

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

20th/21st September 2025



**Garden of Peace**

Isaiah 32:14-18

# PEACE WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "Garden of Peace," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape.

In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

Let us remember that humanity was originally called to tend a garden. Through this year's **Season of Creation**, we will reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace. The white dove with an olive branch is a globally recognized symbol of peace. In the story of Noah, it also signifies new life after destruction. Note: This logo is not meant to diminish the unique value of desert ecosystems and their creatures, which are also part of God's creation. Furthermore, the desert holds a significant role in the Bible.

### An Invitation to Action on the Season of Creation

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than one seeks" John Muir

To recognise the Season of Creation everyone is invited to gather  
at **10.30am** on **Sunday 21st September (this weekend)**

at the **Lake Ellen car park**

of **Baldwin Swamp**, off George st.

We will have a shared morning tea,  
please bring your own drink.

Afterwards, we will go for a bird identification walk  
around the park.

Hats and walking shoes are encouraged.

See you there, Pauline Merefield

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**

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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



**EUCCHARIST TRAINING:** This is an invitation to those in the parish who are new to this ministry or those who would like a refresher regarding the giving of the Body and Blood of Christ. The training will be held in the Parish Office on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 11.30am.** This will also give you the opportunity to ask questions regarding anything you are unsure of.

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY :** Come and join us as we celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday which will be held on the weekend of **4th/5th October.**

To celebrate the diverse cultures we have in the Parish we would like to invite everyone to bring a plate from your native country to morning tea after the following Masses on **Sunday 5th October.**

**St James Bargara 7.00am**

**Holy Rosary 8.00am**

**St Patrick's 9.00am**

## IN APPRECIATION FROM JAN APLIN –

### BEREAVEMENT CO-ORDINATOR & PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

As I retire from my positions as Parish Bereavement Co-ordinator and Parish Safeguarding Representative, I would like to say thank you to all of my wonderful volunteers over the years, who have helped me in my Ministries – to the Bereavement Team, Funeral Assistants, Organists, Singers, Sacristans, IT people, and Hospitality Team who have always been so generous with their time and talents. You have made my ministry so much easier. I would also like to thank Fr Don and Fr Anthony, Jeff, Sandy, Pauline, Judy and other staff over the last five or more years. You have always been so helpful and supportive and have made me so welcome in the Parish Office. I will certainly miss you all.



**PARISH FLOAT IN PAGEANT OF LIGHTS MEETING :** Each year, our Parish has put a float in the Pageant of Lights Christmas Street Parade down Bourbong Street. It helps spread the Christmas Message and is a great way of showing our Faith to the broader Bundaberg community. This year's Pageant will be held on Thursday night 4<sup>th</sup> December. We need people of all ages to plan for the event including our Float design and theme. If you would like to be part of the organising group or just provide some input, please come along to a meeting at the Parish Office on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm.** If you would like to be involved but cannot attend meeting, please leave your name at the Parish Office and you will be contacted by one of the co-ordinators.

**WOMENS RETREAT:** Join us with Sabrina Stevens (First Nations Ministry Coordinator)

for a gentle, uplifting morning as we explore what it means to live with hope and walk with light. Rooted in Catholic Faith, inspired by World Mission Day and St John Paul II's Letter to Women, this retreat is a sacred time for connection, renewal and reflection. Through prayer, storytelling, and community, we will honour the hope carried by generations of women and renew our own mission to be Christ's light in the world.

Date: **Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **9.00am-1.30pm**

Venue: **St James Church, Bargara**

Cost: **TBA**



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



# Parish News and Announcements



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?

*Explore and Discover*

A wonderful journey to discover the richness of our faith

For more information, please contact Pauline at 07 4151 6666

### 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, informal environment. Why not contact the Parish Office this week? Ask for Pauline, and have a chat.

