



Welcome to the Parish

30th/31st May 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church



Celebrating 150yrs of St Joseph's Primary School

Monica White - Principal
St Joseph's Primary School

In 1876 the doors to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School were opened by the Sisters of St Joseph's with the goal of bringing Catholic Education to the poor of rural Australia. In its first year, two Sisters of St Joseph taught 60 children out of the St Mary's Church of the Holy Rosary. Every Friday afternoon the church would be transformed from a classroom and cleaned in preparation for Sunday Mass, turning back into a classroom again on Monday morning.

In July 1897 five Sisters of Mercy arrived to take over from the Sisters of St Joseph. 333 children were enrolled and the following year an additional 170 names were entered in the school register.

The Sisters of Mercy left the running of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in 1981 and Mr Denis Donovan was the first lay Principal appointed, with approximately 161 children enrolled.

Today, we are very proud to continue providing quality Catholic education to the families of Bundaberg. St Joseph's have led the way, being the first Catholic School, opening the first Catholic Preschool, and first Catholic Kindergarten in Bundaberg.

Importantly, we are the first Catholic school in the Diocese of Rockhampton to celebrate turning 150 years old. Thousands of children have been educated at St Joseph's over our 150 years and we are looking forward to celebrating with current and past students on the 7th and 8th of August.



We would like to invite anyone who has had a connection with St Joseph's to join us on Saturday the 8th of August for a Celebration Mass at 10:30am, followed by blessing our 150th Paver Pathway, touring the school's memorabilia displays and classrooms.

Food and drink vans will be onsite and 150th merchandise will be available to commemorate 150 years of Catholic Education.

Our celebrations will culminate in an evening to remember with formal speeches, a three-course meal, and live music by past students at the Brother's Club. Tickets for the Evening are available for purchase from the school office.

We would love contributions to go in the memorabilia displays. If you have photos, uniforms, workbooks, report cards or any other items of interest you would be happy to loan we would ensure their safe return after the celebration weekend. Please contact the school office if you have items to share.



Photo taken in 1915

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Firstly, may I thank all who have given me such a warm welcome? Many people have worked very generously to make me feel at home. So, thank you. And particular thanks to Bishop Michael.

The Diocese is vast with a rich history and many diverse industries: the cattle properties, agriculture, mining and tourism. We are also a very diverse people, and increasingly so. So, you'll have to allow me quite some time to inculcate.

What would I like to achieve?

God just loves us, and His presence brings us deep peace and joy and an awareness that we are inherently good.

I sense that, as a people, we are losing touch with this peace and joy – the life that God wants for us. I am particularly concerned about our young people and the things they are looking at on their phones.

In my time as bishop, I will be working to animate our vast network of parishes, schools, hospitals and social services that people might experience the life of God. I would particularly like to see our young people come alive.

This is our salvation. This is what God wants for us here and now.

This is the mission of the Church. Please do become involved in any way you can in this great adventure.

Yours sincerely

Most Rev Daniel Meagher
Bishop of Rockhampton

APPEALS UPDATE

Holy Places- Good Friday Collection	\$7239.30
Caritas- Project Compassion	\$12857.35
Mary Immaculate Church Blackwater	\$3480.50

Fr Don would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting these appeals. Your donations have made a huge difference not only locally, but also to those in need overseas.



CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOUR: Please join us on Sunday 7th June in Holy Rosary Church from 3.00pm–4.00pm for Adoration, beginning with the Procession honouring the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Concluding with Benediction. Everyone is welcome.

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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CLERGY SUPPORT APPEAL DELAYED: Due to a problem with the printing of the envelopes, the Clergy Support Appeal will be delayed. Once the envelopes arrive, we will advertise the new date in the bulletin.

PENTECOST CHURCH CRAWL:

Thank you to all who participated.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY & RECONCILIATION WEEK:

In May, we remember important moments for First Nations peoples. National Sorry Day (26 May) honours Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children removed from their families, acknowledging the ongoing impact of these injustices.

