

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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Welcome to the Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16th/17th August 2025

Continuing the Mission

by: Helen Stanley
Stewardship Council Member

The Parish Stewardship Council is an important part of our Parish. Periodically, Parishioners are asked to nominate people for the Council, but do you wonder how members are chosen and just what the Council does?

Some members of the Council are appointed by the Parish Priest and some are nominated by Parishioners. A process of discernment is used to try to ensure the Council reflects our parish community, seeking to ensure a balance of representation across gender, age, occupation and worshipping community. Members are appointed for three years and may be reappointed for a second term. I was appointed to the Council following the last discernment process at the end of 2024.

The Parish Stewardship Council works co-responsibly with the Parish Priest and is based on the understanding that each of us has a role to play in continuing the mission of Jesus. St Teresa of Avila said, 'Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours' supporting the idea that each of us is responsible for carrying out Christ's work of serving others, bringing comfort and doing good deeds. So this idea that we have co-responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus is not new. It is not just the role of the Priests and religious to do God's work; each of us is called to participate in this mission.

The Parish Stewardship Council is one of the Parish organisations trying to ensure that we continue this mission, demonstrating the following values:



Christ centered

A welcoming community of love for all people

Serving our community by using God-given gifts

Growing in Faith, Prayer and Eucharist with a sense of the Sacred

Innovatively inclusive and outward focused.

(Parish Stewardship Council Guidelines - 2024)

Some of the sub-groups of the Parish Stewardship Council link directly to this goal of service. The Social and Ecological Justice Working Party is focussing on Care for the environment, Reconciliation Action Plan, ministry to the Seasonal and Field workers who are part of our community and ministry to Mine workers and their families. Just recently, with assistance from St Vincent de Paul, we were able to provide some warm clothing for our field workers.

Another successful initiative by the Stewardship Council has been to offer the Alpha program in our Parish which has been enthusiastically received in the Parish with a second program for this year now being offered. We have been heartened by the response from Parishioners and from other interested people and I commend this program to you. Alpha challenges participants to consider their faith and to discuss matters of faith with others. How often do we do that?

The Council has been active in trying to create a welcoming community for all parishioners. Welcome functions for new Parishioners are held regularly with the next scheduled for Thursday 28 August at the Parish Office. If you are new to our Parish we'd love to see you there, or if you know someone who is new to the Parish, perhaps you could encourage them to attend and perhaps accompany them to the gathering. In addition we continue to create a welcoming community with our regular 'cuppas' after Mass.

Please pray for the work of the Stewardship Council as we continue to be Christ's hands and feet in our world.

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 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 Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUNDABERG

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY COORDINATOR

PART TIME | 15 HOURS PER WEEK

We are seeking a compassionate and organised individual to join our parish team as a Bereavement Ministry Coordinator. This rewarding role involves providing pastoral care and support to families experiencing loss, coordinating funeral liturgies, and working closely with clergy and volunteers.

As we are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults at risk, a national police check is required for this role.

For a copy of the Position Description or to apply, please email
bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

APPLY NOW!



Applications should include a cover letter outlining your suitability and availability for the role and a resume with two professional references.

Applications close:
Monday, 25th August 2025, 09:00am

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY (SEJWP) : The next meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday 18th August at 4.00pm**. If you are wanting to join or are curious to know more, please join us. Everyone is welcome.

VISITATION MEETING: Please join us in the Parish Office **Wednesday 20th August at 10.00am**. This rewarding ministry is always looking for new members. If you would like to know more or are currently in this ministry we would love to see you.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Are being held in the Catholic Cemetery on **Thursday 21st August** commencing at **9.30am**.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Will hold their monthly meeting on **Friday 22nd August at 10.15am** in the Parish Office. This dedicated group of volunteers give their time and energy making sure we are respecting those who have been laid to rest while also giving comfort to those who mourn.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING: Will be held on **Friday 22nd August at 11.15am** in the Parish Office. This essential Ministry within the parish, is looking for volunteers to help in the many varied roles that are available. If you are interested in finding out what roles are available, we look forward to meeting you.

FATHERS DAY CEMETERY WORKING BEE: Saturday, August 30th from 7.00am – 9.00am You are welcome to join the group who will ensure that the cemetery is in fine shape for Fathers Day. Whipper-snippers/ mowers/rakes/wheelbarrows and the like will be useful. Thanks.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Will be held next **Sunday 24th August in St Patrick's at 9.00am**. Morning Tea will be held after Mass. Glen and Andrea have again offered their Coffee Van. If you could bring a plate to share that would be greatly appreciated.



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 to come along on any Sunday .

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 .

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

welcome
TO OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONERS GATHERING

We would love to get to know you and help you to engage with the Parish

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025 5.30PM
at the Parish Office

RSVP 21 Aug 2025, Parish Office at 07 41516666

Light refreshments
will be served



For more information please
call the Parish Office



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The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg



Prior to the Luncheon
Our Celebrations will
commence with
Mass in
St Patrick's Church
Power Street
Bundaberg
at 10.30am

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
The Leprechaun Room
Brothers Sports Club
11.30am



Grant I ask you, Lord,
A blessing on the works performed by
the members of the Catholic Women's League.
I pray that, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
and through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians,
more women will become participating
members of the Catholic Women's League.
Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

Imprimatur W. Brennan

RSVP by 26 Aug

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\$25.00
per
person

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Conway (Sydney), Leslie Elsey, Marie Logan (Clifton), Janine Wylie, Lucille Gott, Barry Southeron, Nicolina Biondi (Beerwah), Mary Mathews.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Damian Mullins 1.09.2024, Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Kenneth Small 14.08.2021, Terence Cagney 4.08.1990, Genoveffa Lituri 7.08.2023, Jovita Porciuncula Espiritu 15.08.2012, Lillian Upton 24.07.2023, Stan Bryant 19.07.2023, Marie Schmeider 5.07.2024.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Robert Potter, Ron Cook, Ramon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Joyce Galea, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney & Gloria Mary Collins, Cesar Panares, Eva Mary Courte, Karl Frazer, Gerry Walsh, Br Ted Magee, John Boniface Edwards, Joseph Galea, 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 18 Aug 2025

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration and Penance

Tuesday 19 Aug 2025

St John Eudes

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

Wednesday 20 Aug 2025

St Bernard

8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass
6.30pm St Patrick's
Malayalam Mass

Thursday 21 Aug 2025

St Pius X

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 22 August 2025

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 23 August 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass
9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 24 August 2025

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass
9.00am St Patrick's
Children's Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel

Luke 13: 22-30

PRAY FOR

RECENTLY BAPTISED:

Tegh Singh Grewal



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING VIDEO :

is now available for viewing by those parishioners who were unable to attend the annual March training held in the Parish Office.

You can access the training on-line by clicking on the below link, or it can be viewed in the Parish Office between **9.00am-2.00pm**.

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-training-2025/>

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

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.



During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me-in fact, all the earth-to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

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Ignite Conference: The Light

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for young Catholics to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way.

All high school students are welcome to travel down to Brisbane for the 2025 conference with the NET team as part of our diocesan group.

This year Ignite runs from

September
25th to 28th.

For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on



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