**CHANGE OF DATE**– **CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP:** Will gather for prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday, September 30th** at the Christ Church, Anglican Church, **10.00am**



### ANOINTING MASS:

Will be held in Holy Rosary Church on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am** with Morning Tea to follow in the Novakoski Centre. **Everyone is welcome.**




CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BUNDABERG**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A SPECIAL 150<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL BOOK**

IF YOU HAVE MEMORIES, PHOTOS OR INTERESTING STORIES FROM YOUR CONNECTION TO OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE SEND THEM TO [MONICA\\_WHITE@ROK.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:MONICA_WHITE@ROK.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU)



### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mario Crawford (Nth Ireland), Fr John Chalmers, Veronica Evans-nee Novakoski (Gold Coast), Suzanne Ostermann, Gwenovlina Mapa (Philippines), Bob Newberry (Traralgon Vic) Judith Conway (Sydney).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Leopoldina De Araujo 7.03 2019, Joseph Anton Jendra 24.09.2007, Ken Bennett 6.09.2024, Jim Dunphy 10.09.2018, Siebert Schafer 13.09.2002, Dulcie Schafer 28.10.1995, Mila Schneider 30.08.2024, Malcolm Bell 5.09.2012, Judith Renshaw 22.08.2024, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Sergio De Paoli 20.09.2016, Agostino Asnicar 1.09.2019, Lina Baggetto 30.09.2012, Kerry Maike 08.09.1995, Pietro Felesina 10.08.2022, Pietro Giuseppe "Peter" Felesina 1.09.2001, Stan Bryant 19.07.2023.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Gerry Walsh, Zillah & George Geiger and Georgey Junior, Colin Mooney, Anthony Mooney, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, Ann Shamly, Kevin Goldsworthy (Canberra), Liz Strathdee, Paul & Lawrence Formosa & Grima Families, Kathleen & Stanton Saroff, Santa Leonardi, Pat Higgins, Szigmund, James & Kelly Families, Fr Pat Mooney, Attard & Zammit Families, Janine Wylie, Szigmund, James & Kelly Families, Jem Ireland, Bill Ireland, Lily Ballinger, Hannah McCall Kemp, Joyce Galea, Br Ted Magee, John Boniface Edwards, Joseph Galea, Giuseppe Matteo Marin, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

# LITURGIES

## Monday 22 Sep 2025

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

## Tuesday 23 Sep 2025

**St Pius of Pietrelcina**  
8.30am Penance **Cancelled**  
9.00am St James' - LWC  
5.30pm St Patrick's

## Wednesday 24 Sep 2025

8.00am Shalom - Mass  
10.00am Mater Mercy Day– Mass  
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

## Thursday 25 Sep 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass  
10.00am Holy Rosary  
**Anointing Mass**

## Friday 26 Sep 2025

**St Cosmas & St Damian**  
11.00am Holy Rosary– Exposition  
11.30am Holy Rosary– Penance  
12.15pm Holy Rosary– Mass  
6.30pm Holy Rosary  
**Malayalam Mass**

## Saturday 27 Sep 2025

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

## Sunday 28 Sep 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

*Amos 6: 1,4-7*

#### Second Reading

*Timothy 6-11-16*

#### Gospel

*Luke 16: 19-31*

### RECENTLY BAPTISED:

In  
Holy Rosary Church  
Jaxson Graham Steemson



## PRAYER GROUPS

### Divine Mercy

Wednesday Weekly Devotions  
Holy Rosary Church  
after 12.15pm Mass  
All are welcome.

### The Angelus

Friday Weekly Devotions  
Holy Rosary Church  
12.00pm  
All are 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

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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



Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

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**A Note of Gratitude**  
**A FAREWELL CONCERT  
FOR DAN MCMAHON**

you are invited to join the shalom college  
performing arts department as we bid farewell  
to Mr Dan McMahon in concert

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**6.30 WINE & CHEESE  
7.00 CONCERT**

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PERFORMING ARTS PRECINCT**

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