



Welcome to the Parish

15th/16th August 2026 Year

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Monica White

*St. Joseph's Catholic
Primary School
Principal*

Across 7 and 8 August, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School marked a significant milestone: 150 years of educating Bundaberg families in faith, learning and community. The celebrations were very well attended, including many past students, families and friends who travelled from afar to be with us. A highlight for many was the impressive memorabilia display, which sparked rich conversations and fond memories. The two donkeys also proved a popular attraction, with plenty of good-natured anticipation about the first "donkey drop".

Our celebrations concluded with the 150th Celebration Evening at the Brothers' Club. Guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and heard reflections from Sr Annette Arnold (Sisters of St Joseph), Sr Margaret Endicott (Sisters of Mercy and last religious Principal of St Joseph's), Mr Michael McCusker (Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Rockhampton), Ms Pauline Merefieid (long-time associate of St Joseph's), and myself (current Principal).

I offer my sincere thanks to Bishop Daniel and to Fathers Don, Anthony and John for presiding at our Celebration Mass. I also thank the Sisters of St Joseph, Annette and Di, and the Sisters of Mercy, Bernice, Mary and Carolyn, for sharing these days with us. Thank you to all who attended and helped make our 150th celebrations so memorable.



Bishop Danny with Staff, Clergy and CEO Representatives .



Costumes from the olden days were a feature.



Past and Present Principals



The donkey was a popular attraction on the School Open Day on Friday. Lucky numbers were decided by the Donkey Drop.



The Original Buggy used by The Sisters

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



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 14th August
Vigil Mass-Solemn

Holy Rosary Church 5.30pm

Saturday 15th August
No devotions after Mass

St Patrick's Church 7.30am

Saturday 15th August

St James' Church 9.00am

SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING PARTY: Will hold their next meeting on **Monday, 17th August** in the Parish Office at **4.00pm**. If you are interested and would like to know more, we look forward to meeting you.

VISITATION MEETING: If you are in the Visitation Ministry or are interested in joining, our next meeting will be held in the Parish Office on **Wednesday, 19th August** at **10.00am** for a cuppa with the meeting starting at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

150 years Celebration Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 19th August** at 5.00pm in the Parish Office. If you would like to contribute ideas, memories, or find out more about what is planned and how you could help. We would love to see you there. With only two months to go, there is still lots to do.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Our monthly Cemetery Prayers will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on **Thursday, 20th August** at **9.30am**. All are welcome.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Please join us in Holy Rosary Church on
Thursday, 20th August from **3.30pm**
Feel the power of this Spiritual Tool.



*"All generations will
call me blessed"*

Luke 1:48



CHILDREN'S MASS: Will be held on **Sunday, 23rd August** in St Patrick's Church at **9.00am**. Families are encouraged to come along to this monthly Children's Mass. Morning Tea will follow Mass. We ask that you bring a plate to share.

TAIZE MASS: The next Taize Mass will be held on **Sunday, 23rd August** in Holy Rosary Church at **5.30pm**.

On Sunday June 28th our Holy Rosary Church dimmed its lights at 5.30pm and celebrated a Taizé Mass. Taizé worship began in a Christian monastic community in Taizé, France. The community is an ecumenical monastic order with a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. Taizé Mass is a contemplative liturgy which relies on silence and chant to provide "a resting place for the presence of God"[i].

The chants (usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of Scripture) are repetitive and simple and help us all join together in a meditative and prayerful way.

The silence gives us a time where we can pause and listen quietly and deeply to God.

We use candlelight and the Cross of Taizé to centre our gaze in the darkened church.

For those who come and join us when we celebrate our next Taizé Mass this month, we hope you find yourself singing or humming the melody throughout the week following.

[i] <https://www.contemplative.org/post/an-introduction-to-taiz%C3%A9-services-contemplative-liturgies>



ANointing MASS: The monthly anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday, 27th August** in Holy Rosary Church commencing at **10.00am**.

This Sacrament is for people who are seriously ill, facing major surgery, or weakened by age. After Mass, please join us for morning Tea.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE:

Will be held from **6.00pm Friday, 28th August** to **1.00pm Sunday, 30th August** at Our Lady's Hall, The Cathedral College, Rockhampton.

Guest Speaker will be Fr Steve Fletcher, Moderator of the Missionaries of God's Love. NET teams from Rockhampton and Darwin will be attending the conference. Children's Ministry will be available throughout the conference. You can expect a Spirit-filled experience of praise, worship, teaching, prayer and healing.

