



Welcome to the Parish

13th/14th June 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Generosity: *The Building Blocks of Our Parish*

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Operations Manager

At the heart of our parish community lies a quiet but powerful truth: everything we are and everything we do is built on generosity. The many quiet acts of service, coupled with the active engagement of volunteers, have contributed substantially to the vibrant and hospitable character of our parish. Equally important, the financial stability of the parish is a testament to the stewardship and generosity of parishioners. A gift of time shared in ministries and service, to simple offerings placed in the collection plate, forms the very foundation of our parish.

Our parish is blessed by the remarkable kindness and commitment of our parishioners. Every liturgical celebration, parish gathering, ministry, and community function depends upon the willingness of parishioners to serve. Whether through liturgical ministries, hospitality, administration, maintenance, pastoral outreach, fundraising, or countless acts of quiet service, volunteers contribute significantly to the vibrant and welcoming spirit of our parish. Their commitment reflects a genuine response to Christ's call to serve one another in faith and love.

When we give, we move beyond being passive members to active participants in the life of the Church. We share responsibility for ensuring that our parish remains a place of welcome, worship, and care for the wider community. In giving, we discover that generosity not only builds our parish materially but also deepens our faith and unity.

The ongoing financial stability of the parish is likewise a testament to the stewardship and generosity of parishioners. Through regular planned giving, donations, bequests, special collections, and other forms of support, parishioners provide the resources necessary to sustain the mission of the Church. Your contributions enable us to maintain all our parish facilities, especially our churches, in a comfortable condition. As Norm Whyte - Chair of the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) mentioned in his focus article dated 2nd/3rd May, "*Due to your solid financial support, we continue to move forward with confidence in the financial stability of our parish.*" This financial year has been very productive in terms of project management, maintenance, and improvements. Furthermore, your financial support extends beyond our parish through outreach to other parishes in the diocese.

On behalf of the Parish Team, I acknowledge and deeply appreciate everyone who tirelessly dedicates their time, talents and treasure to making our parish work possible. May we continue to be a parish shaped by generous hearts as we progress into the future.

To all of you,

Thank You!

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

CLERGY SUPPORT APPEAL: Is being held this weekend, **13th/14th June**. 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. You will find envelopes at the end of the pews and at the doors of all churches. Please take one home and return it next weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: This weekend, young people will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at all Masses. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they celebrate another milestone on their faith journey.



CEMETERY PRAYERS: Will be held on Thursday, **18th June** in the Catholic Cemetery at **9.30am**. All welcome.

OFFICE CLOSURE: On Friday, **19th June**, the Parish Office will be closed from 10.00am-11.45am. We apologise for any inconvenience.

FULLY ALIVE- A Diocesan Alpha Youth Retreat, 10th- 12th July

Open to all youth in Grades 7-12 at PCYC Yeppoon.

The weekend, run by our NET team, is an opportunity for young people across the Diocese to come together and journey in faith through fellowship, talks, small group games, the sacraments and lots of fun! We will be journeying with the theme of 'Fully Alive' focusing on learning who the Holy Spirit is, and how He can work in our lives.

Please scan the QR code for more details and to register



EXCITING FORMATION OPPORTUNITY - XAVIER SCHOOL OF MISSION

Are you a parish employee or volunteer, a Catholic school teacher or staff member or perhaps someone who would like to be more involved in the mission of the Church but are not sure where to start? Join us on **Saturday 18th** and **Sunday 19th July** in Rockhampton for Xavier School of Mission - Renewed, Equipped & Connected.

For more information and to register scan the QR code or contact formation@rok.catholic.net.au (hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and the Holy Spirit Seminary).



CONFIRMATION THANKYOU

Veni Sancte Spiritus - Come Holy Spirit, that was our prayer last Sunday for many of our children and young people who were confirmed by Bishop Danny Meagher.

So, to all involved in the preparation for the celebration of Confirmation last week, I offer my thanks and the thanks of the whole parish community for a splendid effort.

The liturgies were very prayerful and thanks to so many who kindly offered their support and ministry at the Masses.

We now look forward to the Celebration of First Holy Communion.

Fr. Don.



Baptismal News

This weekend we welcome
Lacey Bree Bailey
through the waters of Baptism.



David Barnes

A celebration for the life of

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
9.30am

Thursday 18th June

Myrl Naske



Graveside-Bundaberg Catholic Cemetery
10.30am



Friday 19th June

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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FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Thursday 18th June at 3.30pm
Holy Rosary Church



“As a prayer for peace, the Rosary is also, and always has been, a prayer of and for family.”
John Paul II.

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



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!!



Commencing Thursday 23rd July

SYCAMORE

THINKING ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH

Liturgies

Monday 15 June 2026

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

Tuesday 16 June 2026

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

Wednesday 17 June 2026

8.00am Shalom-Mass- LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 18 June 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 19 June 2026

St Romuald

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary- Mass
Malayalam

Saturday 20 June 2026

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

Sunday 21 June 2026

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

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Jer 20: 10-13

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

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

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RCIA Co-ordinator

Ms Judy Pidcock
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Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Sandra Fox
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Bereavement Coordinator

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston
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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



A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Flemming, Boele (Bob) Abbes, Coral Ryan (Melbourne), Fr John Hayes (Rockhampton), Shane Breen, David Barnes, Eddie Herold (Mt Perry), Myrl Naske, Leo Corrigan (NSW), Peter Corfield (Brisbane), Vincent Visona, Agnes Moran.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Luigi Zuppichiati 22.06, Francesco Cafolla 22.06.1948, Tonino Crawford 9.06, Merie Figallo 15.06.2013, Giovanni De Zotti 5.06.2015, Sebastiano Lituri 9.06.2008, Retired Religious, Pasquale Brillante 8.06.1999, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Gerry Walsh, William Mollard and Mary Mollard, Marco Rizzo, John McConville, 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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