

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

3rd/4th August 2024

The Final Stage

Fr Don White
Parish Priest

The Olympic Games which got underway in Paris this week has given the human family many moments of joy and inspiration as the competition picked up pace and grabbed the attention of the world. However, the opening ceremony of the games quickly became controversial. It was a spectacular event showcasing the beauty of the city of Paris and the excitement of the athletes, but it also included a distasteful depiction of Leonardo Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, depicting Christ and his apostles in a way that contradicted the beauty of a truly noble and uplifting piece of art, and which debased the Christian faith, especially faith in the Holy Eucharist which has its source in the Last Supper. Ironically this event took place amid a series of Sunday Gospel readings which will be taken from the so-called Bread of Life discourse found only in the Gospel of St. John¹.

Importantly, the French bishops responded with disappointment but also with some words of encouragement. They wrote, "This (opening) ceremony unfortunately included scenes of mockery and derision of Christianity, which we deeply regret. We would like to thank the members of other religious denominations who have expressed their solidarity with us. This morning, we are thinking of all the Christians on every continent who have been hurt by the outrageousness and provocation of certain scenes. We want them to understand that the Olympic celebration goes far beyond the ideological biases of a few artists. Sport is a wonderful human activity that deeply delights the hearts of athletes and spectators alike. Olympism is a movement at the service of this reality of human unity and fraternity. Now it's time to take to the field, and may it bring truth, consolation, and joy to all."²

The Church in France must have felt quite let down as it has mustered some 3000 volunteers to be available for the pastoral care of visitors to Paris, playing their part in promoting an event that seeks only harmony between people.³ Such actions, usually driven by a particular ideology are becoming more common in our world and we ought to be prepared for moments like this when our faith is mocked. People are entitled to express their view, but surely not at an event that is meant to unite people like the Olympic games. The French bishops and others were right to put their case arguing that while this event was regrettable there is more that unites people, including a respect for people of faith that ought to be observed in the public forum.

This week in our parish community we reach the final stage of our stewardship renewal. After a period of discernment, now we take a moment to nominate how each of us can use our gifts for the sake of the Gospel and our community. My thanks for all who have assisted with this renewal and let's pray that it brings a renewed sense of commitment to Christ and the mission he has entrusted to us.

¹Jn 6:22-59.

²Conference des Eveques de France: "Paris Games : press release from the French Bishops' Conference (CEF) and the Holy Games project." July 28th 2024.

³ibid.

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

Mrs Kaye Beston
Acting-Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

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Mr John Begeda

Ms Madonna Davitt

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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

Parish News and Announcements

THE CHOICE

We hear it often said that **“Parishes, Dioceses, and Church institutions appear impersonal and alienating in the eyes of many.”**

The above statement is confronting. The evidence is borne out by the country-wide movement of people away from Church although at the same time maintaining their religious affiliation as Catholic. It is a mediocre stance which neither commits nor rejects. In common parlance it could be called “an each-way” bet. Why?

How is our Church impersonal and/or alienating?

As Church faithful, do we have an answer to this?

There are many issues which remain vexing questions or are they opportunities?

Social values constantly change. Issues prominent in our society today did not exist in former times. The “all about me” ideology is more rampant today and has grown in acceptance at an alarming rate, yet we hear every day of the selfless giving of so many. So, there is an opportunity to stand out from the crowd and witness to Christian values which never change. That is our call.

A comprehensive view of stewardship may be defined as:

A vision of a sharing, generous, accountable way of life rooted in Christian discipleship.

It is not enough to be a Christian Catholic in name. The disciple of Christ needs to share time/talents/treasure generously and be accountable for the daily life she/he leads. It is a giant calling, not for the fainthearted but a call nonetheless to which each one of us needs to respond.

It is our choice. It is our heritage. What will be our legacy?

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK (August 4th – 11th)

How fitting that we have our Stewardship Commitment Weekend coincide with the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week.

Each of us lives out our Christian Lives knowing we are called by God to the Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Married Life, Single Life.

That call and its answer implies a choice which is done freely and echoes the words of St Paul (2 Corinthians 9:7) “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

May we radiate that cheerfulness in the vocation to which we have been called for all to see.

APOLOGIES : My sincere apologies to the hardworking Catechists in State Schools that their ministry was omitted from last week’s “Identifying our call to Ministry” booklet.

I don’t have an explanation except human error.

The omission has been rectified on our website and on the Commitment Form this weekend.

Under the heading of Faith Formation, the section below should have appeared.

Religious Instruction in State Schools (blue Card is required)

Spiritual Gifts may include Administration, Compassion, Evangelisation, Hospitality, Intercession, Knowledge, Service, Teaching, Wisdom, Faith.

Lessons are ½ hour once a week. Resources and in-servicing are provided.

It is a rewarding ministry and the group pictured are devoted to it.”



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

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

You can still be an important part of the warm hospitality we offer, even though you may not have joined us and brought a friend to Alpha this time.

Food has a way of bringing people together, and it's no different with Alpha. Each session starts with food because it's a way to build community and for those there to get to know each other with casual conversation. Eating a simple meal together before we watch the video and share conversation about it is a big part of our Alpha each week.

Can you drop off a home-cooked soup, casserole or stew for the group to share during one of our week's sessions?



If you would like to contribute by dropping off a simple soup/ casserole one week during our Alpha program please contact the Parish Office (4151 6666) to organise which week might suit you.

It would be wonderful if you would help.



MONTHLY CWL MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday August 6th, in St Patrick's Hall.

Morning tea is 9.30am, with the meeting to follow at 10.00am.

