



Welcome to the Parish

10th/11th October 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



World Mission Month and Socktober at St Joseph's

October is World Mission Month, a time when Catholics around the world celebrate the missionary work of the Church and the dedication of religious and lay missionaries who serve communities in need. Through prayer, generosity and action, we are reminded of our call to share God's love and support our global family.



At St Joseph's School, we mark World Mission Month through our participation in Socktober, an initiative of Catholic Mission Australia that inspires young people to make a difference in the lives of children experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability around the world.

Socktober combines fun, learning and action. Students will help create classroom "sockballs", with the most creative designs featured in a whole-school Socktober Kick-Off event.

In 2026, Socktober is raising funds for communities in Malawi, helping provide access to nutritious food and quality education so that children can build brighter futures for themselves and their communities. Through activities such as Socktober, students gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by others and discover that even small actions can have a significant impact.

Catholic Mission, the Pope's international mission agency in Australia, works alongside local communities across Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe and the Americas. Through programs focused on education, healthcare, community development and pastoral care, Catholic Mission helps children, families and future Church leaders to flourish.

For our students, Socktober is much more than a fundraising event. It is a practical opportunity to live out the values of the Gospel and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, including human dignity, solidarity, the common good and a preferential option for the poor. These teachings shape our understanding of social justice and encourage us to recognise that we are all responsible for caring for one another.

By participating in Socktober, our students follow in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop, whose life of faith, compassion and service continues to inspire us today. As a school community, we are proud to support this important mission and help build a more just, compassionate and hopeful world for all.

We thank our families and parish community for supporting this valuable initiative and for helping our students put their faith into action.

Laura Campbell
(APRE)



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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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your pray

*Name changed for privacy

SHALOM COLLEGE PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL

Thursday, 15 October - 7pm **MUSIC** Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Entry by Donation

CHAMBER STRING ENSEMBLE
COLLEGE CHOIR
TREBLE MAKERS
BASS CADETS

Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul



SYCAMORE

On Tuesday afternoon the Sycamore team delivered a 'Taste of Sycamore' session to staff at St Patrick's. Thank you to Kim, Tracey and leadership team for the invitation and staff for their welcome and engagement in discussion groups. The session we chose was 'Who is Jesus'? Further short and longer Sycamore Enquiry Sessions will be offered in the future and will be advertised in the Parish bulletin.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Jackson Cooper and Shaliya Collins as they commit to each other in the eyes of the Lord this weekend.

Baptismal News

We welcome
Matilda May Douglas
and
Oliver Jay Douglas
through the waters of Baptism

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.



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Parish News and Announcements

Liturgies

Monday 12 October 2026

9.00am Holy Rosary - LWC
6.00pm Holy Rosary
Adoration

Tuesday 13 October 2026

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

Wednesday 14 October 2026

St Callistus

8.00am Shalom - LWC
12.15pm Holy Rosary-LWC

Thursday 15 October 2026

St Teresa of Jesus

7.00am St Patrick's - LWC

Friday 16 October 2026

St Hedwig and

Sr Margaret Mary Alacoque

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass
Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 17 October 2026

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

Sunday 18 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 45:1,4-6:

Second Reading

1Thess 1:1-5:

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21:

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.

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, 18th 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.

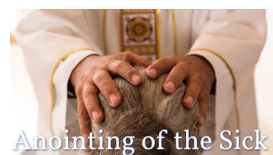
MADE FOR MORE: UNDERSTANDING VATICAN II: A weekend retreat for Young Adults (18-35). All young adults are invited to come away for a weekend **23rd -25th October** at the Discovery Parks, Coolwaters, Yeppoon, to learn more about our faith, reflect on your life, and meet other young Catholics from across 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@rok.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.



CEMETERY PRAYERS: Thursday 15th October at 9.30am in the Catholic Cemetery.



ANOINTING MASS: Thursday, 22nd October at 10.00am in Holy Rosary Church. Morning Tea will follow in the Novakoski Centre. Everyone is welcome.

SAINT'S PARADE: Sunday 1st November on 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.

PRIESTS IN-SERVICE: Next week commencing on **Monday 12th October** our Priests will be in Rockhampton for in-Service until Thursday. All scheduled Mass times will be Liturgies with Word and Communion. A priest will celebrate Mass on Friday, 17th October at 12.15pm in Holy Rosary. Thank you for your understanding.

16 - 18 OCTOBER

Only weeks to go.



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**Please Join in the
Weekend of
Celebrations**

Please contact the Parish Office by Monday 19th October to put your name down if you are staying for the dinner after Mass on Friday 16th October.

**This is required for
catering purposes**

Tickets to the Luncheon are still available from the Parish Office.

No more tickets will be sold after close of business Monday 12th October.

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

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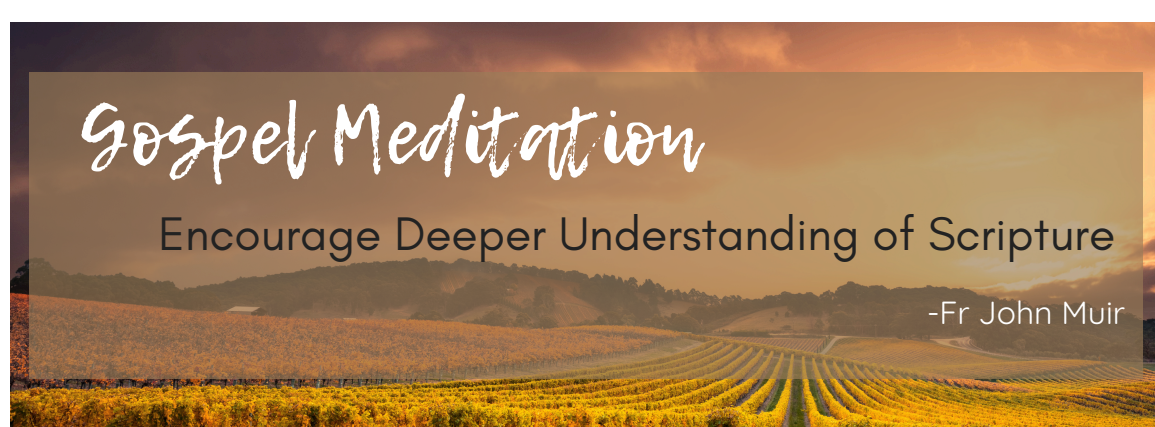
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CHURCHES

Holy Rosary Church
Cnr Barolin & Woongarra Streets

St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Bargara



Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Gena Mode Bennett 16.10.1980, Elizabeth Maria Maglicco 22.10.2002, Frank Cafolla 29.10.2004, 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, Glicería 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.

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Antonette Nordone (Italy), Alife Cafolla (Italy), Holy Souls in Purgatory, Helen Ryan, Holy Souls, Gino Troiani, Enio Troiani, Emma and Johnny Carossi, Cook and Geiger Families, Gerry Walsh, Formosa and Grima Families, Holy Souls, 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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Ozcare: 1800 692 273
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