

*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

28th/29th June 2025

STs PETER and PAUL. apostles

Dear Beloved Parish Community,

As we gather to commemorate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, we celebrate their remarkable lives and unwavering dedication to spreading the message of Jesus Christ, inspiring us to reflect on our own journeys of faith. Their commitment serves as a powerful reminder for us to embody selflessness and devotion in our service to one another.

Since my arrival in this wonderful parish in February 2022, I have witnessed the extraordinary strength of our community's prayers, vital in preserving the teachings and legacies of Saints Peter and Paul. Together, we have honored their mission, for which I am profoundly grateful.

Today, as we express gratitude for our retired clergy, we acknowledge their invaluable contributions to our lives and our faith. They exemplify the spirit of Saints Peter and Paul, and as they enter retirement, it becomes our duty to surround them with love and compassion. Through prayer, appreciation, and practical assistance in the form of financial contributions, we can effectively support them, lighten their burdens, and enhance their quality of life.

As I bid farewell, I extend my deepest gratitude to our former Parish Priest, Fr. Peter Tonti, and my heartfelt appreciation to our wonderful Parish Priest, Fr. Don White, whose leadership and guidance I have truly cherished. My gratitude also extends to Fr. Terry Stallard and Fr. John Daly. I also thank our cherished office staff. I wish to congratulate Fr. Anthony on his new appointment here, and may he be blessed with strength and wisdom as he embarks on this new journey.

Thank you for your unwavering love and support during my time here. Together, let us continue to honour our retired clergy and the teachings of Saints Peter and Paul with solidarity and grace.

Thank you, and God bless you all.



By: *Fr Sijo George*  
Associate Pastor

### **Farewell Fr. Sijo and thank you.**

The farewell and the welcome of clergy is a feature of parish life, largely for the good of the diocese so that the spiritual and sacramental needs of God's people can be served well. The tenure of priests is only short, and the commitment of parishioners to the parish is a constant factor in the stability of our community of faith. The gifts of priests vary, and we try to bring our best to parish life according to those gifts.

This weekend we come to another moment of farewell, this time for Fr. Sijo. We acknowledge the commitment, dedication, and spiritual leadership he has given over the last three and a half years. He has touched the lives of many people, and we thank him and wish him well in his transfer to Mackay where I know he will be welcomed.

We look forward to Fr. Anthony joining our parish team and formally welcoming him at Masses next week. But for now, "Happy Journey," Fr. Sijo, God's light and peace continue to shine forth from your ministry and thank you....on behalf of us all.

Fr. Don.



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.

# Parish News and Announcements

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Rev Don White PP**  
Parish Priest

**Rev Sijo George**  
Associate Pastor

**Grant Sutherland**  
Seminararian

**Mr Jeffrey Caluag**  
Finance, Marketing & Property Officer

**Ms Pauline Leahy**  
Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

**Mrs Jan Aplin**  
Safeguarding Representative &  
Bereavement Co-ordinator

**Ms Judy Pidcock**  
Pastoral Care Practitioner

**Mrs Sandra Fox**  
Receptionist

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

**Mrs Kaye Beston**  
Chair

**Ms Madonna Davitt**  
Deputy Chair

**Ms Nadene Pettett**  
Secretary

Members:

**Dr Ken Avenell**

**Mr Steve Jenés**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

**Dr Preshy Varghese**

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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

## Clergy Support Foundation Appeal



CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF ROCKHAMPTON

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June

## Caring for our Priests

Most of our Priests work long into their seventies, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people, sometimes to the detriment of their own health. Priests are not employees and so are not entitled to superannuation throughout their working life.

The Clergy Support Foundation Appeal provides the financial means to care for sick and retired Priests, providing accommodation, health support and any other services that allow dignity to our Priests in retirement and poor health.



[www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate)



Second collection this weekend.

**COFFEE VAN AT ST PATRICK'S:** The trial of the coffee van at the Children's Mass last weekend was well received. We would like to thank Glenn and Andrea for their generous donation of supplying the coffee through their coffee van. **All donations received go to the Parish to help supply cups, lids, and milk.**

**CWL JULY MEETING:** The next CWL meeting will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at St Patrick's Hall Morning tea at **9.30am** for a 10.00am start.

Ladies don't forget a raffle prize. **New members are welcome.**

**Date Claimer:** CWL will hold a Birthday Luncheon on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.** (More details to come).

**BAFFLE CREEK MASS:** The monthly Mass due to be held on **Sunday 6th July** has been cancelled.

### YOUNG ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS GROUP

The Parish Young Adults Conversations group is a forum for young people in Bundaberg to investigate and more deeply discover the Catholic tradition.+

**Young people aged 17 to 35 are invited any Sunday to come along.**

Every meeting the group shares food, fellowship, and a conversation about the Catholic Faith. Typically, this conversation involves some presented content (catechesis, spirituality, theology, Church history/news, etc.) and an open discussion on the content. The aim is for us all to learn about the Catholic Faith and culture together by sharing our own thoughts, knowledge, and experiences.