All are welcome to attend, for further information contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING SESSIONS: Our annual Safeguarding sessions were held on Wednesday June 5th 2024. A good number of nearly 100 people attended.

For those who could not attend, we are offering the video which can be viewed at any time during office hours at the Parish Office.

Anyone who does a ministry in the Parish needs to do this training.

NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME FUNCTION: – We look forward to welcoming new parishioners on Wednesday evening. Thanks to those who have arranged the evening.

FUNERALS

Gwen Murphy Wednesday 7th August 10.00am Des Allen Chapel

Graham Wallace To Be advised



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Milada Hulkova, Reynaldo Castro Espiritu (Philippines), Brenden Mooney (Canberra), Josipa Dakic, Rufino Ramos Snr (Philippines), Karen Egan, Kenneth Alan Decker (Geelong), Paul Lastavec, Vinko Silic, Rozalind Foran, Margaret Cheong (Malaysia), Br Denis Sullivan, Marie Schneider, Carmel Sheehan (Brisbane), Sandra Hargreave, Antonio Gorza, Tony Sawyer, Ronald Pizaro.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Genoveffa Lituri 07.08.2023, Abin A Mathew 05.08.2022, Mary Paterson 29.07.2023, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, James Oguiche 17.07.2017, Joe Grima 22.07.1976, Ramon D Andres 27.06.2006, Lavene Bailey 03.08.2023, Darinka Borovac 10.07.2023, Joseph Formosa 11.08.1999, Joyce Galea 17.07.2023, Stan Bryant 18.07.2023,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Inacio Freitas, Maria Auxili, Adora Da Conc, Eicao Ximenes, Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza and members of the Benvenuto and Parussini Families, Louis Grima (Malta). Tony Gorza, Ronald Pizaro, Marie Schneider, Elizabeth Castro, Rosa A Andres, Beatrice Tapic, 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 5 August 2024
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 6 August 2024
**The Transfiguration
of the Lord**

8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 7 August 2024
St Sixtus II & St Cajetan
8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 8 August 2024
St Mary of the Cross
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
12.00noon Holy Rosary - Mass

Friday 9 August 2024
**St Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross**
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 10 August 2024
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 11 August 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

1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading

Ephesians 4 :30-5:2

Gospel

John 6:41-51

QR Code for
Stewardship Commitment



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: [Dr Presly Vaughese](#)
(Principal) and Josmy Jithin
(Vice Principal).

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/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk commitment statement and policy:**
www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666

& follow the prompts

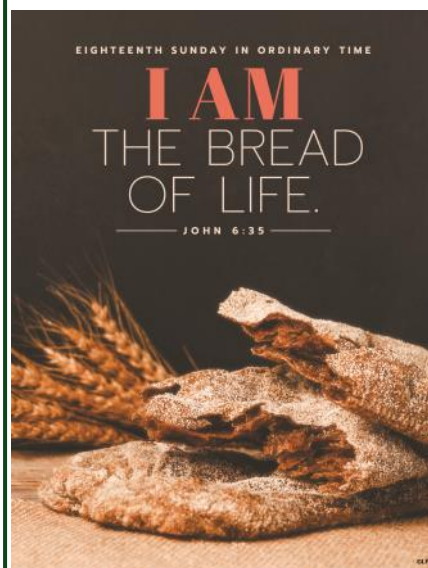
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH OPEN HOURS

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



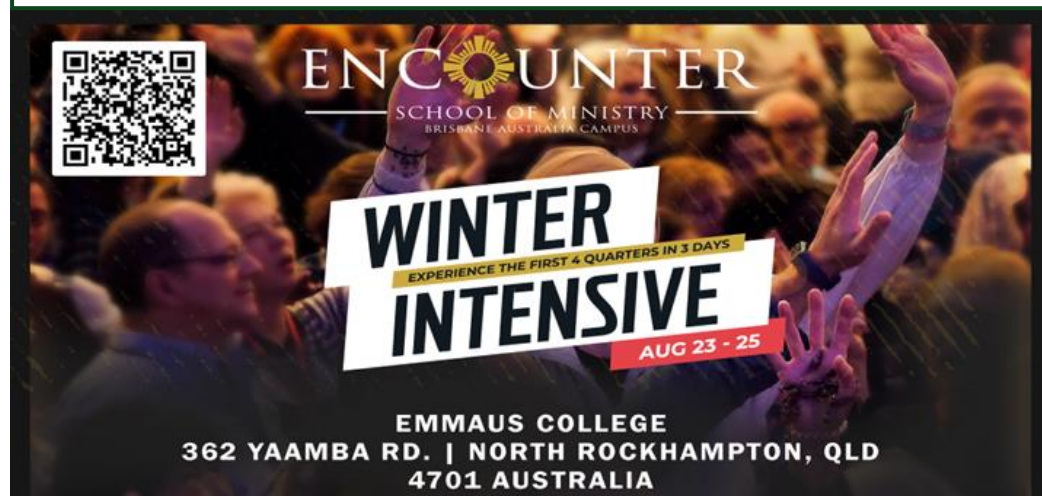
Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— *Father John Muir*

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The Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all to their annual gathering for 2024 – **Encounter School of Ministry Winter Intensive** at Emmaus College, Rockhampton. Commencing **Friday 23rd August @ 6pm** concluding **Sunday 25th August @ 12.30pm**. Registration Adults \$90-00, Students and Young adults 18 to 25yrs \$45-00 includes all meals. You can scan the QR code or click the below link for further information and ticket purchases. If you have any queries please contact Deirdre 0419 028 016.