



Welcome to the Parish

6th/7th June 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Understanding Confirmation

Fr Don White
Parish Priest

This weekend it is a real joy to welcome Bishop Danny Meagher on his first visit to Bundaberg to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on our young people who over the last few months have been preparing for the sacrament. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) offers a rich explanation of Confirmation and highlights its significance for our lives of faith. So just to revisit what the catechism says for this important weekend.

1. Purpose and Significance

Firstly, the catechism tells us that Confirmation is the sacrament that completes baptismal grace, strengthens the baptized with the Holy Spirit, and binds them more fully to the Church. Confirmation, together with Baptism and the Eucharist, constitutes the sacraments of Christian initiation. Its reception is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace, as it enriches the faithful with a special strength of the Holy Spirit, enabling them to be true witnesses of Christ and to spread and defend the faith by word and deed (CCC 1285).

2. Biblical and Theological Foundations

The sacrament has its foundations both in Scripture and Tradition. The prophets foretold the Spirit's outpouring on the Messiah, and Jesus' Baptism and subsequent promises culminated in Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was fully given to the Church (CCC 1286-1287) This sacrament communicates the fullness of the Spirit to the faithful, continuing Christ's mission in the world. Confirmation strengthens the baptized with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, deepening their union with the Church and empowering them for Christian witness. It imparts a spiritual seal, marking the person as belonging fully to Christ and the Church (CCC 1285-1321).

3. Who Can Receive Confirmation?

Typically, baptized Christians who have reached the age of discretion and are properly prepared may receive Confirmation. Sponsors, often one of the baptismal godparents, accompany candidates to emphasize the unity of the sacraments (CCC 1311).

4. Rite and Symbols

The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop, symbolizing apostolic succession and the unity of the Church. In certain circumstances, priests may be granted the faculty to administer Confirmation, and in cases of danger of death, any priest can confer it (CCC 1312-1).

The sacrament is conferred through the anointing with sacred chrism, the laying on of hands, and the words: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." These signs express the imparting of the Spirit and the strengthening of the Christian for mission (CCC 1290-1291)

In summary, Confirmation completes baptismal grace, strengthens the faithful with the Holy Spirit, and fully incorporates them into the Church, equipping them to live as committed witnesses of Christ.



Please pray for our young people this weekend as they prepare to be confirmed in their faith.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOUR: Please join us this **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.



CLERGY SUPPORT APPEAL: Will be held next 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.

ROSTERS: July - September: Thank you to those who contacted the Parish Office regarding your availability. Rosters are now being prepared. Once again, we thank you for your time which you generously give, helping to make our weekend celebrations what they are today.

EUCCHARIST28 : The Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, and music- a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.



For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: **eucharist28.org** or scan the QR Code.

VISITATION MEETING: Please note the June Visitation Meeting has been cancelled.

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).

ENCYCLICAL LETTER FROM HIS HOLINESS LEO XIV- Magnifica Humanitas: Pope's Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence. Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas addresses the challenges posed by artificial intelligence, urging technology to serve humanity rather than cause harm. The encyclical is divided into five chapters, focusing on safeguarding humanity, promoting truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace. It emphasizes that technology is not inherently neutral and should be used for the common good, following a mentality of shared responsibility and communion. The encyclical also calls for the disarmament of AI, warning against technologies that foster domination, exclusion, and war. It is a significant document in the Church's social teaching, drawing parallels with Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum and addressing the complexities of the current technological revolution. Magnifica Humanitas can be found on the Vatican's website using the following link,

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

A celebration for the life of

Shane Maree Breen

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Wednesday 10th June

9.30am

Myrl Naske

Graveside-Bundaberg Catholic Cemetery

Friday 19th June

10.30am

150th ANNIVERSARY of the First Church of England building in Bundaberg-Dedication 4th June 1876

The Anglican Church of Bundaberg invites all Parishioners to celebrate their 150th Anniversary. **Thursday 4th June** at **6.00pm** for Choral Evensong. **Saturday 6th June** at **2.00pm** for a Concert and Afternoon Tea and **4.00pm** Eucharist. **Sunday 7th June** at **8.30am** for Mattins. Officiated by Archbishop Jeremy Greave. All events will be held at Christ Church, 59 Woongarra Street, Bundaberg.



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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Commencing Thursday 23rd July

SYCAMORE

THINKING ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH

The Sycamore enquiry informal course is about the Christian Faith and it's relevance for life today.

It gives space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.

It creates a space for honest and open discussion about faith and about life in general.

FULLY ALIVE- A Diocesan Alpha Youth Retreat

Open to all youth in Grades 7-12
10th-12th July
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 groups, 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.

ALPHA YOUTH
 Youth Ministry
FULLY ALIVE
 A DIOCESAN ALPHA YOUTH RETREAT

Join young people from across the diocese for a weekend of faith, friendship, and fun (and FOOD!).

Discover more about the Holy Spirit and how He can work in your life through talks, small groups, games, and the Sacraments.

LED BY OUR DIOCESAN NET TEAM!

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH GRADES 7-12

10-12 JULY @ PCYC, YEPPOON

SCAN TO REGISTER!

Liturgies

Monday 8 June 2026

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

Tuesday 9 June 2026

St Ephrem

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

Wednesday 10 June 2026

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

Thursday 11 June 2026

St Barnabas

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 12 June 2026

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
 11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance
 12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 13 June 2026

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

Sunday 14 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

Exodus 19: 2-6

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:58

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!!



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



The Journey has started but its not too late to join.

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

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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara



When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: the Eucharist. We say: the Body and Blood of Christ. We say: the Real Presence. We say: the Most Blessed Sacrament. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

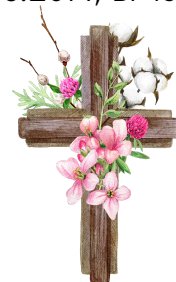
If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Boele (Bob) Abbes, Coral Ryan (Melbourne), Fr John Hayes (Rockhampton), Shane Breen, David Barnes, Eddie Herold (Mt Perry), 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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: 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, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: William Mollard and Mary Mollard, Marco Rizzo, John McConville, Paul Formosa, Formosa & Grima Families, Sue Boisen, Gerry Walsh, 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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