

*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



Third Sunday of Advent Year A  
13th/14th December 2025

## Thanks and Goodbye.

by: **Grant Sutherland**  
Seminararian

It has been my privilege to work as a seminararian on placement in the Bundaberg parish this year. Overall, I see my pastoral placement this year as a total success. I feel that I have grown tremendously in this year, in what I know, what I do, and who I am as a pastor. I have met so many great people and made many friends. But perhaps more than anything, I have been happy, really happy, this year all year.

In so many ways, Bundaberg was truly the ideal place for me to be sent on pastoral placement. There is so much life and pastoral activity in this parish, there are so many groups, initiatives and works. Having lots of work to do, and lots of different and new things to experience was only ever a matter of looking keen and saying "yes" when asked to help.

I have therefore been encouraged to do and learn so much this year. And I think I have. I have tested myself and found that I can do this pastoral work, effectively, consistently and happily. As a result, I can confidently say that I have realised and proved, at least to myself, my capacity to be a pastor. And I am consoled in the fact that this is God's calling for my life.

I am so grateful to the people who have been a part of my formation in big or small ways this year. I am grateful for the friends that I have made, and the all people who have shown me welcome, kindness and patience.

In particular I want to thank my lay feedback team, the office staff, Father Anthony and Father John, and everyone who helps the parish do it's great work. Without you, this year could not, for me, have had the success that it did.

My biggest thanks goes, of course, to Father Don. Father Don's supervision and leadership this year has been instrumental for my growth as a pastor. I can't express enough how much I appreciate the work and time that has gone into my formation this year.

I now look forward to returning to the seminary for a time, to finish my studies before my ordination. I hope to consolidate all that I have learned over these seminary years and continue to grow into the best priest I can be with the help of God. I will take forward with me all that I have gained by being in Bundaberg this year.

Thanks again and God bless you all. I hope to see you again soon.



Performing at Cancer Fundraiser



in State Schools



Schools Visits

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

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** If you are a struggling and would like some assistance for Christmas in the way of vouchers or toys please call into the McLean Street Support Office, two doors up from the shop. Assistance will be available **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am-11.30am.** St Vincent de Paul will be closed from Monday 22nd December and reopen Monday 5th January.



**Please Note:** help with school relief for uniforms and or books/stationary will be available in January. (Require proof of children in your care).

**HOLY ROSARY MORNING TEA:** Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after the 8.00am Mass. As we embrace Advent, we ask parishioners to come along and celebrate a "Christmas Around the World" morning tea. Please bring a plate of Christmas food from your home country to share with a cuppa. Take some time to connect with your fellow parishioners as we journey towards Christmas.

**HOLY ROSARY CARPET CLEANING:** Please note Holy Rosary will be closed on **Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>** to allow the carpets to be cleaned. We would like to thank Christo and Ashleigh Groot from Dirt Cheap Cleaning for their generous donation. Should you wish to spend some time with the Lord, there is a Chapel in the Parish Office. Thank you for your understanding.

### 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**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Principal**

**Mrs Monica White**

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**St Mary's Principal**

**Mr Bill Goodwin**

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Ph: 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Principal**

**Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard**

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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

## 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.

### CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH BOOKSTORE

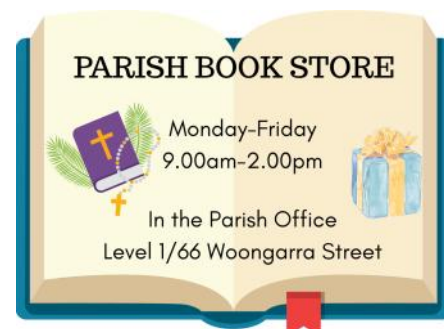
**In Holy Stillness (Daily reflections for advent) \$5.00**

**God's Word 2026 (Daily reflections) \$22.00**

**Columban Calendars \$8.00**

**Christmas Cards (Pack of eight) \$3.00**

If you would like to purchase any of these items please contact the Parish Office to arrange for delivery to your regular church. An envelope will be provided for cash payment and returned by placing in the weekly collection.



**PARISH BOOK STORE**

Monday-Friday  
9.00am-2.00pm

In the Parish Office  
Level 1/66 Woongarra Street

**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

**CELEBRATION MASS FOR FR DON 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** A Mass will be held on **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** in St Patrick's Church at 7.30am. Following the Mass you are welcome to stay for a cuppa afterwards. **PLEASE NOTE**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for this Saturday will be transferred to Holy Rosary Church starting at 9.00am with Special Prayer Intention of Vocations to the Priesthood.

