

## 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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

6th/7th July 2024

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*This weekend, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, we especially show awareness and respect for the culture and heritage of the Traditional Custodians of this land we share, and their ongoing relationship with Country.*

*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.*

## KEEPING THE FIRE BURNING: STRONG IN FAITH

This is the theme of *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday*, where we gather as one community to celebrate the rich and cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church.

As we reflect on the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ, it would be worth us revisiting Pope John Paul II's words in 1986 in Alice Springs: *what has been done cannot be undone. But what can now be done to remedy the deeds of yesterday must not be put off till tomorrow.*



Pentecost painting by Magda Lee, Gracie Mosquito and Imelda Gugamen (Balgo Community)

## THE POWER OF OUR FAITH

In this weekend's Gospel, we see that it is only through our faith that Jesus is able to work the miracles necessary for healing. When Jesus revisits his hometown and begins teaching in the synagogue they were amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words. However, they knew him when he was younger and expressed their doubts that this man they remembered as a carpenter's son could perform miracles and, due to their doubt, we are told Jesus was unable to work any miracles there. Jesus could raise the dead. He could walk on water. He could feed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread. But, if people had no faith, he could do nothing for them.

The Nazarenes had their own fixed ideas as to when and where and how the Messiah should come to Israel – and the one they knew as the local carpenter simply didn't fit the bill. So the only place that really missed out on Jesus' works of power was his own hometown.

Personally, this gospel makes me reflect on how it quite openly records Jesus' helplessness to aid the doubters because of their lack of faith. Or, if you look at it the opposite way, it is faith that allows God's power to be effective in our world. As we can read in Philippians, Jesus said "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Through this gospel passage we come to see that it is faith that allows God's power to be effective in our world. Our faith is the cornerstone of our relationship with God, and we are each on a continual journey of faith... nourished and renewed each week through the Eucharist, and by our listening to the Word and the message it shares with us.

We are all called to try and follow Jesus' way and, like Jesus, we must sometimes persevere despite obstacles. We can do nothing without God, and God needs our belief to be able to do what is required for us.

**By: Pauline Leahy**

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-Ordinator

## 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

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Acting-Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Mr David Batt**

**Mr John Begea**

**Ms Madonna Davitt**

**Dr Presly Varghese**

**Mr Michael Walker**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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**Shalom College**  
**Principal**  
**Mr Dan McMahon**  
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Ph: 4155 8111

## CHURCHES

**Holy Rosary Church**  
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

**St Patrick's Church**  
14 Powers Street

**St James' Church**  
38 See Street Bargara

## Parish News and Announcements

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP 3

#### 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.)

#### STEWARDS OF CREATION

God created the world but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- **Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;**  
None of us can fail to be stirred by the beauty we see around us in such simple things as a sunrise, a sunset, a rain forest, the ocean or the wonder of new life, human, animal or vegetable. We need but to take the time to see, and, in seeing, be moved.
- **Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;**

In our own region, we have regular reports of destruction of the environment. We are encouraged, urged to be more environmentally conscious. To name some local examples: The Barrier Reef's life is in jeopardy, the wellbeing of marine life including the turtle population is constantly before us. We can close our eyes and our ears if we wish and see this as none of our concern but if we are good stewards of God's creation, we cannot resile from personal involvement.

- **Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish;**

We have one precious life. It is a gift. From the moment of conception until a body takes its last breath, we cherish life. It is sacred – made in the image of God. As Catholics we celebrate the Sanctity of Life. As stewards of this sacred gift, we are called to stand up against all that threatens and assaults the deep respect in which life should be held. Laws of State may be pragmatic and move with the winds of fancy or expediency but any assault on the sanctity of life in all its stages can never be the butt of expediency.

- **Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labour, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.**

In Genesis 3:19 we have mention of the dignity of work for all human beings. There are many references to the work of our hands in the Bible and today in each of our Masses the phrase "work of human hands" comes into the Offertory. Human effort is needed for the ongoing development of this world. Work is a noble vocation. The recent Feast of St Joseph the Worker is a clear statement from the Church of this. It makes all who work co-creators of this developing world.



#### NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME FUNCTION

A simple welcome function to all our new parishioners will be held at the Parish office on **Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** commencing at **5.00pm**.

Those whose names we have recorded will be contacted.

However, it may be that you are a new parishioner, arriving in either 2023 or 2024, and we may not have your contact details.

You are very welcome to attend.

Please contact the office (Ph 4151 6666) for catering purposes.

**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

## ALPHA PROGRAM - you can bring your children if you need to.

CHILDREN are welcome! Is finding 'babysitters' for some/all of the Alpha program sessions preventing you from joining Alpha? Bring your children with you and we can provide for them. When registering for Alpha, just let us know the ages of children coming along. They can bring their homework or device, or we might bring a board game or something for them to play together.

