

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

4th Sunday of *Lent* Year A

14th/15th Mar 2026

JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

Kim O'Shea-Hard

Principal, St Patrick's Catholic
Primary School

Pope Leo's Lenten message has been an invitation for our Parish/School communities to listen, celebrate, fast and feast together as we journey towards Easter. Next week we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This day will also see our Year 6 students inducted into their 2026 leadership roles following a Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Anthony. The Year 6 co-hort have constructed a 'Fast' and 'Feast' list based on the Mercy Education Values which can be adopted to help us as we navigate our way through our own Lenten journeys;



Hospitality

Fast on people who are unwelcoming
Feast on the people who show love and compassion



Justice

Fast on those who don't show respect,
Feast on those who do.
Fast on things that don't encourage others,
Feast on showing respect and valuing diversity and showing fairness.
Fast on people who shut you out for greed,

Fast on being honest, truthful and respectful of people and the planet.
Feast on actions that help us achieve our school's mission to;
Learn, Love God, Live the Gospel, Witness the Faith and Celebrate Life



Service

Fast on the people who don't give of their time to others
Feast on those who give of themselves for the common good



Courage

Fast on those who show disrespect or negativity to those around them
Feast on those who stand for positivity and joy

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

Fr Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Operations Manager

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

Ms Judy Pidcock
Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist



PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 14-15 March 2026

Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

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.

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

Parish News and Announcements

A MORNING OF MAKING PALM CROSSES: We will be holding a Cross Making morning in The Novakoski Centre on **Friday 27th March** from **9.00am - 12.00pm** We need to make enough crosses for our churches/Masses for **Palm Sunday 29th March**. Parishioners are welcome to come whenever they can between these times for as long as they can. Some people already know how to make the palm crosses and are happy to show those who need help. Everyone is welcome.



MENALIVE EVENT 1 FOR 2026 - POPE LEO AND HIS VISION FOR OUR CHURCH.

When: Saturday 28th March

Where: Parish Office

Commencing with breakfast at 7.30am

Finishing at 10.30am

Pope Leo has been Bishop of Rome for 300 days, but who is this man and what clear themes are emerging in his ministry? Already we see a vision that is both deeply traditional and yet strikingly responsive to the wounds and possibilities of the present moment.



Join MenAlive as we learn how life, career and experiences now shape how a 70 year old American born Robert Francis Prevost, sees authority as service, leadership as humility, and mission as the overflow of a deep inner life.

\$20.00
Payable on
the day

Register at the
Parish Office for
Catering Purposes
4151 6666

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

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028



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

Prayer cards are available in all Churches.

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

VISITATION MEETING: Will be held in The Parish Office on **Wednesday 18th March** at **10.30am**. Current Visitation Ministers and those wanting to know more about this ministry are encouraged to come along for a cuppa and stay for the meeting.

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

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Will be holding a working bee on **March 21st** at the Catholic Cemetery in Fitzgerald Street, from **6.00am- 9.00am**. If you are available to help please bring along gardening tools and whipper snipper. Morning tea will be provided.



Anointing of the Sick

ANOINTING MASS: Will be held in Holy Rosary Church, **Thursday 19th March at 10.00am**. Morning Tea will follow in Novakoski Centre. Everyone is welcome

CHILDREN'S MASS: Will be held at St Patrick's Church **Sunday 22nd March** at **9.00am**. This will be followed by morning tea. Those attending are encouraged to bring a plate to share. That weekend will also be the Ritual of Choosing for our Sacramental Candidates. We encourage those candidates to attend this Mass where possible.

MALAYALAM MASS: Friday 27th March, please note the changes to this Mass. This Mass will be held in Holy Rosary Church for this month only. Stations of the Cross will commence at **4.30pm** followed by penance, Adoration and Mass.

A Celebration for the Life of

Mario Luigi Calligaris

Friday 20th March 2026

10.00am

St Patrick's Catholic Church



MEMORIAL MASS FOR ANTHONY (Tony) JOHN SWANTON

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Saturday 21st March 2026

12.00pm



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mario Luigi Calligaris, Tony Swanton, Helen Andrews John Gatt (Malta), Cecily Thorne, Francis James Valks, Elaine Seery.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Johnston (Cairns) 3.04.2004, Rita Hyde 27.04.2024, Jim Roberts 23.04.2025, Daryl Roberts 28.04.1987, Marcello De Paili 6.03.2024, Mary Jane Theuma 7.03.2013, Lucie Wildenberg 4.03.1994, Mario Baggetto 6.03.2014, 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,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Aminta Castro, Elizabeth Castro, Zillah Geiger, George Geiger & George Jnr, Ingabrieth Geiger, Annam and Varghese, Feltrin Family (Italy), Jock & Jean Simpson, Olivia Cafolla, Lawrence Formosa, The Formosa and Grima Families, Gerry Walsh, Sylvia Maynard, Ron Cook, Ernie Woods, 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 Mar 2026

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Penance & Adoration

Tuesday 17 Mar 2026

St Patrick

8.30am Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 18 Mar 2026

Collect of St Cyril of Jerusalem

8.00am Shalom- Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 19 Mar 2026

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

10.00am Holy Rosary

Anointing Mass

Friday 20 Mar 2026

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 21 Mar 2026

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 22 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

Ezek 37: 12-14

Second Reading

Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel

John 11: 1-45



St James 5.30pm

St Patrick's 5.30pm

Holy Rosary 6.00pm

Malayalam

Every Friday during Lent

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.au

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

Other Contacts

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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

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.

Rite of Election

An important step in the faith journey of our catechumen and candidates took place on the weekend. At St Joseph's Cathedral, Bishop Michael presided over the Rite of Election with people from all over the diocese, whilst some of our candidates who weren't able to be there celebrated it here with us in Bundaberg. These catechumens and candidates will all take part in the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil this year.

Each year, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) celebrates the "election" of those catechumens who have been deemed appropriately prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



Jason & Jocelyn with candidates from within the Diocese.



Emily



Mukai

As a result of this rite, these catechumens are then called our "elect," meaning those who have been "chosen." During the liturgical rite, the pastoral leaders, godparents, catechists and members of the faith community give witness to the bishop that the "chosen" catechumens are worthy and appropriately prepared for the Easter sacraments. As part of the Rite of Election, these "elect" are then invited to come forward with their godparents and inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect.

Also present at this liturgy are those who are already baptized in another Christian tradition and who desire to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. These candidates, who have been appropriately catechised and prepared within the parish community, are presented to the bishop. He celebrates a rite with them as they journey to also becoming full members in the Catholic Church.

Congratulations to Jocelyn, Jason, Emily, Mukai and Desilva who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during our Easter Vigil this year!

Celebration Day

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will celebrate 150 years of Catholic Education in Bundaberg on Saturday, 8th August .

Order your pavers now

If your family has an association with the school, we invite you to order Engraved Pavers for a new garden to be built celebrating 150 years.

Your family can be commemorated in this project. Pavers cost \$25.00 each and **must be ordered by March 15th.**

Order forms are available at the front doors of all churches or by contacting St Joseph's School on 41514771.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS