



Welcome to the Parish

23rd/24th May 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church



*Pentecost
Sunday*



PENTECOST - The Birthday of the Church

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. Today we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole Church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the Risen Lord.

Last Sunday when we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, He promised His followers that He would send them the Holy Spirit and that they would be filled with power from high. Theirs and our waiting is over. Today with the whole Church we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is not something that happened a long time ago to other people. It is happening today, here and now. Today each of us is filled with and anointed with the same powerful Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. They betrayed Jesus. They denied and deserted Him when he needed them the most. After His death they hid themselves away in fear. They had lost all heart and hope.

Then the strangest thing happens to them. The house is filled with the sound of a mighty wind and the sight of fire! These frightened and frail men and women are now transformed. Through the Holy Spirit, they are given new hope, new heart and new purpose. Their fear and silence is replaced by courage and conviction. They leave their hiding place and make their way into the streets and proclaim the Good News of the resurrection. They become new people with a new message. At that very moment the missionary church was born.

We are no different than these ordinary men and women. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has been filled and anointed with the exact same Holy Spirit. Just as the first followers of Jesus proclaimed the good news about Him, we too are called to do likewise today. Just as these men and women were transformed into energetic and outspoken witnesses of Jesus, we too are called and invited to be changed by the Holy Spirit.

There is nothing gentle, mild or weak about Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. Oscar Romero, the Latin American Bishop who was murdered in 1978, and who is soon to be canonised said,

'The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young.'

As we celebrate the birth of the missionary Church, we pray that each of us will be refreshed and renewed by what Pope Leo describes as "the active, transformative force that breaks down barriers, shatters walls of indifference, and unites humanity in love."

Bill Goodwin
*Principal
St Mary Primary School's*

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



COLLECTION FOR BLACKWATER PARISH: This weekend we will be having a second collection for The Mary Immaculate Catholic Community of Blackwater. This will help with the necessary requirements as they come to terms with their loss and continue to offer Masses to the Blackwater and outlying communities. Fr Don has been in contact with Fr Kingsley and has offered our prayers and support. The Parish of Blackwater has lost everything. Anything you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Will be held this weekend **Sunday, 24th May** in St Patrick's Church at **9.00am**. After Mass, morning tea will be held. We ask those attending to please bring a plate to share.

PENTECOST CHURCH CRAWL: **Sunday 24th May** commencing at **2.00pm** from Bundaberg Uniting Church before processing on to Holy Rosary Church, the final church on the Pentecost Crawl will be Christ Church Anglican Church. A short prayer service will be held in each church. Afternoon Tea will be provided at the Anglican Church. Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and a cuppa.



INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY MASS: Will be held in St Patrick's Church on **Monday, May 25th** commencing at **9.00am**. This will be followed by a short talk from Fr Don White, Adoration and Benediction. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP: This Eucharistical Group will gather in the Catholic Parish Office **Tuesday 26th May** at **10.00am** for prayer and fellowship. All are welcome.

BUS TO INSTALLATION: There is a small bus going to Rockhampton for Bishop Danny's Installation. There are still a few seats available on the bus. **This does not guarantee a seat in the Church.** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

OFFICE CLOSURE: Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 28th May for Bundaberg Show Holiday.

CLERGY SUPPORT APPEAL: Will be held next weekend on 30th and 31st May. This annual Appeal helps to fund the healthcare, accommodation and living expenses of sick and retired priests. They rely on the generosity of the faithful to maintain a dignified retirement. Envelopes will be available next weekend.

VOLUNTEER WEEK: Visitation Ministry -Not all Visitation Ministers are present.



On behalf of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg we thank you for your Visitation Ministry during Volunteer Week.

We especially thank you for the important work you do. This role requires compassion, dedication, and very special people to carry it out so faithfully.

Today, we honour you and give thanks for your service, care, and commitment to others. Your ministry brings comfort, connection, and kindness to those you visit, and your contribution is deeply appreciated.

Baptismal News

We welcome
through the waters of
Baptism

Freddy Vander Banyard



This year we will be celebrating 150yrs of progress in
the Catholic Church of Bundaberg.

October 16th-18th

The next meeting for the 150yr celebration will be held in the Parish Office on **Wednesday 27th May at 5.00pm**.
If you would like to contribute or know more, we look forward to seeing you there

150
Years

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

Thank you for your support.



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MOST REVEREND MICHAEL McCARTHY
Apostolic Administrator of Rockhampton



INVITES YOU TO THE

SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of
Bishop Daniel Meagher
as the 11th Bishop of Rockhampton

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026
Commencing 10.30am

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL
Cnr William & West Sts, Rockhampton

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE SOLEMN VESPERS WITH LITURGICAL RECEPTION AT 5.00PM, WEDNESDAY 27 MAY, AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

EVENT LIVESTREAMED: This event 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.

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

For more information
contact
the Parish Office



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!!

Liturgies

Monday 25 May 2026

Our Lady Help of Christians

9.00am St Patrick's
International Nurses Day Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 26 May 2026

St Philip Neri

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

Wednesday 27 May 2026

St Augustine of Centerbury

8.00am Shalom-LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

Thursday 28 May 2026

Bundaberg Show Holiday

9.00am Holy Rosary - LWC

Friday 29 May 2026

St Paul VI

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's
Malayalam Mass

Saturday 30 May 2026

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

Sunday 31 May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

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 34: 4-6,8-9
Second Reading
2 Cor 13:11-13
Gospel
John 3:16-18

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,
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

Mrs Lyn Callaghan
Bereavement Coordinator



“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, **“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional – not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston
Chair

Ms Madonna Davitt
Deputy Chair

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Secretary

Members:

Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

Miss Clare O’Rourke

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We Pray for our Deceased

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincent Visona, Dymphna Denoon (Nth Ireland), Maryanne Borg, Christine Jane Pendleton (Sydney), Agnes Moran, Ian Campbell, Lorenza Caruana, Robert Narranore, Helen Chapman (Gladstone), John Flemming (Dublin Ireland), Rosetta Vial, Evelyn Grohn, Mary Anne Borg (Emerald).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Ian Timson 15.05.2016, Elvena Bycroft 28.05.2025, Carmelina Lemura 16.05.2024, Damien Gambley 27.05.2024, Ronald Fitzpatrick 16.05.2004, Norman Dutton 23.05.2023, Norma Brosnan 4.05.2022, William Drent 8.05.2011, Lawrence Formosa 2.06.2014, James Stevenson 30.05.2025 (N Ireland), Rene Nella 23.04.2018, Br Ted Magee 28.04.2025, Virginio Zorzan 12.02.2013.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Paul Formosa, Formosa & Grima Families, Sue Boisen, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Terence James Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria Mary Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins & Martin Families, All our Soldiers who have fought and died, Gerry Walsh, Peter Borovac, Ramond Andres, Rosa Andres, 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.

CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick’s Church
14 Powers Street

St James’ Church
38 See Street Bargarra

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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