National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) marks key milestones—the 1967 Referendum and the 1992 Mabo Decision—and invites all Australians to work towards unity. The 2026 theme, All In, calls us to commit to reconciliation every day.

Our Catholic schools will mark these occasions by flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, engaging students in learning activities, prayer and reflection. Students will also share their insights through the Shalom Spirit Instagram page. In Term 3, First Nations students will gather for NAIDOC on the Grass at Shalom College. As a community, we acknowledge past and present injustices and commit to walking together towards reconciliation.

Liturgies

Monday 1 June 2026

St Justin

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

Tuesday 2 June 2026

St Marcellinus & St Peter

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

Wednesday 3 June 2026

St Charles Lwanga

8.00am Shalom-Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 4 June 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 5 June 2026

St Boniface

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

Saturday 6 June 2026

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

Sunday 7 June 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's -Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Confirmation
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading
Deut 8: 2-3,14-16
Second Reading
1 Cor 10:16-17
Gospel
John 6:51-58

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.



Wedding Congratulations

"Congratulations on your Holy Sacrament! May the grace of God strengthen your love and guide you as you build your lives and future family together."

Sarah Hibberd & Benjamin Tell



Baptismal News

We welcome through the waters of Baptism

Oliver Charlie Sorbello



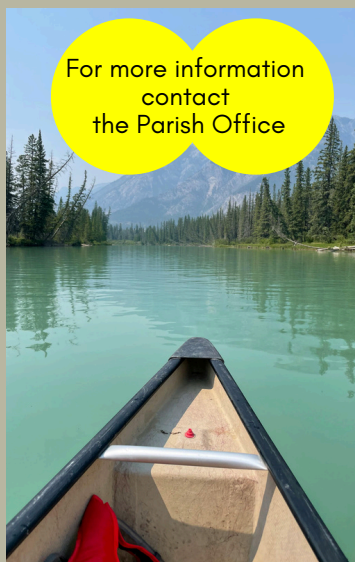
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA

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



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev Don White PP
Parish Priest

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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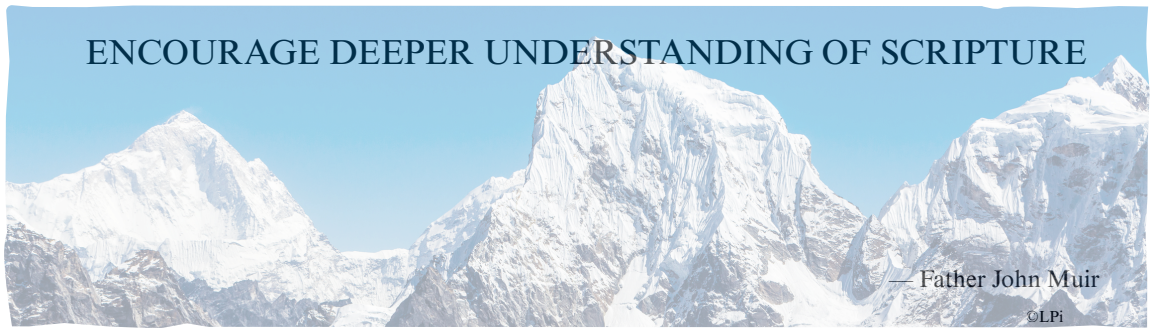
CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargarra

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



— Father John Muir

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I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Evelyn Myrl Naske, Leo Corrigan (NSW), Peter Corfield (Brisbane), Vincent Visona, Dymphna Denoon (Nth Ireland), Maryanne Borg, Christine Jane Pendleton (Sydney), Agnes Moran, Ian Campbell, Lorenza Caruana, Robert Narranore, Helen Chapman (Gladstone).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Gill 6.06.1984, John (Jack) Fels 14.06.2023, 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, Br Ted Magee 28.04.2025, Virginio Zorzan 12.02.2013.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: John McConville, Paul Formosa, Formosa & Grima Families, Sue Boisen, Gerry Walsh, 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.



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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