

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: 9.00-2.00pm Monday to Friday

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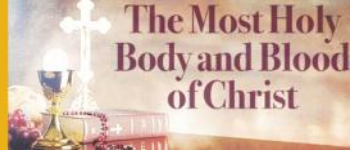
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Welcome to the Parish



21st/22nd June 2025

**IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS**

Have you ever asked yourself this question?



**What makes you happy?**

**Are you always looking?**

**What do you believe?**

Are you open to exploring life's big questions.... questions of life, Faith and meaning?

If you are curious and still thinking, Alpha is a place where you can be yourself, say what you think and challenge everything. No question is too simple or too complex.

You're  
invited  
to Alpha.

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



**ALPHA** is a tool built for local churches based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions and provides a common expression of proclamation, service and witness. Millions of people have experienced Alpha in over 100 countries and over 100 languages around the globe.

The Alpha film series is engaging, featuring inspiring stories and interviews from all around the world. Alpha gatherings provide a non threatening space where guests can hear the message of Jesus in a compelling way and then explore the questions and engage in Faith conversations through discussion.

**Every Alpha session consist of 3 core elements.**

**A time to Connect**

Whether in person over a meal or virtually, all sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships. Eating food together creates this initial space for people to get to know other participants in an easy, non threatening, enjoyable atmosphere.

**A time to Watch**

Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. Each one is about 30 minutes in length, played as a video or given by a speaker live. They explore the big issues of Life and Faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?"

**A time to Discuss**

The discussion time is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk, hear from others and contribute their own perspective. It is one of the most important parts of Alpha as the chance to share thoughts and ideas in small groups. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't share. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. (<https://www.alpha.org.au/>) Alpha sits firmly as an action response within the Parish Stewardship Council's Strategic plan under the focus area Reaching out in Love. It also is a tool that aligns with the Diocesan priorities, in particular under the umbrella of Evangelisation and Mission.



Response to and participation in our previous Alpha courses has been very encouraging. We are therefore, during this Jubilee Year, offering a second Alpha course. Alpha is completely free and there's no follow-up if you don't want to come back after the first session. This 8 week course will be held, in-person, from 4.00-5.30 pm commencing Thursday 24th July. Places are limited, so please contact the Parish office on 41516666 for more details and to register your interest in this upcoming Alpha course.

**Kaye Beston**  
Chairperson  
Parish Stewardship Council

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 Jenes**

**Miss Clare O'Rourke**  
**Mrs Helen Stanley**  
**Dr Preshy Varghese**  
**Mr Matthias Visona**  
**Mr Michael Walker**

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**Mrs Monica White**

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**Mr Bill Goodwin**

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**St Patrick's Principal**  
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**Shalom College**  
**Principal**

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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



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)

Please collect your envelope from the end of the pews.

**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.

### THANK YOU FROM BR TED'S FAMILY

The family of the late Br Ted Magee would like to thank those who attended his Funeral Mass on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. A special thank you to Bishop Michael McCarthy, Fr Don White, Fr Peter Tonti and Fr John Daly for concelebrating the Mass. To Br Gerard Brady, Province Leader of the Christian Brothers for their help and support. To the wonderful musicians Anne & Bernadette, singers Suellen, the Shalom Treble Makers and parishioners; the sacristans; the staff of the Parish Office; Shalom College Principal Dan McMahan and staff; the students of Shalom College and The Cathedral College Rockhampton who performed a Guard of Honour; the huge crowd of mourners, relatives, friends and the many past students in attendance.

We appreciate those people who made phone calls and sent texts; who sent flowers, gifts, Mass Cards and cards of condolence. We have been overwhelmed by your thoughts for us during this very difficult time. Life will never be the same without our Br Ted but we are grateful for the blessing he was to us during his life. Much appreciated from Br Ted's sisters Jan & Greg and Gayle & Des and their families.

**CATHOLIC MISSION IS HIRING:** Diocesan Director part-time, based in Rockhampton. Available to work remotely and university students welcome to apply.

For more information regarding the role, please visit our website below.

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>



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



# Parish News and Announcements

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST-CORPUS CHRISTI Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Holy Rosary 8.00am Mass:** At the end of this Mass, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place, concluding with a Holy Hour of Adoration.

**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.**



**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. Just ring 4151 6666.

### ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN BUNDABERG

Open Afternoon– Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm-4.30pm

If you would like to tour this facility, please RSVP via email [kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kindergarten@rok.catholic.edu.au) please include your name and your child's name.



Please scan the QR code to complete your 2026 waitlist form.



**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Luca Lloyd Smith and Louis John Paul Messenger



Assunta PINTUS

*A celebration for the life of*

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
10.00am

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June



### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kevin Goldsworthy (Canberra), Sr Stancia Cawte (Rockhampton), Assunta Pintus, James Stevenson, Ann Baxter (Nth Ireland), Liz Salzmans, Anne Darlison, Elvena Bycroft (Ayr), Guenter Gunter, Terry Gultzow, Bernadette Gick (Formerly Sr Mary Theresa).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** 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, Damian Gambley 27.05.2024, Alexander K.K 20.05.2016.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** 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, Jem & Bill Ireland, Kate & Bob Ireland, Darryl Lambertson, Lily & Jim Ballinger, Bruno De Paoli, Robyn De Paoli, Brenda De Paoli, Morena Basicchia, Vial Family, 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.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 23 Jun 2025

9.00am St Patrick's – Mass

### Tuesday 24 Jun 2025

#### The Nativity of St John the Baptist

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's –LWC

### Wednesday 25 Jun 2025

8.00am Shalom—Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 26 Jun 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

**Anointing Mass**

### Friday 27 Jun 2025

#### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass

6.30pm Holy Rosary-Mass

**Malayalam**

### Saturday 28 Jun 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary– Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's –Mass

### Sunday 29 June 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

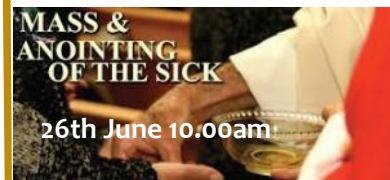
Acts 12:1-11

#### Second Reading

Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

#### Gospel

Matthew 16: 13-19



MASS &  
ANOINTING  
OF THE SICK

26th June 10.00am

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**In the Parish Office**

Friends of the Catholic  
Cemetery **10.15am**

Bereavement Team  
Meeting **11.15am**

**New members welcome**

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

### PRAYER GROUP:

Will gather for Prayer and fellowship on

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

at the

Christ Church Anglican Church commencing at **10.00am.**

Everyone is welcome



## 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

Graham White: 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.



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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## 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.



**Caritas**

AUSTRALIA

This petition is inspired by our belief in Justice and Dignity for all. It hopes to draw the

attention of Australia's Leaders **Please click on the QR Code or the link**  
<https://www.caritas.org.au/act/turn-debt-into-hope/>

## ONLINE PETITION

**TURN  
DEBT  
INTO  
Hope**

