

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

 Rossolini Place Level 1, 66 Woongarra St

 PO BOX 79 Bundaberg Qld 4670

 sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au

 www.bundabergcatholic.net.au

 07 4151 6666

Welcome to the Parish



Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord



28th/29th March 2026

Holy Week

**Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem,
let us go forth in peace.**

(from the Roman Missal, the Palm Sunday blessing of Palms)

And so begins our most holy days...our Holy Week.

Easter is the life-giving celebration of Christ's victory over death, yet it is preceded by Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday which reminds us that after Christ had entered the holy city in great popularity, only to see events unfold as no one might have expected. So, before we come to Easter, in Passion Sunday we recall how we first commemorate what happened to Christ before the journey of the women disciples to the empty tomb. For first came Christ's anxiety in Gethsemane, the scourging, the crown of thorns, and the final surrender on Calvary. All of this we call the Passion of Christ. To truly rejoice in the Resurrection, we must first enter into the mystery of the Passion.

In that sense, the rhythm of the Holy Week Liturgies reflect life itself. As followers of Christ, we are not spectators of His suffering; we enter into it liturgically, realising that in some way in our lives we share in Christ's Passion and we carry that with us into the mysteries of Holy Week. That means that we never have to endure pain or suffering for its own sake. Rather, it is a conscious choice to unite our struggles, losses, and sacrifices with those of Christ. When we face serious illness or rejection, injustice, or grief, we can remember that Christ has walked this path before us. In His wounds, we find not only solidarity with Him but also redemption in Him. Our trials, when offered in love, become part of His saving work, a mysterious participation in the healing of the world. The Cross stands out as the symbol of the Christian way of giving suffering a meaning that may not otherwise be there.

So, the Passion is not confined to Holy Week liturgies; it unfolds in the ordinary moments of life. It is present when we forgive someone who has wronged us, when we choose truth over falsehood, when we bear the burdens of illness or disappointment. In these moments, we echo Christ's "Yes" to the Father's will. This is love or charity at work.

Then the Passion ultimately leads us to Easter when our inner peace and joy arise from the soil of shared suffering. The Resurrection assures us that no cross is final, no tomb is sealed forever. So, this Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday, we reflect again on the power of Christ's Cross which lets us hope even in the midst of our own Passion moments, trusting that God's power can bring life to us.

Together, may we share in a blessed Holy Week.



Fr Don White
Parish Priest VG

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest VC

Fr Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Operations Manager

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

Ms Judy Pidcock
Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Jan Aplin
Parish Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Lyn Callaghan
Bereavement Co-Ordinator

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

Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School**
Mrs Monica White

Principal

sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au
☎ 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 Barga

PROJECT COMPASSION

Palm Sunday 28-29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



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.

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

EASTER Celebrations 2026

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday - 2 April 2026
6.00 pm Holy Rosary Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday - 03 April 2026
3:00 pm Holy Rosary Church
3:00 pm St James' Church
3:00 pm St Patrick's Church

Easter Vigil
Holy Saturday - 04 April 2026
6.30pm Holy Rosary Church

Resurrection Sunday
Easter Sunday - 05 April 2026
7:00 am St James' Church
8:00 am Holy Rosary Church
9:00 am St Patrick's Church
5:30 pm Holy Rosary Church

Thank You

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Would like to thank all those who supported their St Patrick's Day Morning Tea and Cent sale. We would particularly like to thank the Brothers Club for the use of their venue and local farmers who donated fresh fruit and vegetables. These much sort after prizes helped make this another successful event. All monies raised will be donated to local charities.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Had a great turnout for their Cemetery Working Bee. About 15 volunteers helped improve the graves and surrounding area. We are extremely grateful for their time given.

HOLY ROSARY WORKING BEE: More work has been completed on the gardens in Holy Rosary. The small dedicated group have ensured the gardens are at their best for Easter.

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

Holy Land Collection- Good Friday April 3rd 2026

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 3rd. This collection promotes the missionary work in the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection.

It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been, and continue to be, extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors.

Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY: Please pray for our children journeying through our Sacramental Program this year. During our Masses last weekend our children journeying through the Sacramental Program showed they 'choose' God. They have begun their preparation and, when asked by Father if they wish to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, they all responded with "We do!" A declaration of their eagerness to fully become members of the Catholic Church. Let us all pray for all these children as they continue to prepare for these live-giving sacraments in June.

