



Welcome to the Parish

19th/20th September 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Diocesan Ministry Appeal

Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre

- Stella Maris is a ministry of the Catholic Church dedicated to offering pastoral care, hospitality, and practical support to seafarers—whether they serve on merchant ships, passenger liners, naval vessels, or fishing boats. Its mission is to care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing of those who spend much of their lives at sea.
- Rooted in our Catholic faith and embracing the diverse beliefs of all seafarers, Stella Maris seeks to be a compassionate presence—bringing Christ to seafarers and discovering Christ within them.
- From the busy ports of Mackay and Hay Point, Stella Maris transports crew members to a welcoming respite centre in the city. Here, they can reconnect with loved ones, enjoy recreational activities, and find a space that supports their mental and physical health during their time ashore.
- The Annual Operating Budget for Stella Maris is over \$500,000

First Nations Ministry

- The First Nations Ministry promotes reconciliation and healing, fostering relationships built on respect, understanding and hope. This Ministry incorporates the First Nations Ministry and serves as a faithful Catholic presence and agent of reconciliation and healing within the Aboriginal communities of our Diocese.
- The First Nations Ministry is supported by First Nations Ministry Coordinator, Sabrina Stevens, as a ministry that remains dedicated to fostering relationship, reconciliation and healing for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters of the Diocese.
- Your support enables this work to continue in partnership with the local communities of our Parishes.
- The Annual Operating Budget for the First Nations Ministry is approx. \$160,000

The Western Pastoral Ministry

- In the remote western region of our Diocese, five parishes serve a wide area that includes the townships of Alpha, Jericho, Aramac, Isisford, Ilfracombe, Jundah, Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall, Tambo, and many other small communities.
- Despite the vast distances and limited resources, the need for spiritual nourishment remains just as strong as in any other part of the Diocese. To ensure that faith communities in these remote areas continue to thrive, the Diocese provides essential financial support—helping to sustain parish life, pastoral outreach, and the presence of the Church in the heart of the outback.
- The annual cost to support parishes in the central west of the Diocese is \$150,000

The Catholic Prison Ministry

- The Catholic Prison Ministry serves as part of an ecumenical chaplaincy team at Capricornia Correctional Centre, providing daily pastoral care to over 1200 inmates. Catholic chaplains work alongside colleagues from other Christian denominations to offer spiritual support, guidance, and a compassionate presence within the prison community.
- Each Sunday, up to four ecumenical services are held on a rotating basis, and memorial services are conducted when requested. In addition, the Catholic chaplains offer Bible study, celebrate Mass, and administer the Sacraments upon request, ensuring that inmates have access to the spiritual resources they need.
- To foster collaboration and ongoing development, the ecumenical chaplaincy team meets monthly. Catholic chaplains also participate in an annual in-service weekend held by the State Chaplaincy Board of Queensland in Brisbane. Chaplains may attend a national Catholic chaplaincy conference every three years.
- The annual cost to operate the Prison Ministry is \$30,000

The collection for the Diocesan Ministry Appeal will be held next weekend, 26th/27th September. Envelopes can be found at the end of the pews and at the doors of the churches. Please return the envelopes next weekend for our second collection. We appreciate your generosity at this time.

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

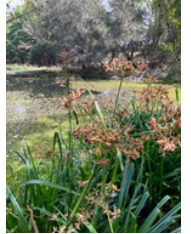
A Contemplative Walk in Baldwin Swamp Environmental Park.

On Saturday 12th September, a small group of parishioners enjoyed a prayerful walk around the Baldwin Swamp Environmental Park. Before we began, we acknowledged the traditional custodians of this land, as this area would have been significant to them. The walk lasted about an hour as we walked slowly being aware of the sounds, sights, smells and feelings of nature around us. Not only the natural environment but the human and built environment too. As we walked through the Swamp, we identified the many beautiful birds and trees found there.



We stopped for a while at the Bush Chapel and prayed together St Francis's Canticle of Creation, which is an anthem for the Season of Creation.

This walk was a beautiful way for the Social, Environmental and Justice Working Party (SEJWP) to acknowledge the Catholic Social teaching pillar of Care for our Common home. We need to know and understand the significance of these places so that we will care for them.



We ended the morning by sharing a cuppa and morning tea in a practical experience of community that was a beautiful way to end.



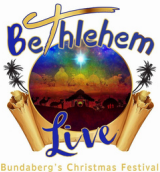
See you all next year.

Pauline Merefield



ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Would like to thank all those parishioners who were very generous in supporting our leaving collection recently. \$2250.00 was received which will be put to good use in our local community.