**URGENTLY REQUIRED:** If you can help with the cleaning of our churches it would be greatly appreciated. The generosity of our church cleaners can not be taken for granted. They offer their time freely once a month for one –two hours (depending on the church and number of cleaners). Our numbers are reducing due to age and moving away to be closer to family. There is no set time or day the churches must be cleaned (preferably closer to the weekend). If you think you may be able to help by joining a cleaning roster, contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.

**PAGEANT OF LIGHTS:** We wish to thank all who contributed to the construction and decorating of the parish float and the students, parents and teachers who also supported this event. Thank you for the donation of the trailer by the Hinton Family and the Doyle family for the vehicle that safely towed our float.



**VISITATION GROUP:** The visitation Group who has been very generous with their time this year, will have a final gathering in the Parish Office on **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am**. The number of people visited in their home and in hospitals this year has been a blessing to so many. Thank you.

## Christmas Carol's

## “Christmas in Australia”

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 4.30pm**

**Come along and enjoy Carols,  
Christmas hamper raffles  
and light refreshments.**

*St James' Church, Bargara*

**38 See Street, Bargara.**



## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maximus Gordon Barford, Keith Balchin, Mary Annett, Joanne Curti (Brisbane), Ernie Woods, Mary Law-nee Curran (Mackay), Br Vin Stallard (Brisbane), Annie Giannangelo, Barry Sharp.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry Crawford 31.12.1979, Annunziata Crawford 15.12.1991, Marco Cafolla 1.12.2019, Aurelio Cafolla 1.12.1989, Claire Fitzgerald 14.12.1995, Giuseppe Marin 19.12.2004, 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, Suzanne Boisen 10.11.2022, Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Leone Munckton, Marin Family, Dalla Rizza Family, Cameron Hocking, Riley Poppy Lawrence, Dominic Attard, Terence Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Cagney, Gloria Collins, deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, Lawrence Galea, Paul Galea, Joyce Galea, Br Ted Magee, Joseph Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families. Kevin and Doris Whalley.

## LITURGIES

### Monday 15 December 2025

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

### Tuesday 16 December 2025

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

### Wednesday 17 December 2025

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

### Thursday 18 December 2025

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

### Friday 19 December 2025

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

### Saturday 20 December 2025

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

### Sunday 21 December 2025

#### Fourth 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 7: 10-14*

### Second Reading

*Romans 1:1-7*

### Gospel

*Matthew 1: 18-24*

## PLEASE NOTE

Prior to the Christmas Masses we have scheduled extra Reconciliation times.

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

#### St Patrick's

4.45pm-5.15pm

6.00pm-6.30pm

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

#### Holy Rosary

9.00am-10.00am



## Blanket Buddies

Would like to thank everyone for their support over the year and look forward to seeing old and new members in 2026.

## Raffle Prize Winners

**First Prize:** Denise Follett

**Second Prize:** Glenda Murray

Blanket Buddies will resume on

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

## 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 rituals in the Church.

# Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 24 December

*Christmas Eve*

Childrens' Mass – Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm  
22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

St Patrick's Church 6.00pm  
14 Powers Street, Bundaberg

Holy Rosary Church 8.00pm  
22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

Thursday 25 December

*Christmas Day*

St James' Church 7.00am  
38 See Street, Bargara

Holy Rosary Church 8.00am  
22 Barolin Street, Bundaberg

St Patrick's Church 9.00am  
14 Powers Street, Bundaberg

*The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg*

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY IMMERSION COURSE IN JANUARY:** The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is offering sponsorship for an individual from our diocese to attend *Theology of the Body I: Head & Heart Immersion*. This course is being presented by the Theology of the Body Institute in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and will take place from the 18th-23rd of January 2026 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Gorse Vale (NSW).

The cost of the course is \$2100 but the diocese will completely cover this cost for the successful applicant. The successful applicant will still need to arrange for their own transport to and from the event. Applications for sponsorship will close on the 8th of December and the successful applicant will be notified shortly after. To apply for sponsorship or for more information go to <https://forms.office.com/r/SEQ5Csz4m9> or scan the QR code.



*A Celebration for the life of*

MARY ANNETT

MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 2.00PM

Meilene Aged Care Chapel

KEITH BALCHIN

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 2.00PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church

