



Welcome to the Parish

9th/10th May 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

6th

Sunday of *Easter*

Mother's Day

Motherhood changes shape as children grow, and when they step into adulthood, so must we. Where once there were instructions, boundaries, advice and many books read there is now space, space to listen, to trust, and to quietly support. As a mother grounded in faith, I am learning that my role is no longer to direct every step, but to walk beside them in prayer and love.

I place them in God's hands each day, trusting that he is guiding them even when I cannot see the path. Prayer has become my steady anchor, more powerful now than any words of advice. In moments when I want to speak, (and that is often) I pause, listen, and choose gentleness. I am reminded that my example, how I live, forgive, and trust speaks louder than anything I could say.

Letting go is not the same as losing hold; it is an act of faith. It is believing that even in their struggles, they are being shaped with purpose. I am still their safe place, their quiet encouragement, their constant love. But I am also learning to surrender my worries, to release control, and to trust deeply.

This season is not an ending, but a becoming for them, and for me too. As they find their way in the world, I too am rediscovering mine: as a woman of faith, a mother who prays, and a heart that hopes without fear.

On this Mother's Day, I honour not only my own journey, but the countless mothers who love, give, pray, and persevere in quiet ways each day. To all mothers those nurturing young children, guiding grown ones, grieving, hoping, or simply holding their families together with grace may you be reminded that your love matters deeply. May you feel seen, strengthened, and cherished, and may God bless you richly for the care you pour into others.

Proverb 3.5 Trust in the lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path.

Judy Pidcock

Pastoral Care Practitioner



May the Lord Walk
with each one of us,
especially with
our mothers.



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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-Cancer Fundraising Morning Tea.

The annual CWL Morning Tea for Cancer was held last Tuesday in St Patrick's Hall. The committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the morning. We hope everyone enjoyed catching up with friends while also contributing to this worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY WORKING BEE: There will be a working bee at the Catholic Cemetery, **Saturday, May 9th** commencing at **6.00am**. Please bring along your gardening implements, including whipper snippers if possible. All help is greatly appreciated.



DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR - Bishop Michael McCarthy DD.

All are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Michael McCarthy in celebration of his 12 years of faithful service to our Diocese. Mass will be held at St Joseph's Cathedral on **Thursday, May 14th** commencing at **5.00pm**. Light refreshments will follow in the Mercy Centre, The Cathedral College. The event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

ANOINTING MASS - Change of Date: Please note the Anointing Mass this month will be held on Thursday, 21st May. This is due to the Bundaberg Show holiday on the 28th May.

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.

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE: Will be taking place again this weekend at all Masses. We are looking for several volunteers at each Mass to help with the counting on the weekends of **16th /17th** and **23rd/24th May**. If you can help at any of our Masses, please contact the Parish Office 4151 6666.

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

Starting Wednesday
For more information and
to register contact the
Parish Office



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

Thank you for your support.





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

EVENTS LIVESTREAMED: 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.

Monday 11 May 2026

9.00am Holy Rosary Church
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration

Tuesday 12 May 2026

**St Nereus, St Achilleus
St Pancras**
8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - LWC

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Our Lady of Fatima
8.00am Shalom-LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

**Thursday 14 May 2026
St Matthias**

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 15 May 2026

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

Saturday 16 May 2026

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

Sunday 17 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
Solemn Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading
Acts 1: 1-11
Second Reading
Eph 1:17-23
Gospel
Matthew 28:16-20

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.

RAISING FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS.
Join Robert Falzon (Founder of menALIVE) in the Parish Office on **Saturday, May 23rd**, for breakfast **7.00am @ \$20.00pp**. Payment can be made on the day (Cash Only).
Dads, Grand-dads and Father figures all welcome.

Register at the Parish Office by Tuesday 19th May

Baptismal News

We welcome **Cohen Christopher Yates** through the waters of Baptism

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!!



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



In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit – his own Spirit, shared with the Father – who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston
Chair

Ms Madonna Davitt
Deputy Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

Members:

Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

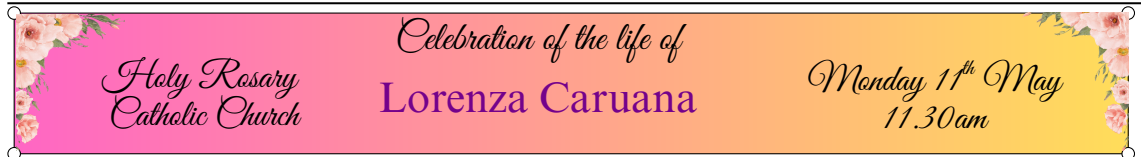
Miss Clare O'Rourke

Mrs Helen Stanley

Dr Preshy Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker



We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lorenza Caruana, Robert Narranore, Helen Chapman (Gladstone), John Flemming (Dublin Ireland), Rosetta Vial, Evelyn Grohn, Mary Anne Borg (Emerald), Kaylene Smith, Dra Bebe Clarita Bajarias Alcantara (Philippines), Jomon Joseph (India), Verity Jane Hubbard, John McConville, Kevin Hunter, Roy Byrne.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Lawrence Formosa 2.06.2014, James Stevenson 30.05.2025 (N Ireland), 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, 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, Ron Cook, George Zillah & Gregory, Stanley Green, Dulcie Schafer, Siebert Schafer, Antonia Evancia Cutas, Dominique Attard, Deceased members of Attard & Zammit 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.

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 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: psoadmin@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

OTHER CONTACTS

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