

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

5th

Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

7th/8th February 2026

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness — Reflections of the God Who Loves Us

In one of his works (*De Vertitate*), St. Thomas Aquinas says that three virtues take us to the heart of the Christian life: Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

These aren't just nice ideas. Rather, they are qualities that come from God. Whenever we encounter something true, something beautiful, or something genuinely good, we allow ourselves to be drawn — sometimes without even realising it — toward the God who made us.

Pope Leo, as an Augustinian priest is fond of quoting Saint Augustine. We will hear more about St. Augustine from the Holy Father in the years to come. In his *Confessions* (X.27) St. Augustine cries out to God: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new." In his inner life, St. Augustine discovered that every true, beautiful, and good thing in this world was ultimately pointing him home to Christ. So alongside of beauty, we find in our lives that truth and goodness can also lead us to Christ.

From the Gospel, we recall that Jesus didn't just teach truth. He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) Truth in the Christian life is not just about getting facts right. Truth is about relationship. It's about God revealing His heart to us. In other words, we can't find truth by our own cleverness. We receive truth as God shines His light into our minds and hearts. Truth is never about knowledge that we can use against others. Rather, it is God's gift that transforms us into people of integrity and faithfulness.

St. Thomas tells us that Beauty is powerful. Beautiful things make us stop and pay attention. They lift our eyes and they stir our hearts. Thomas defined beauty simply as "That which pleases upon being seen." (*Summa Theologiae* I.5.4). Every sunrise, every piece of music that moves us, every act of compassion, every expression of love — these are rays shining from the Beauty that is God. And Christ invites us to let the beauty of God shine through us. We are salt for the earth and light for the world when we let the beauty, goodness, and truth of God shine forth from what we say and do. Thomas' last word on these virtues is that the Christian person embraces them by seeking truth with humility, doing good with courage, and embracing beauty with gratitude (*Summa Theologiae* I.5).

Fr. Don

*May our lives shine with the truth that sets free,
glow with the beauty that awakens hope,
and overflow with the goodness that restores the 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Fr Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Operations Manager

Ms Pauline Leahy
Liturgy, Music, Sacramental &
RCIA Co-ordinator

Ms Judy Pidcock
Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative

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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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

Parish News and Announcements



Mass Times

7.00am	St James
8.00am	Shalom College
12.15pm	Holy Rosary
5.30pm	St Patrick's

Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent

St James	5.30pm
St Patrick's	5.30pm
Holy Rosary	6.00am

Malayalam

Home Communion: We are grateful to the many Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who regularly take Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to come to Mass. It is a valued and much appreciated apostolate. I would like to compile an up-to-date record of our home communions, so I have an overview of this important ministry in our parish. So, if you are currently taking Holy Communion Blessed Sacrament to a parishioner at home, could you please assist me by completing a form available from the Mass Assistants this weekend. Thank you for your support to our parish family,

Fr. Don White.



COMMENCING ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY



Penance



Confirmation



First Holy Communion

Sacramental Program for 2026

Preparation for children eight years or older,
who are Baptised in the Catholic faith,
begins 11 February.

Enrol Now!

Enrol Now!

Enrol Now!

Use this QR Code or
go to our Sacraments page on our website
(www.bundabergcatholic.net.au)
to enrol now!

Enrol Now!



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If your child is not yet Baptised or is 13 years or older please contact Pauline
at the Parish Office (4151 6666) for details for their preparation.

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

February 12th at 10.00am



Anointing of the Sick

Safeguarding Weekend: Next weekend 14th /15th February all parishioners who participate in any ministry in the Church, and who have not completed their safeguarding training will be given the opportunity to view our Safeguarding video after every Mass on that weekend. If you can not stay, the video is still available for viewing in the Parish Office during office hours.

150th CELEBRATIONS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BUNDABERG
During the weekend of October 16th - 18th the Parish will celebrate 150 years since the establishment of the first Catholic Church in Bundaberg. Proposed events include Mass, lunch, and morning tea. A digital record of people and events that have shaped the Parish from past to present is being prepared. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any memories or memorabilia you would be willing to share. The planning committee would be most appreciative of any contribution.
The next meeting of the committee will be on Thursday, February 26th at 5.00 pm in the Parish Office. Parishioners are encouraged to come along and share their stories.

LENTEN BOOKLETS- 'Compassio', is now available.

This Lent, enter into the heart of compassio—to “suffer with”—a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another. Let this booklet guide you through daily reflections, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections, spiritual direction, and prayers, all crafted to deepen your encounter with God’s mercy.

Copies are available at the Parish Office or by contacting the parish office to arrange for the book to be delivered to your Mass Centre.

Baptism

Millie Leia Curd



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ernesto Sontousidad (Philippines) Patricia Ledwith, Sam Allbury (UK), Selena Cassar, Dominic Parise Malanda, Sophie Jefferey, Fr Ivan Herson (Cairns), Sr Bernadette Gadischkie, Sr Noeleen Watt, Evana Lines,

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Arnold Hernandez Reyes 20.01, Sylvia Jendra 10.02.2000, Anne Andrewarthur 17.02.2020, Jim Potter 15.02.1990, Anthony Mooney 26.01.2023, Joseph Galea 12.02.2025, Kerry Lea Ahern 8.02.2025, Michelangelo Theuma 16.01.2020, Darryl Lambertson 18.01, Lily Ballinger 19.01, Betty Van Dalen 18.01.24, John Drent 5.01.2012, Stella Cafolla 30.01.1969.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Br Ted Magee, Giovani DE Paoli, Giovani Pappagella, Francesca Pappagella, Fr Joseph Meade, Jem Ireland, Bill Ireland, Phillip Marano, Paul Galea, Joyce Galea, Josepg Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families, Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 9 Feb 2026

9.00am St Patrick’s – Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration

Tuesday 10 Feb 2026

St Scholastica

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

Wednesday 11 Feb 2026

8.00am Shalom- Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 12 Feb 2026

7.00am St Patrick’s - Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Anointing Mass

Friday 13 Feb 2026

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

Saturday 14 Feb 2026

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

Sunday 15 Feb 2026

7.00am St James’ - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass
Solemn Mass
9.00am St Patrick’s-Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary– Mass
Solemn Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Ecc 15: 15-20

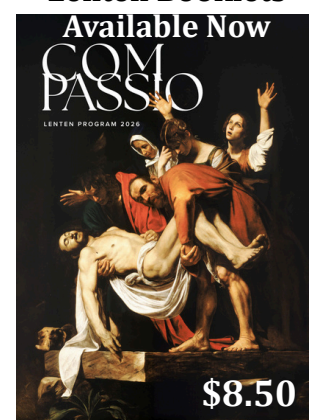
Second Reading

Cor 2:6-10

Gospel

Matthew 5: 17-37

Lenten Booklets



See Bulletin for more details

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

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.



I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

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Join the Conversation

YOUNG ADULTS CONVERSATION GROUPS

If you are aged between 17 to 35 years old, you are invited to come along to the Parish Office every Sunday at 6.30pm.

The group shares food, fellowship and conversation about the Catholic Faith.

New members are warmly welcome!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 9th February:

Mass will be offered for the CWL in St Patrick's Church at 9.00 am

Monday 15th February:

Social, Ecological Justice Working Party (SEJWP) will meet in the Parish Office at 4.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 18th February:

Visitation Meeting will be held in the Parish Office from 10.00 am with morning tea, followed by the meeting at 10.30 am. We have two guest speakers for the first meeting in 2026. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Thursday 19th February:

Cemetery Prayers will be held in the Catholic Cemetery at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome.