

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

33rd *Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

15th/16th November 2025

THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Last Monday, the Director of Catholic Education, Michael McCusker announced that Dean Wearmouth from New Zealand will take up the position of Principal, Shalom College. We look forward to welcoming Dean to Bundaberg early next year. It is also an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Dan MacMahon. We wish Dan and his family every blessing for the future and acknowledge Dan's 17 years of leadership in the college and his valued participation in parish life in that time. Following is the letter from Michael McCusker....Fr. Don.



Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Dear Parents and members of the Shalom College, Bundaberg community

As you are aware, your Principal, Mr Dan McMahan will conclude his tenure as Principal at the end of the 2025 school year.

Following a selection process for Principal involving Fr Don White (Parish Priest}, Mr Stephen Dale (Assistant Director: Schools - Southern Region} and representatives from your College Board, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the new Principal of Shalom College commencing in 2026 is Mr Dean Wearmouth.

Dean is currently Principal of St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College, Auckland, New Zealand, a position he has held for the past four years. As foundation principal of St Ignatius, Dean has worked closely with the college community in establishing a school grounded in a strong Catholic character, with high academic standards and comprehensive co-curricular programs.

Dean is currently Vice President of the Auckland Secondary Principals' Association and has qualifications in Religious Education, History and Innovation in Education. Having previously held Principal and other leadership positions in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, Dean has extensive experience in working collaboratively with others to achieve student learning growth and development. With this leadership experience and professional expertise, he has a very clear focus on the provision of quality teaching and learning thus continuing the tradition of educational excellence and opportunity that has always been a feature of life at Shalom College.

Dean's strong faith and service to others are essential components of his leadership in Catholic education and he is committed to recognising and nurturing the important partnerships that are essential to students receiving a quality, inclusive Catholic Education at Shalom College.

Dean and his family are excited for their move to Bundaberg and are looking forward to being a part of the parish and college community.

Finally, I would like to thank all in the Shalom College community for your ongoing support of Catholic Education and Shalom College. I pray God will continue to bless each of you today, tomorrow and into the future.

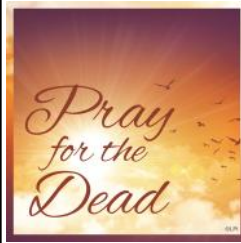
Yours sincerely

Michael McCusker

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: This is a month of devotion praying for our deceased loved ones, friends, and parishioners. Envelopes for November Masses to be offered are available at the front door of the churches. Remembrance books are available before and after Mass until 16th November for names to be entered. After November 16th the Remembrance Books will be placed near the Sanctuary.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP VG

Parish Priest

Rev Anthony Nguyen

Associate Pastor

Grant Sutherland

Seminarian

Mr Jeffrey Caluag

Operations Manager

Ms Pauline Leahy

Lit, Mus, Sac & RCIA Co-ordinator

Mrs Jan Aplin

Safeguarding Representative

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

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Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Preshy Varghese

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Principal

Mr Dan McMahon

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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

MenAlive 2025 RETREAT: MenAlive hosted a very successful morning retreat at Shalom College last Saturday. 35 men enjoyed a barbeque breakfast with a blessing from Fr Anthony, then were led by Fr Paul Chandler through an understanding of the devotions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As Spiritual Director of Banyo Seminary, he ably linked Pope Francis' encyclical Dilexit Nos, to the importance of the heart in our own lives.

As men we came to appreciate the heart is the symbolic core of our identity and emotional and spiritual centre which is needed to counter the superficiality of modern life.

As always, a big thank you to the catering fellas, the cooking blokes and the clean-up men who made it all happen. Ken, Lyle, Aaron and Steve.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL APPEAL: Last weekend there was a collection for St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal, specifically for the Sanctuary Renewal. If you were not prepared last weekend there are still envelopes available in the churches. We thank you for your ongoing support of this appeal which will help fund a very important project for our Diocese.

PAGEANT OF LIGHTS PARISH FLOAT: Thursday 4th December is the annual Pageant of Lights. The organising committee has secured a trailer for the night. Framework is being prepared for the float. If you can assist with the assembly and decorating for the night please contact the Parish Office. We will be looking for children to participate on the night.

All children participating on the night must be accompanied by an adult. Please register your child/children's name at the Parish Office.

SOLEMN MASS EXPANDING TO 5:30PM EVERY 3RD SUNDAY: Father Don initially organised a Solemn Mass for the 8:00am Mass every 3rd Sunday. **Due to the success of this mass, starting this week the 5:30pm Mass on the 3rd Sunday will also be celebrated in the Solemn form.**

The next Solemn Mass in **December** will be on **Sunday 21st**.