Don't forget our Alpha program starts soon. It's a wonderful opportunity not to be missed.



**ENVELOPES FOR PLANNED GIVING STILL AVAILABLE:** This will be the last weekend envelopes will be at the Church doors. From **Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the envelopes in the Parish Office. During the week, the office will contact parishioners whose envelopes remain. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

## DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL – JULY 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

The Diocese has banded together its ministries in one appeal.

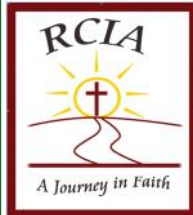
- Indigenous Ministry at Woorabinda.
- Stella Maris Seafarers' Ministry
- Catholic Prison Ministry
- Western Pastoral Ministry Support

This Appeal will be held next weekend. We realise that it follows closely on the previous Appeal. Brochures will be in our Churches next weekend.

Your support as always is gratefully accepted.

## HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?

***I have a family member or friend who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. What do I tell them?***



***My husband/wife has come to Mass with me each week for years? How do they become a Catholic?***

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a wonderful journey for adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith, and become one with the Church. It is a time when people can ask questions in a safe, quite informal environment.

Why not contact the Parish Office this week? Ask for Pauline, and have a chat. Ring 4151 6666.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTISED THIS WEEKEND IN HOLY ROSARY:

Rick Geoffrey Conaghan and Penelope Kate Lindeman



## FUNERALS

<b>Tony Sawyer</b>	St James Church	Monday, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am
<b>Ronald Pizaro</b>	Holy Rosary Church	Wednesday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am
<b>Antonio Gorza</b>	St Patrick's Church	Friday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm



## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sandra Hargreave, Antonio Gorza, Tony Sawyer, Ronald Pizaro, Kevin Geiger, Louis Grima (Malta), Colleen McGarry, Joy Philippi Snr, Les King (NSW), Petronilo Yee (Philippines), John Francis, Mary Dinneen, Josephine Catasti.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Stan Bryant 18.07.2023, David Potter 02.02.2024, Tonino Crawford 9.06.2020, Francesco Cafolla 22.06.1948, Robert Potter 25.02.1983, Joe Attard 25.01.2023, Len Potter 23.11.2019.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Beatrice Tapic, Damien Gambley, Noela Olsen (Brisbane), Annette Sutton, Joyce Galea, William Moss, Dorothy Swiatczyk, Phil Marano, Joe Attard, Frank Attard, Mary Jane Theuma, Forte and Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

# LITURGIES

## Monday 8 July 2024

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

## Tuesday 9 July 2024

### St Augustine

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

## Wednesday 10 July 2024

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

## Thursday 11 July 2024

### St Benedict, abbot

7.00am St Patrick's LWC

## Friday 12 July 2024

11.00am Holy Rosary -Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary -Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary -Mass

## Saturday 13 July 2024

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

## Sunday 14 July 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

*Amos 7:12-15*

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 1 :3-14*

### Gospel

*Mark 6:7-13*

## A GREAT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

If you are a catechist, or interested in becoming involved, we encourage you to register for Catholic Foundation's next module-

### **A People of Mission.**

If we have Five or more people registered from our parish we will set up a hub in Bundaberg.

Via Zoom Starts **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** for nine weeks, Monday's 7-9pm.

\$250.pp or \$150pp for groups of five or more.



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO  
OUR JUNE LITURGIES:**

**Holy Rosary:** There will be no penance on Wednesday morning at 11.45am.

**St Patrick's:** Thursday at 7.00am will be a Liturgy of Word and Communion.

Thank you for your understanding.

## 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

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*



**R**ecently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI

## CHILD PROTECTION MANAGER

An employment opportunity within the Diocesan Office, for a Child Protection Manager has become available.

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to the safety of children, young people, and adults-at-risk. We are looking for an experienced professional in justice, social work, child protection or education to support the Bishop with safeguarding and professional standards within the Diocese of Rockhampton. This role is responsible for fostering and enhancing a culture that encourages safety for children, young people, and adults-at-risk in compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. For further information visit [www.rock.catholic.net.au](http://www.rock.catholic.net.au) or email [hr@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:hr@rok.catholic.net.au)

Applications are to be submitted no later than 10.00am (AEST) on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

THE WHY AND HOW OF ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

SATURDAY 13 JULY  
9:30AM – 12PM

HANLY ROOM,  
FRANCIS RUSH CENTRE,  
196 CHARLOTTE ST, BRISBANE

VISIT [WWW.TINYURL.COM/AGC-JULY24](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/AGC-JULY24)  
OR SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION



## ANNUAL PARISH FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON “Do it for Cancer”

July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Brothers Sports Club

Donations are still being accepted for raffle prizes.

