



Welcome to the Parish

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Year A

# The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

## *Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!*



On 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026, Catholic communities across Australia are invited to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - a sacred moment to give thanks for the enduring faith, culture, and spiritual wisdom of our First Nations sisters and Brothers.

This Year carries special meaning. We mark 40 years since Saint Pope John Paul II stood on Country in Alice Springs, and spoke words that still resonate today:

“**The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.**”

In November 1986, something remarkable happened at Alice Springs. Saint John Paul II became the first Pope to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on their own Country – speaking words of respect, solidarity, and deep spiritual recognition. 40 years on, those words still resonate. Below are a Selection of his words.

### Head



“Your ‘Dreaming’... is your only way of touching the mystery of God’s Spirit in you and in creation. You must keep your striving for God and hold on to it in your lives.”

### Heart



“If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bush-fire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for this rebirth is now!”

### Hand



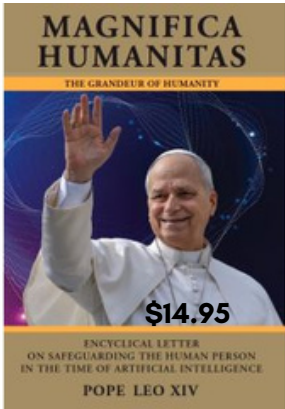
“You do not have to be people divided into two parts, as though an Aboriginal had to borrow the faith and life of Christianity, like a hat or a pair of shoes, from someone else who owns them.”

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

## 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'.

**TO ORDER CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. ORDERS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY.**



# SYCAMORE

## YOU ARE INVITED

space to meet other people • share ideas • explore your beliefs



Commencing Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 4.00 pm  
Loyola Centre Shalom College

Please register at the Parish office on 4151 6666

Recently, the Sycamore team delivered a 4 week short course 'Taste of Sycamore' for staff at Shalom College. We are very grateful to Principal Dean Wearmouth for his generosity in allocating the venue and time to allow staff to attend. The lunch provided by Dean for participants was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Cheryl Petersen, Campus Minister, for her support in coordinating and promoting the course.



Feedback from participants was very positive....

*"I highly recommend the Sycamore program to anyone curious, looking to reconnect or deepen their faith. The videos were exceptional, engaging and relatable. It's an enjoyable and low-risk way for adults to explore and talk about their Faith."*

Sally-Anne

*"Insightful videos. Different perspectives are always welcome."*

Stephen



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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## 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](mailto: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:** If you did not receive your roster, please contact the Parish Office.

**CWL MONTHLY MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 7th July** in St Patrick's Hall. The meeting starts at 10.00am. Join us for a cuppa from 9.30am. We look forward to meeting new members.

## Liturgies

**Monday 6 July 2026**

**St Maria Goretti**

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary  
Adoration & Penance

**Tuesday 7 July 2026**

**St Peter To Rot**

8.30am St James' Penance

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

**Wednesday 8 July 2026**

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

**Thursday 9 July 2026**

**St Augustine Zhao Rong**

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

**Friday 10 July 2026**

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary-Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

**Saturday 11 July 2026**

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary' - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

**Sunday 12 July 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**

Isaiah 55: 10-11

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:18-23

**Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-23

## 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

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SATURDAY 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](mailto: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.

## Social and Ecological Justice Working Party-In Action



Members of the parish Laudato Si' group (a subcommittee of the Social and Ecological Justice Working Party) and students from Shalom Catholic College recently offered their generous time and energy to help plant the St Joseph's Garden at the Mater Hospital. We are deeply grateful for their contribution to this shared initiative, which supports the parish, Shalom College and the hospital in strengthening collaboration with Catholic organisations in our local community.

Close to 100 native trees were planted. This beautiful new space will provide patients and their families with a peaceful outdoor area where they can rest and enjoy time beyond the hospital rooms. We give thanks for the spirit of service and care that made this project possible.

**Madonna Davitt**  
Mission Integration Manager,  
Bundaberg Mater Hospital

## 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



National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.



**NAIDOC WEEK**  
**50 YEARS DEADLY**  
**5-12 JULY 2026**

Our schools and students will be involved in fun cultural activities to help recognise this special date for our First Nations Peoples.

## 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**

**Mrs Helen Stanley**

**Dr Preshy Varghese**

**Mr Matthias Visona**

**Mr Michael Walker**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

**Mrs Monica White**  
Principal

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**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

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**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**

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**Shalom College**  
**Mr Dean Wearmouth**  
Principal

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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

## Church Funeral Liturgy

*Funeral Prayer*

**Shannon Connor**

Des Allen Chapel  
Thu 9 July 11.00am

*Funeral Mass*

**Joe Gatt**

Holy Rosary Church  
Mon 13 July 10.00am

*Funeral Mass*

**Kevin Lines**

Holy Rosary Church  
Fri 17 July 9.30am

*We Pray for our Deceased*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Attard, Shannon Connor, Kevin Lines, Joe Gatt, Moya Cuppitt, Frederick Kitchins, Emily Dingle Rudd (Gosford), 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.

**MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES:** Virginio Zorzan 22.03.2013, Marie Schmeider 05.07.2024, Ann Baxter 3.06.2025, Olivia Cafolla 4.07.2019, 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.

**MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST:** Fetrin Family, 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, 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](mailto: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](http://www.rock.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html)

## OTHER CONTACTS

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