A Celebration for the life of
FIONA ADAMS
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2025 1.00PM
Holy Rosary Catholic Church

BARRY SHARP
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025 10.30AM
Branyan Gardens Chapel

ANNIE GIANNANGELO
TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025 12.00PM
Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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

SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY: the next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 17th November** at **4.00 pm** in the Parish office. New members are welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Will be held on **Wednesday 19th November** at **6.00pm** in Holy Rosary Church for those who have lost loved ones, particularly over the last six months. Light refreshments will be offered after the service.

VISITATION MEETING: Will be held on **Wednesday 19th November** at **10.00am** in the Parish Office. New members and those wishing to know more are welcome.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Will be held at the Catholic Cemetery every Thursday at 9.30am during the month of November. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FINAL CHILDREN'S MASS FOR 2025: Will be held at St Patrick's Church Sunday 23rd November at 9.00am. We ask those attending to bring a plate (Christmas themed) if possible. The Coffee Van will also be in attendance.

Summer Camp 2026 Bulletin Notice

Ignite Summer Camp Diocesan Group

When: 7-11 January, 2026

Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)

Who: Any 2026 high school students

Ignite Summer Camp is back in 2026, with four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and even providing an extra night's accommodation so we will be ready to go when the camp begins on the morning of the 8th of January. To register with our diocesan group, scan the QR code or go to

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/services-agencies/youth-ministry/summer-camp/>.

For more details contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY MARRIED: We would like to congratulate and wish God's Blessings on Nelson Chang and Devya Fernando for their wedding on Saturday.



RECENTLY BAPTISED: Penny Jane Dempsey, Mercy Mavis Dunphy, Briar-Rose Madonna Lee Chapman-Ollard and Aurora Ivy May Chapman-Ollard.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Theuma, Lino De Zotti, Vince Farrelly, Bill Taylor (Curra), Di Ahmat (Mackay) Isla Scott (Sydney), Brian Fordham.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Len Potter 23.11.2019, Elizabeth (Bessie) Mooney 18.11.1973, Bill Ireland 17.10, Eva Dorian 6.11.2024, Floria Maria Cafolla 20.11.2015, Vittario Cafolla 13.11.1948, Mrs Baxter 20.10, Margaret Cagney 4.11.2007, Suzanne Boisen 10.11.2022, Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Gena Maude Bennett 25.10 1980, Alisandrina Maria Magliocco 22.10.2002, Frank Cafolla 29.10.2004, Frank Ewan 25.10.1971.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Terence Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Cagney, Gloria Collins, deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, Renzo Crappa, Gian Franco Crappa, Bill Della Vedova, Vera Robinson, Bede Robinson, Gerry Walsh, Antonio De Zotti, Jem Ireland, Darryl Lamberton, Paul Formosa, Lawrence Formosa, Formosa and Grima Families, Lisa Camilleri, Joe Formosa & Family, Albino Modolo, Romon D Andres, Rosa A Andres, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joseph Attard, 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 17 November 2025

St Elizabeth of Hungary

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration and Penance

Tuesday 18 November 2025

5.30pm St Patrick's—Cancelled

Wednesday 19 November 2025

8.00am Shalom-Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Memorial Service

Thursday 20 November 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.30pm St Patrick's

Malayalam Mass

Confession will commence at 5.00pm

Friday 21 November 2025

The Presentation of

Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 22 November 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 23 November 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

2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel

Luke 23: 35-43

Did you know?

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's Kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.



PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on Tuesday 18th November commencing at 7.00pm in Novakoski Centre.

ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday at St Patrick's Church 5.00pm and Thursday at Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm.

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



When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight – right into the waves – focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks – it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is – and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

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St Mary's Sunday School Anniversary

Bundaberg Catholic Parish

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Sunday School Anniversary Celebration:

Saturday, November 22nd at Shalom College Performing Arts Centre. Commencing **5.00pm-9.00pm**.

The evening will include Bible drama, cultural performances, music and a complimentary Indian dinner.

Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Children (5-12) \$10.00 Under 5 Free.

Please register using the attached QR Code.



SAVE
THE
DATE

CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Brothers Club (Leprechaun Room). **Tuesday 25th November** doors open at 6.00pm for a **6.30pm start**.

Two Course Christmas themed meal **\$35.00**.

Lucky door prize, please bring a suitable Secret Santa (\$20.00 value) **OR** donation to box for charity.

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office until the **17th November**.

Final ticket sales will be at the CWL gathering on the 18th November.