

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: 9.00-3.00pm Monday to Friday

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Welcome to the Parish

2nd Sunday of *Lent*

28th Feb/1st Mar 2026

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

"Hello Bundaberg Parish! it is so nice to be back to visit your region of our Diocese on the traditional lands of Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples.

My name is Sabrina, I am a Kuku Yalanji and Yidinji Catholic woman living on Western Gangulu Country (Emerald) working for Rockhampton Catholic Diocese as Caritas Diocesan Director and First Nations Ministry Coordinator.

I have worked for Caritas Australia for five years now with the past year being here in our Diocese. One thing I value about working with Caritas Australia is witnessing how our generosity, through faith in action during Project Compassion, helps to provide support and empowerment towards a more just world for so many vulnerable communities.

Through Caritas Australia your generosity supports communities working toward long-term, sustainable change. It is not simply about being charitable; it is about walking alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, recognising their strengths and supporting solutions that are locally led.

"This week's Project Compassion feature story is about Sisilia, a 13-year-old girl from Tanzania whose life and community have been strengthened through access to safe, clean water and education made possible by long-term Caritas partnerships."

Project Compassion encourages us to reflect deeply during Lent on how we live out prayer, fasting and almsgiving in real and practical ways. It reminds us that our faith can transcend boundaries - calling us to advocate for and support those who need it most through partnership, dignity and solidarity.

In the past five years, I have witnessed how the generosity of parish communities like Bundaberg helps to create meaningful impact. Small sacrifices within your means during Lent, whether through direct financial support or intentional conversation and prayer, become part of a much larger story of justice, faith and shared hope.

As we journey through this Lenten season together, I invite you to reflect on how you might respond this year. How can your compassion become action?

If you wish to learn more about the work of Caritas Australia or our feature stories, you can visit our website: caritas.org.au

Thank you for your continued support of Project Compassion and for the warmth with which I am welcomed back to Bundaberg Parish. I look forward to being with you this weekend, and if you see me at Mass - please feel free to come up and say hello!

Warm regards,
Sabrina"



Envelopes can be found on the end of your seats or at the front doors the church. This year we once again have only one envelope to return. If you would prefer to take an envelope for each week you are welcome to do so.

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 Jenes

Miss Clare O'Rourke

Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
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Mrs Monica White

Principal

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☎ 07 4151 4771

**St Mary's Catholic
Primary School**
Mr Bill Goodwin

Principal

✉ smbg@rok.catholic.edu.au
☎ 07 4152 2167

**St Patrick's Catholic
Primary School**

Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard

Principal

✉ spboffice@rok.catholic.edu.au
☎ 07 4152 1380

Shalom College
Mr Dean Wearmouth

Principal

✉ shalom@shalomcollege.com
☎ 07 4155 8111

CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara

PROJECT COMPASSION



Second Sunday of Lent
28 February - 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Prayer services will be held at 9.30am in Bundaberg at Christ Anglican Church.

59 Woongarra Street.

Bargara at St Peter's Anglican Church

21 Bauer Street.

Please stay for refreshments after the Prayer Services.



Parish News and Announcements

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. A community meeting will be held in the Parish Office, **Saturday 28th at 9.00am.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

HOLY ROSARY PRESBYTERY INFORMATION MEETING: A meeting will be held on **Sunday 1st March** after the 8.00am Mass in Holy Rosary Church. Everyone is invited to hear the plans for the future of this building at this time.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 Holy Hour: The Rockhampton Diocese has decided to hold a Holy Hour on **Friday, 6th March** in all Parishes as we begin the journey towards IEC 28. The Holy Hour in Bundaberg will be held in Holy Rosary Church between 11.00am and 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

MAKING ROSARY BEADS If you have some spare time, we are looking for people to make Rosary Beads for the Missions. You can make them with a group or at home. All equipment is supplied and tuition is available. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.

CLEANERS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR ST PATRICK'S CHURCH: We are once again looking for anyone who can help with the cleaning at St Patrick's Church. The shortage sees some volunteers cleaning several times a month. If you can offer 1 - 1 1/2 hours per month that will help those who are in several cleaners' groups. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

CWL MONTHLY MEETING: Will be held in St Patrick's Hall on **Tuesday 3rd March,** Morning Tea 9.30am followed by meeting at 10.00am. Planning for our upcoming Cent Sale has commenced. Please remember to bring groceries items this month for the raffles which will also need to be organised. New members are most welcome.

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.**



CWL -St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Tuesday 17th March at the Brothers Sports Club

Doors open at 9.00am

Tickets are \$10.00
(Payable on the day at the door).

Contact the Parish Office for bookings.

Please note bookings close on 10th March

Enjoy

- Musical Entertainment
- Devonshire Morning Tea
- 4 Lucky Door Prizes
- Cent Sale
- Raffles

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH ROSTERS: We are about to commence work on the rosters for Term Two. We are finding it more difficult each time to complete the roster as we find we have spaces we cannot fill. If you could help with any of our weekend Ministries it would be greatly appreciated. When we talk about rosters we are referring to weekend Masses only: Mass Assistants, Readers, Communion Ministers, Gift Bearers, Power Point Operators and Children's Liturgy (where held). If you are interested in one of the listed ministries, please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666. Training will be provided.

