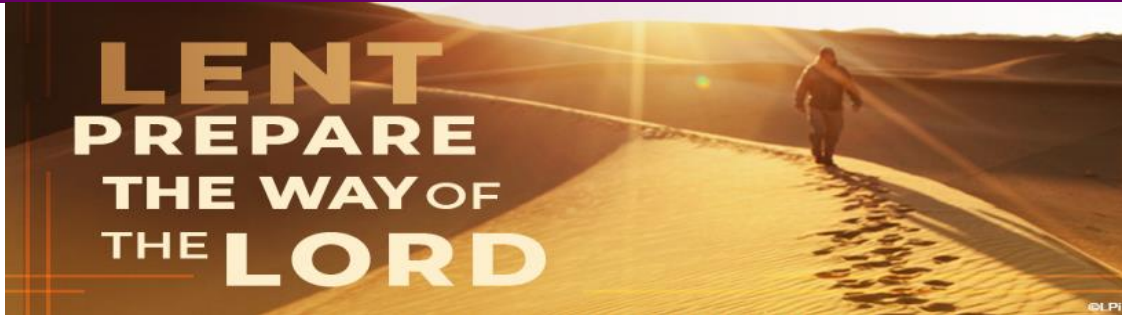
FUNERAL NOTICES			
Bevin (Beetle) BAILEY	11 th March 2024	Des Allen Chapel	12.30pm
James William HENRICKS	11 th March 2024	Graveside Catholic Cemetery	2.30pm
Marcello De PAOLI	14 th March 2024	Holy Rosary Catholic Church	10.30am
Urbana BARKOVIC	16 th March 2024	Holy Rosary Catholic Church	11.00am

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marcello De Paoli, Urbana Barkovic, James William Henricks, Bevin Bailey, Rose Booth (Freestone), Thomas Harte, Francine Chackal, Louise Bertoldo-Levi (Gold Coast), Betty Murray (Mackay), Robert Vitchie (Mackay), David Potter, Alison Dixon (Adelaide).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Jane Theuma 07.03.2013, Mario Baggetto 06.03.2014, Kathleen Burton 09.03.2008, Ted Burton 23.04.2019, Mario Coco 03.12.2023, Maria Coco 21.02.2018, Anastasia Coco 13.09.2018, Lucia Wildenberg 4.03.1994, Leone Munckton 29.03.2023, Paul Formosa 05.03.2021, John Joseph Mooney 22.02.2009, Shane Hockings 23.11.2018, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Mary Horwood 09/02/2023, Rev Fr Pedro A Sombilon (Philippines) 22.01.2023, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Susan Bromwich 11.04.2013, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Patrick and Minnie Kerley, Sean Chard, Virginio Zorzan, Norma May, Lisa Zorzan, Tony Mooney, The cook and Halpin Families, Joyce Galea, Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, Jim, Margareta and Claire Fitzgerald, Sylvia Maynard, Fr Pat Mooney, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.



LITURGIES

Monday 11 March 2024
9.00am St Patrick’s -Mass

Tuesday 12 March 2024
8.30am St James’ - Penance
9.00am St James’ - LWC
5.30pm St Patrick’s - Mass

Wednesday 13 March 2024
8.00am Shalom– LWC
10.00am Mater– Mass
11.45am Holy Rosary–Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary – Mass

Thursday 14 March 2024
7.00am St Patrick’s - Mass

Friday 15 March 2024
11.00 am Holy Rosary– Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass

Saturday 16 March 2024
7.30am St Patrick’s –Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance
6.00pm St Patrick’s –Mass

Sunday 17 March 2024
7.00am St James’ - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick’s- Mass
10.30am Holy Rosary– Adoration
11.30am Holy Rosary– Benediction
5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

SCRIPTURES
First Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading
Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel
John 12:20-33

A Time for Silence – During Lent you will notice we don’t have a Song of Mission at the end of our Masses. Instead, we recognise the importance of reverent silence as we leave the church; nourished in our mission to “welcome and share God’s Love” with those we encounter during the coming week.

PRAYER GROUPS

ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Novakoski Centre

3rd Sunday of each month from
10.00am – 12noon with morning
tea. Contact Dr Olga Marinovic

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Twice weekly sessions

Tuesday: 10.00am-10.30am

Friday: 11.30am—12.00nn

Sessions are held in the
Chapel in the Parish Office.
New members welcomed

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

OTHER CONTACTS

Ms Judy Pidcock: 4887 3080
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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

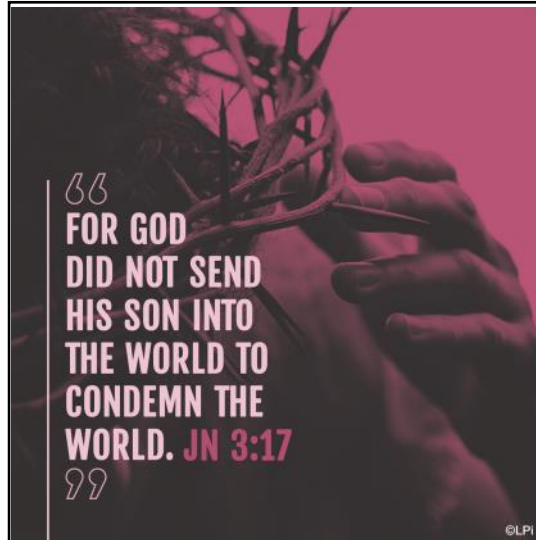
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: **"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17).** He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation.* How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Project Compassion Sunday
9th & 10th March



As the eldest child in a low-income family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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 envelopes available from your

parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion,
by calling 1800 024 413 or using this QR code.