TERM 2 ROSTERS: Will be distributed this weekend. Please check your emails. For those who get printed copies, please check with the sacristans at each Mass Centre. Can we please ask, that you check the rosters and arrange for a swap if you are unavailable on your scheduled day. Thank you again for the generosity of your time.

We Pray for the Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Evelyn Grohn, Kevin Hunter, Roy Byrne, Elaine Seary, Mario Luigi Calligaris, Tony Swanton, Helen Andrews, John Gatt (Malta).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Mariantonia Cafolla 12.04.1984, Michele Grosso 4.04.2007, Teresa Brillante 27.04.2009, Graham Haines 21.03.2008, Jim Fitzgerald 25.03.1995, John Wildenberg 1.04.1982, Mary Elizabeth Fordham 27.03.2023, Albi Modolo 4.04.2019, Leonard "Len" Schneider 8.04.2021, Br Ted Magee 28.04.2025, Joe Formosa (Malta), 2.04.2025, Catherine Therese Harding 18.04.2025, Leone Munckton 29.03.2023, Helen Johnston (Cairns) 3.04.2004, Rita Hyde 27.04.2024, Jim Roberts 23.04.2025, Daryl Roberts 28.04.1987, Marcello De Paoli 6.03.2024, Mary Jane Theuma 7.03.2013, Lucie Wildenberg 4.03.1994, Mario Baggetto 6.03.2014, Virginio Zorzan 21.02.2013.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Ron Cook, Princess Diana, Paz Alesna, Giovanni De Zotti, Liza Camilleri, Zeppa Formosa, The Formosa Families, Gerry Walsh, Aminta Castro, Elizabeth Castro, Zillah Geiger, George Geiger & George Jnr, Ingabirith Geiger, Feltrin Family (Italy), 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 30 Mar 2026

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

Tuesday 31 Mar 2026

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

Wednesday 1 Apr 2026

8.00am Shalom - Mass
11.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Thursday 2 Apr 2026

The Lord's Supper
6.00pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Friday 3 Apr 2026

Passion of the Lord
3.00pm Holy Rosary - Mass
3.00pm St Patrick's - Mass
3.00pm St James' - Mass

Saturday 4 Apr 2026

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance
6.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Sunday 5 Apr 2026

Sunday of the Resurrection

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

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

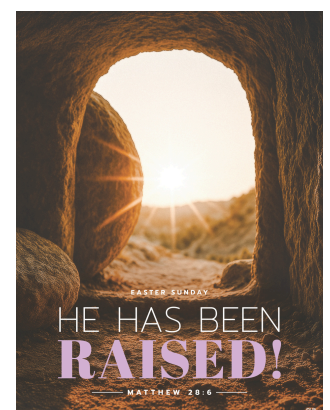
Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second Reading

Col 3: 1-4

Gospel

Jn 20: 1-9 **or** Mt 28: 1-10



**HELP THE MISSIONS
BY 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
41516666

**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: pssadmin@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.rockhampton.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.



A celebration for the life of

Roy Leslie Byrne

Graveside-Catholic Cemetery, Monday 30th March 11.30am



Kevin Edward Hunter

Graveside- General Cemetery, Tuesday 31st March 11.00am



Evelyn Madeline Grohn

Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Wednesday 1st April 9.30am



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!!

EARTH HOUR is a global environmental movement held annually, encouraging individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour, on **March 28th** from **8:30 p.m.** to **9:30 p.m.** local time, as a symbol of commitment to the planet.

Our Parish Social and Ecological Justice Working Party (SEJWP) recognises and supports Caritas Australia and Earth Hour



Caritas Australia. The Catholic Earthcare program, encourages participation in Earth Hour as part of its commitment to "Caring for Creation," aligning with Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' - On the Care for our Common Home.

Caritas promotes Earth Hour as a moment of solidarity, recognizing that climate change disproportionately affects the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities.

Beyond the lights-off, people are encouraged to do more than just turn off lights. Supporters are invited to engage in long-term actions spending time doing something positive for the planet, such as nature walks, sustainable cooking, reducing energy consumption, learning about the environment and advocating for climate justice.