

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

3rd Sunday of *Lent*
Year A

7th/8th Mar 2026

Parish Stewardship Council and the Living Work of Action Planning

Kaye Beston Chair Parish Stewardship Council

Our Parish Stewardship Council plays a role in helping our community discern where the Holy Spirit is leading and how best to respond in practical and pastoral ways. The work of the Council sits at the intersection of prayerful listening, community engagement, and strategic planning.

A well developed strategic action plan gives a parish clarity about its mission, priorities, and the concrete steps needed to strengthen liturgy, formation, outreach, and stewardship. Our plan was never meant to be a static document. It is a living framework that informs action. It remains open and responsive to the evolving needs and directions of the parish wider community and is guided by the Holy Spirit and principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Our council understands that strategic planning is a cycle rather than a one-off event. Our initial plan began some years ago with our 3 Parish summits guided by attentive listening to the Gospel, to the lived experience of parishioners, and to the wider social context. From this listening emerged our Parish Vision Statement and five Strategic Focus Areas:

- Reaching out in love
- Faith formation and service
- Welcoming and vibrant community
- Children and youth development
- Building our parish strength and sustainability

Our vision statement is our touchstone. It is a living document that serves as an actionable guide for our planning. It fosters a shared sense of mission.

Each of the focus areas, were translated into priorities with achievable goals, action steps, timelines, responsibilities and measures of success.

However our Bundaberg Catholic parish is dynamic. Our demography has shifted, and demand for various ministries has grown in some areas and declined in others, and new opportunities for mission have emerged.

While our vision statement is enduring, our Council, mindful of affirmations, critiques and suggestions gathered from the most recent 2024 Revisit Summit, is adjusting our current plan. We are evaluating our progress and discerning pathways forward. This ongoing review is an essential element in responding with pastoral leadership and openness to the prompting of the Spirit.

We are also taking the opportunity to align the design of our plan with the Diocesan Planning Tool. The revised draft will be discussed at the March Stewardship Council meeting and will subsequently be available for consultation and comment within the wider Parish community.

We pray you might continue to work with us to ensure our planning remains vibrant, mission-focused, and attentive to the real needs and aspirations of our community. As a consequent, our planning then becomes not just an administrative task but a form of pastoral care. It ensures that the parish community continues to journey together in worship, and grows in ongoing faith formation, service, and evangelizing witness.

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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**St Mary's Catholic
Primary School**
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**St Patrick's Catholic
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Mrs Kim O'Shea-Hard

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Shalom College
Mr Dean Wearmouth

Principal

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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

PROJECT COMPASSION



Third Sunday of Lent
7-8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

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 News and Announcements

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.

Enjoy

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

Bookings are essential and close on 10th March

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL RETREAT

You are invited to a One Day Retreat presented by the Net Team

"The Grace of Baptism"

Pray for the release of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Bookings through the Parish Office

Saturday 2nd May
Novakoski Centre
9.30am-4.00pm



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

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 ½ hours per month that will help those who are in several cleaners' groups. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

CHURCH ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES: We are currently working on the Rosters for Term Two. If you would like to volunteer for one of the following ministries, Mass Assistants, Readers, Communion Ministers, Gift Bearers, Power Point Operators and Children's Liturgy (where held), please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666. Training will be provided to ensure you are confident in your chosen ministry.

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

\$20.00
Payable on
the day

Register at the
Parish Office for
catering purposes
4151 6666

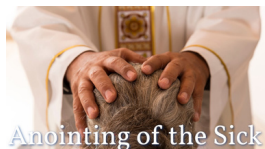
Pope Leo has been Bishop of Rome for 300 days, but who is this man and what clear themes are emerging in his ministry? Already we see a vision that is both deeply traditional and yet strikingly responsive to the wounds and possibilities of the present moment.



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.

Important Dates:

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



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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

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

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: 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, Arnold Hernandez Reyes 20.01, Sylvia Jendra 10.02.2000, Anne Andrewarthur 17.02.2020, Jim Potter 15.02.1990, Joseph Galea 12.02.2025, Kerry Lea Ahern 8.02.2025.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Aminta Castro, Elizabeth Castro, Zillah Geiger, George Geiger & George Jnr, Ingabrith Geiger, Annam and Varghese, Feltrin Family (Italy), Jock & Jean Simpson, Olivia Cafolla, , LawrenceFormosa, The Formosa and Grima Families, Gerry Walsh, Sylvia Maynard, Ron Cook, Chirayath Devassy & Family, 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 9 Mar 2026

Collect of St Frances of Rome

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Penance & Adoration

Tuesday 10 Mar 2026

8.30am Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Wednesday 11 Mar 2026

8.00am Shalom- Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 12 Mar 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 13 Mar 2026

11.00am Holy Rosary- Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary- Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Saturday 14 Mar 2026

7.30am St Patrick's- Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary- Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's -Mass

Sunday 15 Mar 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary-Mass

9.00am St Patrick's-Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

Solemn Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel

John 4: 5-42



St James 5.30pm

St Patrick's 5.30pm

Holy Rosary 6.00pm

Malayalam

Every Friday during Lent

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

HOLY ROSARY PRESBYTERY UPDATE:

We would like to thank those parishioners who attended the information meeting last Sunday in regard to the future of the Holy Rosary Presbytery.

Fr Don and members from the Finance and Stewardship Committees outlined the options they had considered and reported that the provision of more parking spaces was clearly the first priority within the Holy Rosary precinct. The removal of the presbytery would allow for an additional 19 car spaces.

We are in the early stages of progressing this project which we hope to complete during the December 2026/January 2027 school holidays.



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Celebration Day

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

Schedule of events to be announced soon

SAVE THE DATE

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.



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

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/SocialJusticeGathering2026>. You will then have access to all the information about the event on 28th March at the Kev 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.