



Welcome to the Parish

3rd/4th October 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Milestones

Anne Sheehan
Organising Committee

Milestone: a significant stage or event in the development of something. Those moments, days, events or achievements that are memorable. As a people, we mark them on our calendar, in our diary or in our memory banks. They can be shared with the nation, the community, family, friends or self. They are worth remembering, publicly or privately. Anzac Day, Australia Day, the flood of 2013, Christmas, Easter, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries of baptisms, marriage or death, all the “firsts” or “lasts”. They are stored in our memories to be brought out on a regular basis and noted and possibly celebrated by self or with others.

In a few weeks' time our parish will be marking a significant milestone, well worth remembering and celebrating.

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In Queensland's history,
150 years is a considerable amount
of time for one institution to have
existed and remain a constant
presence in the community.”

Our parish will celebrate 150 years of Catholic presence in Bundaberg. In 1876 the first priest to take up residence in Bundaberg was Fr Constantine Rossolini. In December 1876 Bundaberg was combined with Gayndah and Mt Perry to become a parish in its own right.

The celebrations over the anniversary weekend are for all in our parish. We are not celebrating 150 years of Holy Rosary church as some might think. That anniversary was last year. Think bigger and broader than that. These celebrations are for us all, north to Baffle Creek, south to the Elliott River, east to the coast, and west to South Kolan. This milestone celebrates our Catholic presence, our longevity, our growth, our achievements, our history, our practices, our memories; not a building.

I have been delving into the Archives in preparation for the weekend. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Cathryn King (deceased) in preserving the past I have had a wonderful trip down memory lane and an education into our parish's story. But, like Cathryn and others, I wonder who will be preparing the 175th or 200th Years' anniversary and what the Church will look like in the future.

So next weekend let us mark this milestone together. We have much to celebrate. We are thankful for the priests who have continued to serve the spiritual and pastoral needs of our parish for 150 years. We are thankful for the pioneer parishioners who have gone before us whose stewardship sees us as a vibrant, well-resourced parish today. We are thankful for the young families over the years who have “kept the flame of faith alive” in their children to bring us to a Church that is still growing 150 years later. Please join us at these celebrations.

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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World Mission Sunday October 4th



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

SHALOM COLLEGE PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Thursday, 15 October - 7pm Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Entry by Donation

CHAMBER STRING ENSEMBLE
COLLEGE CHOIR
TREBLE MAKERS
BASS CADETS

Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul

Smart Loving



The Online Accompanied Marriage Kit from Smart Loving is a six-week relationship enrichment program helping couples connect, learn, and grow together. Covering topics on communication, intimacy, relationship dynamics, and more, the course is designed for couples at any stage of their relationship.

With all conversations between partners remaining private in the comfort of the home, couples can engage in the online discussion at their own comfort level. The course will run from Wednesday 7th Oct to 11th November. Scan the QR code for more details and to register



Jesus said to them,
"Did you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected has
become the cornerstone....?
Therefore, I say to you,
the kingdom of God will be taken away
from you and given to a
people that will produce its fruit"

Mt 21:42ab,43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (c)2001,1998,1970 CCD

31 October, 2026

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"The Cup of My Life"

Ladies of the Parish are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Women's Retreat. Take time away from the busyness of daily life to renew your faith, enjoy fellowship, prayer, reflection, and spiritual encouragement with other women of our community.

This year's retreat will be led by:

Sr Anne Keim RSM



All women are welcome. Come and be refreshed in heart, mind, and spirit. Saturday 31st October St James' Church 10.00am. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 07 4151 6666.

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

Parish News and Announcements

BAFFLE CREEK MASS: The next Mass will be held on Sunday 11th October at 11.00am. If you are in the area we encourage you to experience Mass in this peaceful community.

PUBLIC ROSARY - OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Everyone is invited to come along and pray the Rosary for Peace in our World. Saturday 10th October 2.30-3.30pm at St Patrick's Church.

BETHLEHEM LIVE 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.

MORNING TEA CHANGE OF DATE: Please note that the regular Holy Rosary morning tea, usually held on the second Sunday of each month, will be moved to Sunday, 18 October. This special gathering will be part of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations and will be a Multicultural Morning Tea, celebrating the rich diversity of our parish community. All are warmly invited to join us.

MADE FOR MORE: UNDERSTANDING VATICAN II: A weekend retreat for Young Adults (18-35). All young adults are invited to come away for a weekend 23rd -25th October at the Discovery Parks, Coolwaters, Yeppoon, to learn more about our faith, reflect on your life, and meet other young Catholics from across the diocese. Featuring Fr Andrew Chase and the Rockhampton NET team, the weekend will include presentations, prayer, personal reflection, sacraments and fellowship. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. For any questions contact Mick at youth@ok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



EUCCHARIST28: This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.



SAINT'S PARADE: Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day at St Patrick's Church we will hold a Saints Parade prior to the 9.00am Mass. We are asking children from the Parish aged from 5-15 years to come as their favourite saint. Each child will dress accordingly and carry a card with the name of the saint they are representing. If you are interested in your child participating please contact the Parish office with your child's name and the Saint they will be representing.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY: Parents and Guardians "Only" are invited to come together each month to pray the Rosary with their children. Wednesday 7th October at Holy Rosary. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgies

Monday 5 October 2026

St Faustina Kowalska
9.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 6 October 2026

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

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Our Lady of the Rosary
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 8 October 2026

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 9 October 2026

St Denis, St John Leonardi
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 10 October 2026

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

Sunday 11 October 2026

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

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 25: 6-10:

Second Reading

Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20:

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-14:

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jesse King and Bethany Clarke-Alcon as they commit to the each other in the eyes of the Lord this weekend.

Welcome

And we welcome their children
Vallie Rose Patricia King,
Tatum Andrew Randall King,
Millie Caila Faith King,
Lacey Gael Ann King
through the water of Baptism

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.

16 - 18 OCTOBER
Only Two weeks to go.



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Sunday 18th October

Join us for
Multi-Cultural
Morning Tea

After 8.00am Mass in
the St Joseph's School
Ground.

Tea and Coffee
will be available.

We ask Parishioners to
bring a plate to share
from their country of
Origin.

Traditional dress is
encouraged.

Friday 16

5.30pm Mass
Holy Rosary Church
followed by a fish & Chips
or sausage sizzle.
RSVP to the Parish Office

Saturday 17

11.00am Luncheon
Brothers Sports Club
Tickets available from the Parish
Office

Sunday 18

8.00am Mass
Holy Rosary Church
Multi-Cultural Morning
Tea + Memorabilia

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
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Members:

Dr Ken Avenell

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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 Bargara

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

-Fr John Muir

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

We Pray for our Deceased

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

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Lawrence Galea 1.10.2022, John S.V (Val) Gill 30.10.1987, Anthony Eric Arkinstall 30.10.1971, Olympia Cagatin 24.10.2024, 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Helen Ryan, Holy Souls, Gino Troiani, Enio Troiani, Emma and Johnny Carossi, Souls in Purgatory, Cook and Geiger Families, Gerry Wals Formosa and Grima Families, Holy Souls, 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.



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