

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

14th/15th February 2026



A letter from the Bishop

Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton

11 February 2026

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Dear Father, Sister, Directors, Pastoral and Parish Contacts, Council Members, and Parishioners

2025 ACSL Audit Report

During the later part of 2025 the Diocese underwent an audit by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL). ACSL was established in 2020 to bring together the work of Catholic Professional Standards, the Australian Catholic Centre for Professional Standards and the Australian Catholic Ministry Register. ACSL is committed to fostering a nationally consistent culture of safety and care throughout the Catholic church in Australia.

Our diocese was one of the early dioceses to be audited by Catholic Professional Standards Limited prior to the establishment of ACSL. When we were audited in 2020, we received an excellent result for the good work that had been achieved throughout our diocese, our parishes, schools and entities. Our audit of 2025 returned a similar result, and we were congratulated on our compliance where we achieved a score of 95%. I am indeed grateful to the work of Mr Graham White the Manager of the Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office and the assistance of all our people in our parishes, schools, colleges and entities for the marvellous work of undertaking safeguarding of our young people and vulnerable adults.

A copy of the report is attached for your perusal but more importantly it is a report of our diocese. I encourage you to continue the incredible work of safeguarding to ensure everyone is safe in our church and to ensure safeguarding is the DNA of our diocese.

With my best wishes to all of you and my grateful thanks for the incredible work that happens in our diocese day after day and ensuring safeguarding is our top priority as we engage in the mission of the Church in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Michael McCarthy

Bishop of Rockhampton

[Please click the link to read the full report:](#)

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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

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Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

Miss Clare O'Rourke

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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 Barga

Parish News and Announcements

SAFEGUARDING WEEKEND: This weekend all parishioners who participate in any ministry in the Church, and who have not completed their safeguarding training will be given the opportunity after Mass to view our Safeguarding video. If you can not stay, the video is still available for viewing in the Parish Office during office hours.

HOME COMMUNION AUDIT: Thank you to the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who completed our audit forms last weekend at Mass. If you have not completed one or were away last weekend, please see the Mass assistant after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

VISIT FROM Bishop Michael McCarthy and Bishop John Panamthottam: We are very fortunate to have Bishop Michael and Bishop John (Bishop from Melbourne Syro-Malabar Eparchy) visit our parish on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th February. A Malayalam Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church Friday 27th February at 6.00pm with Bishop Michael and Bishop John. Hospitality will be offered after Mass. A community meeting will be held in the Parish Office, Saturday 28th at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Diocesan Social Justice Group

Thought Provoking Quote

"None of us can think that we are exempt of concern for the poor and for social justice spiritual conversation.... The need to resolve structural causes of poverty cannot be delayed...Welfare projects which meet certain urgent needs should be considered merely temporary responses... The dignity of each human person and the pursuit of the common good ought to shape all...policies..."

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, Par 202-203)

The Diocesan Social Justice Group will be holding a gathering on Saturday 28th March (More information will be available soon)

Important Dates:

Monday 16th February: The 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.

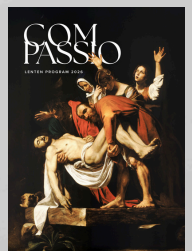
Thursday 19th February: 2026 Religious Instruction Training Day will be held at The Apostolic Church, 302 Ashfield Road, Bundaberg 9.00am for a 9.30am start. For more information contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.



'Compassio' LENTEN BOOKLETS

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.



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

An easy guide to Catholic Social Teaching Principles



Human Dignity

Everyone is special.

What is best for everyone?

Common Good



Solidarity

We are one big family.

All people should have a say!

Subsidiarity



Participation

We all want to work and contribute to our communities.

We are part of and need to care for creation.

Care for Our Common Home



Preferential Option for the Poor

Some people need extra help.

www.caritas.org.au

Healing and Truth: The National Apology

The Anniversary of the National Apology (February 13) commemorates the historic 2008 apology to the Stolen Generations, acknowledging the trauma caused by the forced removal of Indigenous children from their families. This anniversary offers our parish a meaningful opportunity to action Catholic Social Teaching. It centres on the Dignity of the Human Person, recognizing that every individual is a child of God, and Solidarity, which calls us to walk alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters. By honouring this anniversary, we commit to the pursuit of justice and the "truth-telling" necessary for genuine reconciliation and national healing.

Catholic Social Teaching in Action:

- Human Dignity: Restoring respect where it was historically denied.
- Solidarity: Walking together as one human family in pursuit of healing.
- Subsidiarity: Recognizing the sacred importance of the family unit.

A Celebration for the life of Donna Marie Hansen

Monday 23rd February 11.00am

Branyan Gardens
Cummins Road, Branyan

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: Maria Alesna 18.02, Nilo Fr Cutas 20.02, Pat Tyrell 1.02.1988, Tim Tyrell 13.02.2020, Mary Banner 18.02.2009, John Joseph Mooney 21.02.2009, 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 Lamberton 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: Gerry Walsh, Sylvia Maynard, Ron Cook, Chirayath Devassy & Family, Ernie Woods, Br Ted Magee, Giovanni DE Paoli, Giovanni Pappagella, Francesca Pappagella, Fr Joseph Meade, Jem Ireland, Bill Ireland, Phillip Marano, Paul Galea, Joyce Galea, Joseph Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea deceased relatives of the Galea & Zahra Families, Kevin and Doris Whalley.

LITURGIES

Monday 16 Feb 2026

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Penance & Adoration

Tuesday 17 Feb 2026

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8.30am Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 18 Feb 2026

Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday 19 Feb 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 20 Feb 2026

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

Saturday 21 Feb 2026

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

Sunday 22 Feb 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass
9.00am St Patrick's-Mass
Children's Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11



PRAYER GROUPS

United Hearts Catholic
Charismatic Group

Next gathering will be held on
Tuesday 17th February
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/](https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/)

To view the Diocesan Safeguarding
Children and Adults at Risk
commitment statement and policy:
[www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-
policies.html](http://www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

Other Contacts

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Diocesan Safeguarding Manager

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St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700

Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Mater Hospital: 4153 9539

Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

HolyRosary 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.



A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

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Mass Times		Stations of the Cross	
7.00am	St James	St James	5.30pm
8.00am	Shalom College	St Patrick's	5.30pm
12.15pm	Holy Rosary	Holy Rosary	6.00pm
5.30pm	St Patrick's	Malayalam	
Every Friday during Lent			



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