

*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



*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

## PARISH UPDATE

As my role continues to evolve, it marks a significant challenge and a new chapter in my journey of service to the Church. This position is more than a job – it is a calling to stewardship, responsibility, and collaboration. The scope of my new role is broad and multifaceted. It involves managing parish properties and facilities, overseeing finances, and providing operational oversight.

Our parish facilities are more than physical structures—they are sacred spaces where faith is nurtured, community is built, and ministry is carried out. Maintaining all these spaces involves proactive maintenance, strategic planning and thoughtful upgrades. As part of this process, planning is well underway to improve the working sacristy at St Patrick's Church. This will greatly benefit all our Sacristans and Ministers who use the space. In addition, Holy Rosary Church stands as a spiritual and historical landmark not only for our Faith community but for the whole of Bundaberg. Preserving its beauty and structural integrity is essential to maintaining special place of worship and heritage. A significant project planned for the early part of next year is the internal painting of the church. This will enhance its aesthetic appeal, protect the building and ensure the longevity of the church's structure. In the upcoming weeks, I will endeavour to discuss with our Sacristans any issues or improvements needed at St James' Church.

Managing parish finances goes beyond balancing budgets. I work closely with Fr Don our Parish Priest, Parish Finance Council, and Diocesan administrators to ensure that our financial practices are sound, transparent, and aligned with our mission.

The operational side of parish life is very important. Part of my role is to ensure the parish runs smoothly and efficiently by streamlining processes and enhancing communication, to support our clergy and ministry leaders ensuring that they can rightly focus on pastoral care and evangelization.

Like any other role in our parish, this position comes with its own challenges – technological advancement, rising costs, aging infrastructure, and the need for innovation are among them. However, these challenges also offer us opportunities to modernise systems, engage parishioners in stewardship, and build an even more resilient and responsive parish community.

As I settle into this role, my focus is on listening, learning, and leading with purpose. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and for the chance to serve in this capacity. I look forward to contributing to a future where our resources continue to be well-managed and fully aligned with our mission to be a welcoming, vibrant, and faith-filled community.

by: *Jeffrey Caluag*  
Operations Manager

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 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

**CATHOLIC PARISH FLOAT IN PAGEANT OF LIGHTS:** The Catholic Parish will again participate in the 2025 Christmas Pageant of Lights Parade up and down Bourbong Street on Thursday night **4<sup>th</sup> December**. We would love to have many Parishioners of all ages and all cultural groups to join us as a real showing of our faith and helping to spread the Christmas message. We will have a decorated float, on which a limited number of children will be able to sit. (Please note any children participating must have a parent walking with the float). Participants should turn up at the assembly point at the Eastern End of Bourbong Street about **5.30pm** and walk with other Parish members and parents behind our float. Cultural Groups are invited to dress in their traditional costumes. If anyone wants to, you can dress up as Joseph, Mary, a Shepherd, a Wise Man/Woman, an Angel, a Guard, or anything Christmassy (other than Santa - the only Santa allowed in the Parade is the official Santa). There will be costumes available for those on the float surplus costumes will be given to walkers.

An artificial candle will be provided to wave to the crowd as you walk along. It will be finished before 8.30pm. **Please contact School or Parish Offices by Monday 1st December**, and advise names and ages of any children who would like to be on the float. Also please advise names of all who wish to walk with us. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS ROSTERS:** are now being prepared. If you are available to assist in Ministries over that time, please contact the Parish Office with your details by **Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**TERM 1 ROSTERS FOR 2026:** Please contact the Parish Office by **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** to advise if you are not available for **Term 1 (January-March)**. We greatly appreciate the time given in all Ministries of the Church. Once the Roster has been completed we ask that you arrange a swap and advise the Parish Office if you are unavailable for your rostered day. If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office.

### 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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**Shalom College**

**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

*A Celebration for the life of*  
**ANNIE GIANNANGELO**  
**TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 12.00PM**  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
**BERNARD LEARY**  
**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 10.30AM**  
Des Allen Chapel

*Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards*  
Now available at the Parish Office Book Store



Calendars \$8.00  
Pack of 8 Christmas Cards \$5.00

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

If you have a child who would like to participate in the re-telling of the Christmas Story during the Children's Mass at 5.30pm on Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, registering for roles will be held on **Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>** in The Navokoski Centre at **3.30pm**.



**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

**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 this **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.00am**. We ask those attending to bring a plate (Christmas themed) if possible. We thank everyone who contributed to the Monthly Children's Mass and look forward to welcoming you in 2026.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERY WORKING BEE:** Help is required to assist a small group of volunteers on **Saturday 29th November at 6.00am** to tidy and prepare the Catholic Cemetery for those who visit loved ones over this Christmas period. If you have any of the following please bring along to help on the day. Rakes, spades, whipper snipper, blowers or any garden tools you think may be useful.



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au) or 0433 897 973.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Kora Beverley Negri Riggs



**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. The Remembrance Books are now placed near the Sanctuary.

### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Br Vin Stallard (Brisbane), Annie Giannangelo, Barry Sharp, Joseph Theuma, Lino De Zotti, Vince Farrelly, Bill Taylor (Curra), Di Ahmat (Mackay) Isla Scott (Sydney).

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Richie Rosolen 1.12.2024, Veronica Mafalda de Jesus 18.11.2016, Shane Hocking 23.11.2018, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Cameron Hocking, Riley Poppy Lawrence, Dominic Attard, Brian Fordham, 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 24 November 2025

**St Andrew Dung-Lac**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary  
Adoration

### Tuesday 25 November 2025

**St Catherine of Alexandria**

5.30pm St Patrick's—Mass

**Celebrated in  
English and Malayalam**

### Wednesday 26 November 2025

8.00am Shalom-LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 27 November 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

**Anointing Mass**

### Friday 28 November 2025

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 29 November 2025

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

### Sunday 30 November 2025

**First Sunday of Advent**

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

### SCRIPTURES

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 2: 1-5*

**Second Reading**

*Romans 13:11-14*

**Gospel**

*Matthew 24: 37-44*

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

Let us walk  
in the light  
of the Lord

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

### PRAYER GROUP:

Will gather **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** in Buss Park at **9.00am** for a Rally against Domestic Violence

This will be followed by a service In the Christ Church, Anglican Church Refreshments will be served after in the Church Hall **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

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

# Encourage

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

— Father John Muir

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

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St Patrick's Church, Bundaberg

## Annual Retreat

2025 November 24,25,26  
5.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Organised by

St Mary's Sunday School  
Bundaberg Catholic Parish

Music & Worship by

Bundaberg  
Malayalee  
Christian Group Choir

All are welcome !

Come and Receive the  
fullness of Spirit and Healing

Fr Benny Narakathinal

Dinner will be provided. Please book as early as possible.

## PARISH BOOK STORE

Monday-Friday  
9.00am-2.00pm  
In the Parish Office  
Level 1/66 Woongarra Street

## GOD'S WORD

Daily Reflections  
2026  
\$22.00



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Now

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STILLNESS  
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FOR ADVENT  
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