BETHLEHEM LIVE Returns again in 2026:

Bethlehem Live will be held at Bundaberg Central School from 15th-18th December 6.00pm-9.00pm nightly. This bi-annual event is presented by the Combined Churches of Bundaberg and SU Australia. Members of the Parish who would like to volunteer are asked to contact the Parish Office.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: NEPAL FLOOD APPEAL



Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal.

To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal visit:
www.caritas.org.au/nepal, call 1800 024 413 or click on the QR code.

Baptismal News

Vanessa Sangsinsay

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

Max Oakley Schmidt



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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ASCEND IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026



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.

PUBLIC ROSARY- OUR LADY OF FATIMA

DATE: Saturday 10th October

TIME: 2.30pm-3.30pm

PLACE: St Patrick's Church, Powers Street, Bundaberg West.

Everyone is invited to come along and pray the Rosary for Peace in our World

SAVE THE DATE



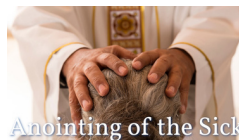
UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21st September at 4.00pm- Social and Ecological Working Party Meeting. If you are interested in knowing more, the next meeting will be held in the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Tuesday 22nd September at 10.00am- Christian Unity Group will hold it's monthly Prayer gathering followed by fellowship at Christ Anglican Church. This is a Ecumenical Group. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 24th September -Anointing Mass

Please join us for our monthly anointing Mass in Holy Rosary Church at 10.00am followed by morning tea in Novakoski Centre. All are welcome.



Anointing of the Sick

16 - 18 OCTOBER

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Friday 16 5.30pm Mass Holy Rosary Church followed by a light meal.	Saturday 17 11.00am Luncheon Brothers Sports Club Tickets available from the Parish Office	Sunday 18 8.00am Mass Holy Rosary Church + Memorabilia
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Friday 16th October

5.30pm
Thanksgiving Mass
Holy Rosary Church
presided over by
Bishop Danny Meagher

After Mass
Please join us in
St Joseph's
School Grounds
for dinner.
The Parish is providing
free Fish and Chips,
Sausage Sizzle and
drinks.
Please RSVP for catering
to the
Parish Office by
Monday 12th October.

We do ask attendees to
bring a plate for a shared
dessert.

150 Years Booklet: We still need some short stories of your good or funny memories of life in our parish, no matter how many years you've lived here. For example, "I remember Jack Linnane throwing the Green Hymn books at the birds that were caught inside the dome of Holy Rosary, trying to chase them out." Send your memory clip to sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au or bring to the Parish Office **BEFORE 30th SEPTEMBER.**

Liturgies

Monday 21 September 2026

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

Tuesday 22 September 2026

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

Wednesday 23 September 2026

St Pius of Pietrelcina
10.00am Mater - Mass
Mercy Day
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 24 September 2026

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

Friday 25 September 2026

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's
Malayalam

Saturday 26 September 2026

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

Sunday 27 September 2026

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

SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28:

Second Reading

Phil 2: 1-11:

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32:

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.

A celebration for the life Of

Henry "John" Senini

Monday 21st
September

11.30am

St Patrick's
Catholic Church

Colleen Gahan



Wednesday 30th
September

10.00am

Holy Rosary
Catholic Church



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

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 Presly Varghese

Mr Matthias Visona

Mr Michael Walker

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**St Joseph's Catholic
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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



Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Henry "John" Senini, Colleen Gahan, Betty O'Keefe, David Allen, Bro Peter Sheldon (Brisbane), Bill Willett (Sydney), Joe Galea, Bruce Patrick Gillespie, Graham Hocking.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Assunta Borza 30.09.1990, John Edward Clarke 25.09.1969, Eric Chapman, Cath Dwyer, Lina Baggetto 30.09.2012, Gliceria Mendoza 12.09.2011, Joe Jendra 24.09.2007, Moira Pendleton 17.12.2019, Malcolm Bell 05.09.2012, Edna Christensen 20.09.2014, Jim Dunphy 10.09.2018, Edna Callaghan 26.09.2019, Jack Callaghan 28.10.1956, Sergio De Paoli 20.09.2016, Mario Crawford 7.09.2025, Ken Bennett 6.09.2024, Phillip Cafolla 5.09.1995, Shane Hocking 23.11.2018, Cameron Hocking 20.07.2022, Damian Mullins 1.09.2024, Agostino Asnicar 1.09.2019, John Blundell 28.09.2019, Attilio D'Addario 30.08.2010, Siebert Schafer 13.09.2002.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Holy Souls, Gino Troiani, Enio Troiani, Emma and Johnny Carossi, Souls in Purgatory, Cook and Geiger Families, Gerry Walsh, Formosa and Grima Families, Holy Souls, George, Zillah and George Jnr, Corrado Barazza, Gino Barazza, Deceased relatives of the Benvenuto Barazza & Parussini Families, 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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