



Welcome to the Parish

25th/26th April 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

4th

Sunday of *Easter*

Shalom

Dean Wearmouth
Principal Shalom College

During the Easter Season, at Shalom we remember the source of our name. We reflect on the risen Jesus, calling out to Peter and the disciples, offering them 'peace', offering them 'Shalom'. We reflect on the importance of remembering that the last time Jesus and Peter speak, Jesus lets him know he will deny him three times, and he goes on to do this before Jesus is crucified.

For our college community, the offering of Shalom during Jesus' resurrection appearances, is even more important, given our name. It is about new beginnings, restored relationships, and the virtues of love and of hope. It is a sign of peace in our own hearts and peace in all our relationships. This filters into what is important for us and how we are in our relationships with Christ and with others.

As we begin this term, across our Parish community, we pray that each of us experiences that same Shalom; the peace that steadies us, renews us, and brings us hope. Through Shalom, we are invited to rise, to begin again, and to share our journeys positively with others.

“ *Across our Parish, may our hearts be filled with peace.
May our schools be places of love, of peace, and of hope.
May our whole Parish be a community
where the Risen Christ is recognised in the way we speak,
act, and care for one another.*

Pope Leo's Prayer for Peace

*Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power with the strength of peace.
Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt
on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples
who were hiding in fear.*

*Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,
firm in the faith that you would rise again.*

*May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!*

Amen

<https://www.americamagazine.org/vatican-dispatch/2026/04/11/>

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 respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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Parish News and Announcements



MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Memorial Service is scheduled for **Wednesday 29th April** at **6.00pm** in **Holy Rosary Church** for all who have lost loved ones, especially those bereaved over the past six months. Light refreshments will be served in the Novakoski Center afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

ONLINE YOUTH GROUP -HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

The NET team is hosting a six-week online course over Zoom for anyone in Grades 9-12. They will be presenting a video series from The Bible Project looking at how to read and understand the Bible. The sessions will take place on Thursdays in Term 2 at **7.00pm** starting on the **30th of April** and will feature games, short videos, and discussion. To register or for more information, scan the QR code.

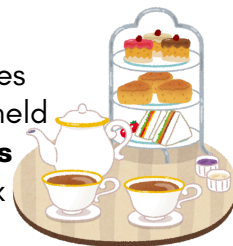


BISHOP MICHAEL McCARTHY-Farewell Mass and Morning Tea.

On **Sunday, 3rd May**, we will show our sincere thanks and gratitude to Bishop Michael as he celebrates his final Mass with us in **Holy Rosary Church** at **8.00am**. After Mass, a morning tea will be held in his honour. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-Cancer Fundraising Morning Tea.

The annual CWL Morning Tea for Cancer will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th** in St Patrick's Hall. Doors will open at 9.30am for a **10.00am start**. Scones, jam, and cream along with sandwiches will be served on the day. (gluten free options will be available). A mini cent sale will also be held on the day. Tickets are \$10.00 (payable at the door) and include a Lucky Door prize. **Bookings are essential for catering purposes.** Please contact the Parish Office on 4151 6666. We look forward to seeing you there.



Installation of Bishop Daniel Meagher:

The people of the Diocese are warmly invited to join the Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Daniel Meagher as the 11th Bishop of Rockhampton on **Thursday, 28th May 2026** from **10.30am** at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. An invitation is also extended to join the Solemn Vespers with Liturgical Reception the evening prior, **Wednesday 27th May** from **5.00pm** at **St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton**. Both events will be streamed live on the St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

This will remain there for later viewing. This will be a joyous celebration for the Diocese as we welcome Bishop Meagher. Let us continue to pray for him as he prepares to shepherd the people of the Rockhampton Diocese.

United Hearts Catholic Charismatic Group Bundaberg

The Grace of Baptism *Retreat*

led by NET Team

Saturday 2nd May - 9.30-4.00pm

Holy Rosary Church & Novakoski Hall

All are welcome

RSVP 29th April
Parish Office 07 4151666

Celebration of the Life of
Mary Anne Borg
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Friday May 1st at 9.30am

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNDABERG
Needs your help.

If you or your family have a connection or prior history with St Joseph's Primary School, they would love to hear from you. Any stories or memories would be greatly appreciated as they celebrate 150years. Please click on the link.