Families are encouraged to attend. To register <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569770>
OR scan the QR Code for Early Bird prices.



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

Thank you for your support.



CELEBRATING
150 years
1876
2026

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SYCAMORE

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Thursday Weekly

Please register your name
at the Parish office on 4151 6666

4.00 pm

Loyola Centre Shalom College



space to meet other people

share ideas

explore your beliefs

CONGRATULATIONS : Bridget Doyle has been accepted to serve with NET Ministries 2027 for a year of service and mission work. Bridget is fundraising for the the cost of joining the Net Ministries which is \$13000. Next weekend bridget will be at the **Shalom Markets** on **Sunday 23rd August** running the **BBQ**. We encourage all parishioners to support Bridget on the day. If you would like to donate directly to her fundraising click on the below link.

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/6h10qljVngdsbLsd0gWXpQ.

CWL LUNCHEON: The CWL will hold their Luncheon on Tuesday 8th September at the Brothers Sports club in the Leprechaun Room. Tickets are \$25.00 pp (Cash Only) which includes a one course alternate drop meal and lucky door prize. During the luncheon a continous raffle will be held for charity. Tickets are now on sale at the Parish Office and must be purchased by Tuesday 1st September.

"DO IT FOR CANCER" - FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON.

WHEN: Saturday 17th October 2026 at 11.00am

WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, Takalvan Street.

Tickets will be on sale from the Parish Office.

\$40.00 per person will include a Two Course Meal and Lucky Door Prize.

Entertainment will be supplied by students from our Catholic Schools.

The popular multi-draw raffle will also be a feature.



Tickets
on
sale
Now

150TH CELEBRATIONS - SHARE YOUR MEMORIES:

What was it like to grow up Catholic in Bundaberg? What has been your experience of being Catholic in Bundaberg? Do you have a story to tell from your experience? Maybe a funny experience? Momentous occasion? A particular celebration? Changes you have seen in buildings, ritual, ministries or church life?

As part of the celebrations in October, we are wanting to prepare a book of parishioners' memories from all ages and backgrounds. Stories need to be written and sent into the Parish Office on or before Monday, 31st August, preferably to sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au. Length to be maximum of 500 words. Any photos that you may have of Parish life will be appreciated too.



Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for young Catholics to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. All students in Years 7-12 are invited to travel to Brisbane for the 2026 conference as part of our diocesan group.



For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.

Baptismal News

This weekend we welcome into God's Loving Church.
Darla Jae Brown

*We give thanks for those recently
baptised in our parish and pray
that God's love will guide them
always.*



Liturgies

Monday 17 August 2026

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 18 August 2026

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 19 August 2026

St Jude Eudes

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 20 August 2026

St Bernard

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 21 August 2026

St Pius X

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's

Malayalam Mass

Saturday 22 August 2026

The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00 Holy Rosary' - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 23 August 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 22: 19-23:

Second Reading

Romans 11: 33-36:

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20:

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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PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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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



Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia "Pat" Sawtell, Sr Rita Connor (Rockhampton), Stefan Krug, Ian Ward (Nambour), Monica Allery, Ross Shmrek, Frank Castelli, Mary Attard.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Pat Mooney 10.08.2023, Levene Bailey 3.08.2023, Jovita P Espiritu 15.08.2012, Genoveffa Lituri 7.08.2023, Mary Patterson 27.09.2023, Annina Maglicco 29.08.1998, Eithel Crawford 18.08, Josephine Cafolla 24.08.2014, Terence Cagney 4.08.1990, Bonifacio Alcala 27.06.1998, Mario Martins Snr 28.07.2012, Justino Rafael Alcala 28.07.2014, Lilia Alcala 28.07.2016, Norio Cafolla 19.07, Guisippe Cafolla 21.07.1987, Augustus Cafolla 4.07.1960,

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Dominic Attard, Phillys Micolas, Ramon D Andres, Rosa Andres, Gerry Walsh, Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza, Deceased relatives of the Benvenuto Barazza & Parussini Families, Socorro R Cruz, Glorina R Somera, Orencio R Cruz, Filipinas & Carmen

Cruz, Terence James Cagney, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney, Gloria May Collins, Deceased members of the Cagney, Cross, Collins and Martin Families, Karl Frazer, Felza-Ana Cutas, Wancho Alesna, Abiel Alcosoba, Fetrin Family, Paul Galea, Joyce Galea, Joseph Galea, Forte & Theresa Galea, Mick and Mary Galea, deceased relatives of the Galea, & Zahra Families, Kevin and Doris Whalley.



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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