If you are currently on a roster please let us know by **Friday 6th March** if you are unavailable in April, May or June.

Important Dates:

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on **Thursday, 19th March** at **9.30am**. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP: An Ecumenical gathering for Prayer and fellowship will be held on **Tuesday, 24th March** at **10.00am** in the Parish Office. New members always welcome.

ANOINTING MASS: Will be held in Holy Rosary Church, **Thursday 26th March** at **10.00am**. Morning Tea will follow in Novakoski Centre. Everyone is welcome.

MenALIVE: Will hold their first gathering for 2026 in the Parish Office on **Saturday 28th March**, commencing at **7.30am** with Breakfast. The Guest speaker will be Fr Orm Rush. The Topic will be: Learning about Pope Leo - his vision for the Church.

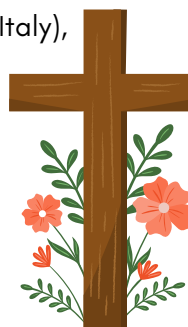
More details to come.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Gatt (Malta), Cecily Thorne, Francis James Valks, Elaine Seery, Ernesto Sontousidad (Philippines) Patricia Ledwith, Sam Allbury (UK).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Noble 5.03.2025, Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013, Celeste Magliocco 2.03.2006, Patricia Waters 5.03.2005, Kathleen Burton 9.03.2008, Edward (Ted) Burton 23.04.2019, Paul Formosa 5.03.2021, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Annam and Varghese, Feltrin Family (Italy), Jock & Jean Simpson, Olivia Cafolla, Zillah Geiger, George Geiger & George Jrn, Lawrence Formosa, The Formosa and Grima Families, Gerry Walsh, Sylvia Maynard, Ron Cook, Chirayath Devassy & Family, Ernie Woods, Br Ted Magee, Giovanni DE Paoli, Giovanni Pappagella, Francesca Pappagella, 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 2 Mar 2026

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

Tuesday 3 Mar 2026

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

Wednesday 4 Mar 2026

Collect of St Casimir

8.00am Shalom- Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 5 Mar 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 6 Mar 2026

Holy Hour for IEC 28 11.00am-12.00pm

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

Saturday 7 Mar 2026

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

Sunday 8 Mar 2026

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

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Exodus 17: 3-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel

John 4: 5-42

Stations of the Cross

St James 5.30pm
St Patrick's 5.30pm
Holy Rosary 6.00pm
Malayalam
Every Friday during Lent

Blanket Buddies



Every Wednesday
9.00 am-12.00 noon

Held in Novakoski Centre.

Join us for some knitting or
crocheting while having a
cuppa and a chat.



All wool is provided, and we are
happy to teach you.

We are non-denominational.
New Members 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.au.

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:](http://www.roc.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)
[www.roc.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-
policies.html](http://www.roc.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

Other Contacts

Graham White: 07 4887 3080

Diocesan Safeguarding Manager

Catholic Care: 1300 523 985

St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700

Ozcare: 1800 692 273

Mater Hospital: 4153 9539

Towards Healing: 1800 337 928

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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.



The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton presents
the 2026 Social Justice Gathering:

NO PLACE LIKE HOME: Faith, Justice & Housing in CQ

Participation is free!
Register via QR code:



SATURDAY 28 MARCH

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Kevin Castles Centre
152 West St
Rockhampton

- Learn more about current housing pressures in CQ and plan actions to make a positive difference in our region
- People from all churches and faiths welcome
- Ability to attend in person or online

CONTACT

socialjustice@rok.catholic.net.au



Join the Conversation

YOUNG ADULTS CONVERSATION GROUPS

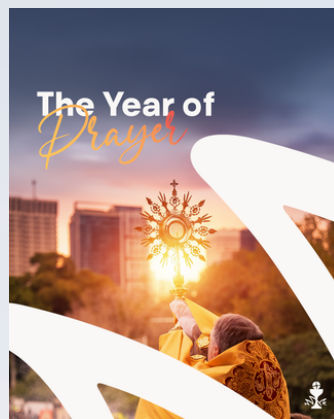
If you are aged between 17 to 35 years old,
you are invited to come along to the
Parish Office every Sunday at 6.30pm.

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

New members are warmly welcome!!



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real
presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently,
worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you
gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too
may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need,
especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass,
so that we may truly become what we have received,
the Body of Christ.

Amen

Social Justice Gathering

Registrations for our
Diocesan Social Justice
gathering "No Place Like
Home: Faith, Justice &
Housing in CQ" are now
open. Go to
[https://app.tickets.org.au/
/CDOR/SocialJusticeGat
hering2026](https://app.tickets.org.au/CDOR/SocialJusticeGathering2026). You will then
have access to all the
information about the
event on 28th March at the
Key Castles Centre. You
can register to attend in
person or via Micro Soft
Teams. We hope you can
join us on the day to
explore housing and
homelessness issues in
CQ.