

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

5th/6th July 2025

Circles of Listening

by: Fr Don White

Parish Priest V.G

Time has passed since the passing of Br. Ted, and we remember his life and ministry with us with great affection. Br. Ted's work as executive officer, which evolved over time from its original description, was very effective. We miss him as a leader and a friend in the parish, and the time has come to find new ways of continuing a much-appreciated ministry.

At the heart of my vision of parish life is the creation of "circles of listening," in which the voice of not one person or group but rather the voice of many is expressed but in tune with the mind of the Church. That could be a definition for synodality which involves listening and walking together. Last week in his reflection for the Jubilee of Priests in the Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV spoke of "concrete listening" as an important contribution to the unity of the Church. He said we are more blessed when we walk together in our faith and allow the unity of Christ's body to witness to the goodness of God.¹

So, a time of "concrete listening" is needed now as we look to the needs of the parish in relation to the operation of the Parish Office and the support it can provide. With the support of the Parish Stewardship Council and the Finance Council I have invited Fr. Neil Muir, Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary to carry out a "birds-eye review" of the staffing of our parish in the light of Br. Ted's passing. Fr. Neil will visit on Monday.

It is important that we not only bring a management perspective to bear on where we are at, but also a sound ecclesial understanding and so I am grateful to Fr. Neil for making himself available. As someone from outside the parish with both management and sound theological expertise, he will bring a fresh perspective to this work. Fr. Neil will review the findings of past summits and the experience of the role of executive officer since then, including discussions that have taken place at various levels. It is important to keep those discussions going so if anyone would like to contribute their ideas to the process, please send an email to Fr. Neil through the parish website or parish email address. It will be kept confidential. Fr. Neil will meet formally with members of the Parish Staff and members of the Parish Stewardship Council and Finance Council. Then after meeting with myself, Fr. Neil will collate the main ideas put forward and offer his suggestions after listening to everyone. The model of this process is part of the synodality that we share as parish community, and I do invite you to share ideas or thoughts.

¹ Pope Leo XIV, *Reflection for the Jubilee of Priests*, Vatican City, 26/06/2025.

Parish News and Announcements

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Rev Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

Grant Sutherland
Seminarian

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

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church

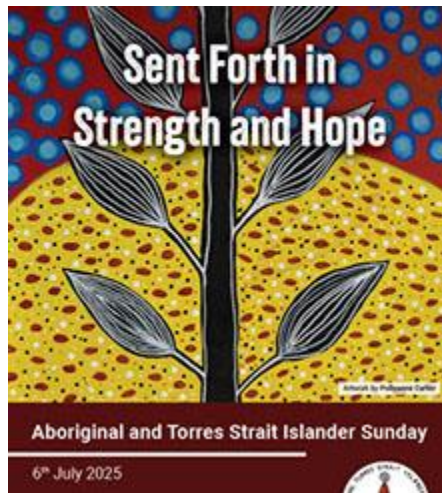
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church

14 Powers Street

St James' Church

38 See Street Bargara



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This year, we come together under the theme: "Sent Forth in Strength and Hope." It is Christ who sends us — to walk together in faith, grounded in the deep spirituality and culture of First Nations Peoples, strengthened by the Gospel, and filled with hope for the future God is leading us into. Our Catholic Church is a tapestry woven from many cultures. From the enduring wisdom of the world's oldest continuing cultures — the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples — to those who have journeyed from distant lands, we are one Body in Christ. In our diversity, we discover richness. In our unity, we find strength. And in every heart, we see the Spirit of God at work. (<https://www.natsicc.org.au>)



NAIDOC Week 2025 marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of NAIDOC Week, honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture and resilience. The NAIDOC committee chose this theme to celebrate "... not only the achievements of the past but also the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors." (ABC Education 2025)

The 2025 theme is *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy.*



Men Alive - July 19th – 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.



Book your SEAT!

Register now for the ALPHA course.

It starts on Thursday July 24th

from 4.00-5.30pm.

Ring the Parish office on 41516666

to register and

for more information.

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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WELCOME FR ANTHONY: This weekend we welcome Fr. Anthony, and we look forward to working with him in the years ahead. He will bring a youthful energy. As someone new to Australia he will appreciate our support we look forward to getting to know him.

WEDNESDAYS IN TERM 3
ONLINE | 7-9 PM | GRADE 10-12
BEGINNING 16TH OF JULY

**YOU.
LIFE, LOVE**

**AND
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**
-COURSE BY ASCENSION PRESS
**ONLINE YOUTH GROUP LED
BY THE NET TEAM**

REGISTER NOW → 

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON
Youth Ministry
Alive in Christ

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

The NET team is hosting a 10 week course online over Zoom for anyone in grades 10-12.

They will be using the YOU program by Ascension Press, which presents young people with the extraordinary story of their creation as unrepeatable individuals and introduces them to the truth that life is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others.

The sessions will take place on **Wednesdays**, commencing on the 16th July at 7.00pm and will feature games, short videos and discussion.



LITURGIES

Monday 7 July 2025

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 8 July 2025

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 9 July 2025

St Augustine Zhao Rong

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary-Adoration

Thursday 10 July 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 11 July 2025

St Benedict, abbot

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 12 July 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 13 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

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel

Luke 10: 25-37



A celebration for the life of

SANTA LEONARDI

**FRIDAY 18TH JULY
9.30AM**

Holy Rosary Catholic Church .



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED IN PRAYER

RECENTLY DECEASED: Santa Leonardi, Lesley Graham & John Graham, Colleen Bakes, Kevin Goldsworthy (Canberra), Sr Stancia Cawte (Rockhampton), Assunta Pintus, James Stevenson, Ann Baxter (Nth Ireland), Elvena Bycroft (Ayr) .

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Joyce Galea 17.07.2023, Marie Schneider 5.07.2024, Margaret Cheong 4.07.2024, 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 .

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Joe Della-Vedova, Cesarina Della-Vedova, Len Della, Alma Della, Marj Senini, Souls of Mr F & Mrs S Tham, Liz Salzmann, 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, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, 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.

PARISH LADIES DINNER

The Passionist Family Group will be hosting the Parish Ladies Dinner on **Wednesday 13th August** at the Brothers Sports Club.

Donations towards the raffle would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office.



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.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

OTHER CONTACTS

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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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.



In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by--to rejoice in--what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

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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.

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