The group recently finished reading and discussing the spectacular catechetical resource: "Evangelium: Sharing the Riches of the Catholic Faith."

Currently the group has started a video series on some important figures in the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition in: "**Catholicism: The Pivotal Players.**"

Whether you are brand new to the Faith, have questions about the Church, or simply want to more deeply investigate what it teaches, you are welcome at this group.

The group meets every week on **Sunday evening at 6:30pm** in the Parish office Centre.

**DIRECT DEBIT GIVING:** If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts. **Thank you for your support.**



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## Men Alive - July 19<sup>th</sup> – Synodality in our Parish



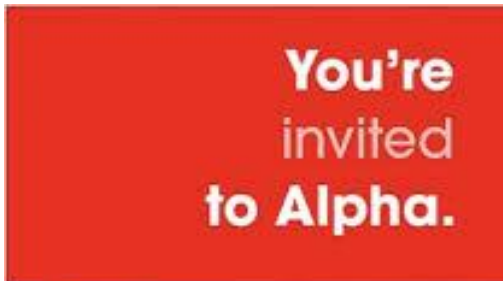
Join us in the Parish Office for breakfast at 7.30am.

Cost per person is \$15.00.

Fr Don who will lead us through a presentation on synodality theology and how it is manifest in our parish.

This will be followed by a reflection by Bishop Michael giving his synthesis and understanding of the recent XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (2024) For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.

Please contact the Parish Office (4151 6666) to register your attendance.



For the explorers, open-minded, still thinking, curious.



Commencing in our Parish, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 4.00-5.30pm.

Contact the Parish office on 41516666 to register and for further details.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 30 June 2025

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

### Tuesday 1 July 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's –Mass

### Wednesday 2 July 2025

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 3 July 2025

St Thomas

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Friday 4 July 2025

St Elizabeth of Portugal

11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass

### Saturday 5 July 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

### Sunday 6 July 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass

9.00am St Patrick's– Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

### Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

### Gospel

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

**WHY BECOME CATHOLIC?** Every year we have adults in our parish who have chosen to become Catholic, and each has their own story. Each has been drawn to the Church by varied reasons and experiences in their life. Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith?

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.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lesley Graham & John Graham, Colleen Bakes, Kevin Goldsworthy (Canberra), Sr Stancia Cawte (Rockhampton), Assunta Pintus, James Stevenson, Ann Baxter (Nth Ireland), Liz Salzmann, Anne Darlison, Elvena Bycroft (Ayr), Guenter Gunter.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Gregory Coleman 29.06.2024, Angelo Grima 1.07.2012, Devassy Chirayath 1.07.1994, Kathleen Clarke 17.06.2012, Johannes Drent 9.06.1986, Marie Figallo 15.06.2013, Margareta Fitzgerald 13.06.2000, Sebastiano Lituri 9.06.2008, Pasquale Brillante 8.06.1999, Fransalco Cafolla 22.06.1948, Tonino Crawford 9.06.2020 Marie Figallo 15.06.2013.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Souls of Mr F & Mrs S Tham, Luigi Zuppichiati, Mary Mollard, William Mollard, George Ames Baker, Kathleen May Lee, Rev Fr Justin Bruce, Joyce Galea, Ann Shamly, Br Ted Magee, Francisco Cutas, Wancho Alesna, James Keith Courte, Bernadette Halpin, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, Fr Terence Punzel, John Boniface Edwards, Joseph Galea, Terence James Cagney, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, Lavene Bailey, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Fr Terry Stallard

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

of

Ordination

was celebrated on

30<sup>th</sup> June 1965



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

## OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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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.

**PLEASE JOIN WITH US AS WE FAREWELL FR SIJO:** A Farewell Mass and Morning Tea will be held for Fr Sijo on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at St Patrick's Church 9.00am.** Parishioners are invited to join together to give thanks for Fr Sijo's ministering to our Parish Community over the last three years. Morning Tea will be held after Mass with a Coffee Van operating for a gold coin donation. A plate to share would be appreciated.



What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

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**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

### ONLINE PETITION

This petition is inspired by our belief in Justice and Dignity for all.

It hopes to draw the attention of Australia's Leaders to the following

1. The world is facing a debt crisis.
2. The debt crisis is further entrenching global poverty.
3. There isn't a mechanism to renegotiate debts.
4. This is the Jubilee Year and therefore time for forgiveness.

Please click on the QR Code or the below link

<https://www.caritas.org.au/act/turn-debt-into-hope/>

**TURN  
DEBT  
INTO  
Hope**



**CAN YOU PLAY THE KEYBOARD?** We desperately need more people to play the organ during our weekend Masses. Currently our organists play at the Masses across our parish almost every weekend. We are keen for more people to play, easing some of the pressure on our organists. Alternatively if you play the piano, we will help you become familiar with our organs. You would be rostered to suit your availability, and be given support to take on this essential ministry. Please contact Pauline at the parish office if you are interested at all. **We would love to hear from you.**