



Welcome to the Parish

20th/21st 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

Parish Celebrates Special Milestone

We celebrate a special milestone this year - 150 years of the first Catholic Church in Bundaberg.

Celebrations are being planned over the weekend of **16th to 18th October, 2026**:

- **Friday 16th October - 6.00pm** : Mass at Holy Rosary, followed by a BBQ (food provided)
- **Saturday 17th October** - 11.00am to 2.00pm: Luncheon (ticketed event)
The luncheon will celebrate 150 years connection to our community while also celebrating outreach by supporting the Annual Fundraiser "Do it for Cancer".
- **Sunday 18th October - 8.00am**: Mass at Holy Rosary, followed by Multicultural Morning Tea (food provided)

Merchandise featuring commemorative 150 Years Anniversary artwork will be available for purchase at events and through the Parish Office. Pens, thermal coffee mugs, and coasters will be a special memento for parishioners, former parishioners, family, and friends.

A digital record highlighting the history over the 150 year history of the Parish is also being developed. Anyone with historical photos is asked to contact the Parish office or bring them in. We will take copies, so the originals can be returned.

The Planning Committee has been meeting monthly since last year and welcome new members to share knowledge, history, and ideas.

To be involved or find out more, please contact The Parish Office.

Email: sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au or phone: 4151 6666.



CELEBRATING

150 years
1886
2026

A small wooden church called the Church of St Mary of the Holy Rosary was opened with Father Thomas O'Brien officiating. Father O'Brien had some years earlier been the first priest to celebrate mass in Bundaberg at the Adams Hotel (now the Metropolitan). This new church would come to be known by the shorter name Holy Rosary Church.

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 respect to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

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Parish News and Announcements



Anointing of the Sick

ANOINTING MASS: Will be held on **Thursday, 25th June** at **10.00am** in Holy Rosary Church. This Mass is celebrated monthly and is of great comfort to many in our community. We look forward to seeing you and encourage you to stay for Morning Tea after Mass.



FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY: Will hold their next meeting in the Parish Office on **Friday 26th June** at **10.15am**.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING: Will be held in the Parish Office on **Friday, 26th June** at **11.15am**. New members welcome.

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).



Commencing Thursday 23rd July

SYCAMORE

THINKING ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH

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Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.

WHEN: Commencing **Thursday July 23rd**

TIME: 4.00pm - 5.30pm

WHERE: Loyola Centre Shalom College

Please register at the Parish office on 41516666.

Everyone is welcome.



Baptismal News

This weekend we welcome **Zoe Alma McNeil** through the waters of Baptism.



Terence Eric Dovell



A celebration for the life of

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
2.00pm



Tuesday 23rd 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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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Are now available for collection from your home church. If you see envelopes for a friend or neighbour we would greatly appreciate your delivering them. If you have changed your home church, please contact the Parish Office and we will arrange to send them to your new church.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: A second collection will be held next weekend **27th /28th June**. This collection supports Pope Leo XIV's global charitable works and emergency relief efforts for victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:



Last weekend, young people celebrated their First Holy Communion.

We Congratulate all the participants.



Liturgies

Monday 22 June 2026 St John Fisher & St Thomas More

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

Tuesday 23 June 2026 St Paulinus

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

Wednesday 24 June 2026 The Nativity of St John The Baptist

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

Thursday 25 June 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass
10.00am Holy Rosary
Anointing Mass

Friday 26 June 2026

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

Saturday 27 June 2026

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

Sunday 28 June 2026

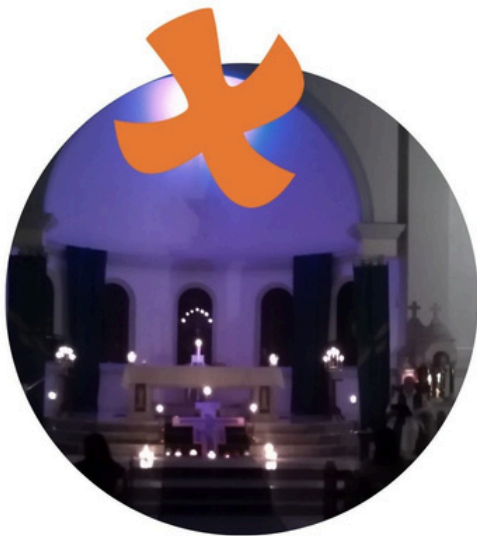
7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary
Taize Mass

SCRIPTURES

First Reading
2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

Second Reading
Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Gospel
Matthew 10:37-42



Taize Mass

Sunday 28 June
5.30pm Mass
Holy Rosary Church

*Come and
worship and receive Christ,
and give praise and thanks
to our God.*

150th Celebration Evening

LET'S CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY **08** 6:00PM
AUGUST

3 COURSE ALTERNATE DROP MEAL
SPEECHES - LIVE MUSIC

Tickets on Sale Now through the school office - \$85 per person
07 4151 4771 sjbg@rok.catholic.edu.au

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

invites you to
Celebrate 150yrs.

A Dinner will be held
at Brothers sports
Club

Tickets can be
purchased through
the School Office

\$85.00 includes Live
Music and a Three
Course Meal.

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
Pastoral Care Practitioner

Mrs Jan Aplin
Safeguarding Representative

Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

Mrs Lyn Callaghan
Bereavement Coordinator



Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Moya Cupitt (Clifton), Rhianna Blacker, Taylisha “T.J” Schnabel (Howard), Terence Dovell, 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: Ann Rosacinda Cruz 17.06.2022, 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.



OTHER CONTACTS

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St Vincent de Paul: 4339 3700
Ozcare: 1800 692 273
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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

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: pssadmin@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.rockatholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html