<https://forms.gle/VR8hGL99twoVy>



St Joseph's Primary School
Celebrating

Saturday, August 8th

150

Years

Thanks Giving Mass
Holy Rosary Church
10.30am

Followed by

Open School- Visit classrooms, memorabilia, student artworks.
Food and drink vans
Souvenirs for sale

For more information contact
St Joseph's
4151 4771

A Dinner will be held in the evening at Bothers Sports Club

If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support.



DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow You.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who You are calling to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve Your Church.

May all of us seek to know You better, to faithfully follow Your call to holiness, and proclaim the Gospel to the world.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Please pray for the current priests and religious of our diocese, and that new vocations would rise up among our young people.

If you or someone you know is interested in discerning a vocation then please contact our diocesan vocations director, Mick Otto, for more information: 0433 897 973 or vocations@rok.catholic.net.au

Novena to St Joseph the Worker

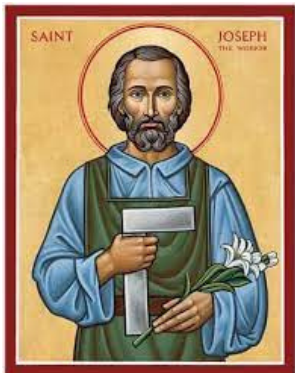
What is a Novena?

A novena is a traditional practice of nine days of prayer for a particular purpose or need. The term Novena comes from the Latin word for nine, novem. There is no one specific reason for the number nine however the number does have some significance.

How to Pray the Novena

The nine days of the Novena are presented here for you. (see link below) Part of the prayer is the same each day, but each day also has its own unique reflection and prayer.

Simply pray through the days of the novena in nine consecutive days. It may be helpful to pick a particular time of the day to pray each day. Find a place where you can focus, and allow yourself to reflect on the words as you say the prayers. The novena can be prayed on any dates, however we will particularly be praying the novena as a diocese starting on April 23rd, so as to finish on May 1st, the feast day of St Joseph the Worker.



<https://rok.catholic.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Novena-to-St-Joseph-the-Worker-for-Vocations-2026.pdf>

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic?

A Journey in Faith

Everyone's journey is unique...
just like yours...

For more information, please contact Pauline at 07 4151 6666



Monday 27 April 2026 St Louis Grignon de Montfort

9.00am St Patrick's Church
6.00pm Holy Rosary Church
Adoration and Penance

Tuesday 28 April 2026

St Peter Chanel

9.00am St James' - LWC
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 29 April 2026

St Catherine of Siena

8.00am Shalom-Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Memorial Service

Thursday 30 April 2026

St Pius V

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 1 May 2026

St Joseph the Worker

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

Saturday 2 May 2026

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

Sunday 3 May 2026

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

SCRIPTURES

First Reading
Acts 6: 1-7:
Second Reading
1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel
John 14:1-12

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.



AFTER HOURS

Anointing of the Sick for Medical Emergencies
Phone 07 4151 6666 & follow the prompts.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP, VG
Parish Priest

Fr Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

Mr Jeffrey Caluag
Operations Manager

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

Ms Judy Pidcock
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Mrs Lyn Callaghan
Bereavement Coordinator



"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist – or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic – a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep – for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Anne Borg (Emerald), Kaylene Smith, Dra Bebe Clarita Bajarias Alcantara (Philippines), Jomon Joseph (India), Verity Jane Hubbard, John McConville, Evelyn Grohn, Kevin Hunter, Roy Byrne, Elaine Seary.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Rene Nella 23.04.2018, Rhian Elsmore 8.04.2010, Br Ted Magee 28.04.2025, Gerry Walsh 14.04.2025, Willemina Drent 6.04.2019, Ron Cook 5.04.2006, Sharlie Arkinstall 19.04.2023, Phil Marano 5.04.2018, 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, JohnWildenberg 1.04.1982, Mary Elizabeth Fordham 27.03.2023, Albi Modolo 4.04.2019, Leonard "Len" Schmeider 8.04.2021, Joe Formosa (Malta), 2.04.2025, Marcus Roberts 3.11.2014, Virginio Zorzan 12.02.2013.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Peter Borovac, Ramond Andres, Rosa Andres, Ron Cook, George Zillah & Gregory, Stanley Green, Dulcie Schafer, Siebert Schafer, Antonia Evancia Cutas, Dominique Attard, Deceased members of Attard & Zammit Families, Princess Diana, Liza Camilleri, Zeppa Formosa, The Formosa Families, Zillah Geiger, George Geiger & George Jnr, Ingabeth 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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14 Powers Street

St James' Church
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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: www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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