



Welcome to the Parish

27th/28th June 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

13th

Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

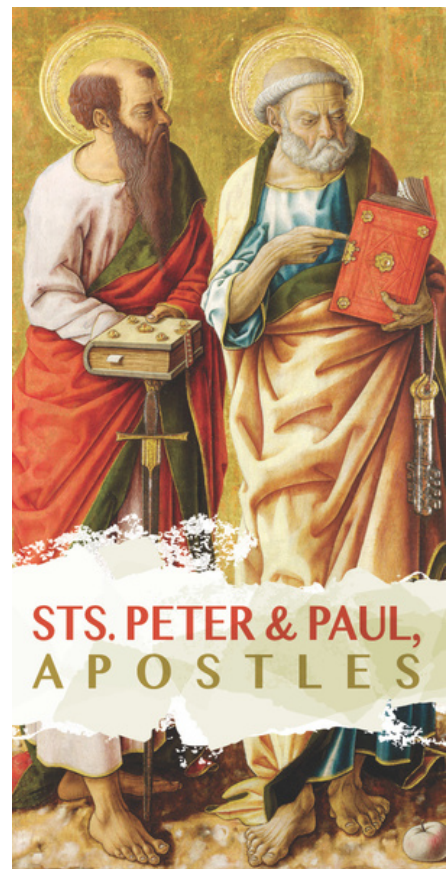
Dr Ken Avenell
Parish Stewardship Council

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul which has always struck me as one of those feasts that feels both ancient and surprisingly current. On the surface, it commemorates two towering figures of the early Church – Peter, the fisherman chosen to lead, and Paul, the fiery convert who carried the Gospel across cultures. But beneath the history lies something deeply human: two very different people, with very different stories, somehow held together by a shared mission.

Peter is the one many of us relate to instinctively. He tries hard, gets things wrong, apologises, tries again. I think of him every time I've promised to be more patient or more courageous, or to hold my tongue, only to stumble almost immediately. Paul, on the other hand, reminds me of those people who reinvent themselves completely – friends who have changed careers at 40, or family members who've turned their lives around after a crisis. His story is proof that transformation is always possible, even when it feels unlikely.

What I love about this Solemnity is how it brings these two personalities together. They knew each other well in real life 2000 years ago and disagreed, and argued, and challenged each other, and yet the Church honours them on the same day. It's a quiet reminder that unity doesn't require sameness. In a world where online debates can spiral into hostility within minutes, Peter and Paul offer a counter-example: strong convictions held with enough humility to keep walking in the same direction.

On this Solemnity, I find myself thinking about the people in my own life who have shaped me – those who have encouraged me gently like Peter, and those who have pushed me boldly like Paul. The feast invites us to honour both kinds of influence. It nudges us to be courageous in our faith, honest about our flaws, and open to the possibility that God works through personalities very different from our own.



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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PETER'S PENCE

A second collection will be held this weekend. This collection supports Pope Leo XIV's global charitable works and emergency relief efforts for victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.



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).

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.

ROSTERS FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER: Have been emailed and uploaded to our Parish website. If you do not have an email address or printer, a copy will be sent to your home church. If you did not receive a roster please contact the Parish Office.

Fr Noel Milner - 60th Anniversary Mass: Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish is celebrating Fr Noel Milner's 60 years of priestly ministry at Sacred Heart Church, Yeppoon, on **Wednesday, 1st July** at **6.00pm**. All are welcome to join us for Mass followed by a shared meal in the community room.

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.

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St Patrick's Catholic Church
10.00am



Thursday 2nd July

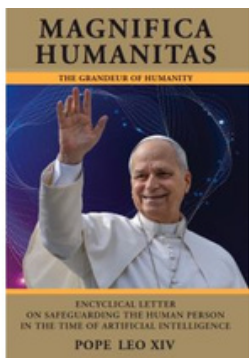
If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support.



Parish News and Announcements

ENCYCLICAL LETTER ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Pope Leo XIV's first Encyclical addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence.

Divided into five chapters, *Magnifica Humanitas* has an underlying premise: technology is not 'a force antagonistic to humanity', nor is it 'inherently evil'. However, 'technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it.'

Therefore, Pope Leo XIV appeals for people to build 'for the common good' and to 'remain human,' following a courageous mentality of shared responsibility and communion, so that the world 'will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell'.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS \$14.95

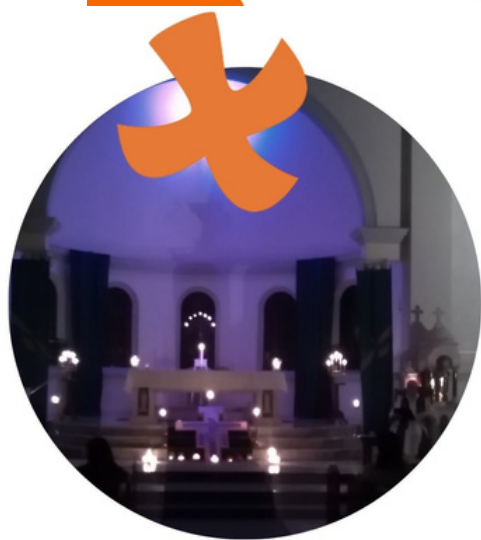


Join the Conversation

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!!



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.*

Liturgies

Monday 29 June 2026

St Peter & St Paul

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 30 June 2026

8.30am St James' Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 1 July 2026

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 2 July 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 3 July 2026

St Thomas

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 4 July 2026

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary' - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Zech 9: 9-10

Second Reading

Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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.

150th Celebration Evening

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

SATURDAY **08**
AUGUST

6:00PM

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.

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Ms Madonna Davitt
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Ms Nadene Pettett
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Dr Ken Avenell

Mr Steve Jenés

Miss Clare O'Rourke

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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 Barga



I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Emilio Bataclan (Philippines), Myrl Naske, David Barnes, Norberto Saporne (Philippines) Dan Lavender, 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, Eddie Herold (Mt Perry).

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Margareta Fitzgerald (Gladstone) 13.06.2000, Joe Della-Vedova 20.06, Kathleen Clarke 17.06.2012, Ronald John Pizaro 29.06.2024, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Rev Fr Aurelio Ocarol Jr, Ernesto Fernando Aguila, Cesarina Della-Vedova, Alma Della, Lew Della, Ron Cook and deceased members of the Geiger & Cook Families, Gerry Walsh, William Mollard and Mary Mollard, Marco Rizzo, 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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Ozcare: 1800 692 273
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