



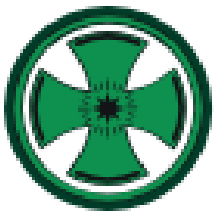
Welcome to the Parish

24th/25th October 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



St Patrick's
Catholic
Primary School



Tracey Cook
APRE

Mercy Place will be a beautiful gathering place for our school – the place we meet first thing each morning before school and use for many school and class activities. This area of the school has been a work in progress for many years. It is the brainchild of Mrs O'Shea-Hard. Mrs Jessica Cullinan has been inspired by local artist Mr Paul Perry, who has created many notable artworks around Bundaberg – especially around our local beaches. Mrs Cullinan, Mrs O'Shea-Hard and Mr Perry have collaborated and come up with a design for Mercy Place to enable us to tell the story of our founders from the past and look to our future.

The theme and design reflect who we are as a Mercy school within the Catholic education family. Mercy values—compassion, service, hospitality, and respect—are expressed through colour, symbols, and the many small pieces that I come together as one. The waves represent the Sisters of Mercy crossing the oceans to Australia to spread Jesus' message as inspired by their founder Catherine McAuley. Shamrocks woven throughout the artwork also connect to St Patrick, who used the three leaves to teach about the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Working with Paul Perry on our Mercy Place Mosaic has been a truly special experience for our St Patrick's community. Paul brought professional artistic guidance into our school, and his generosity has helped make this project feel genuinely shared. In a very real way, the mosaic honours our Mercy charism: creating something beautiful through collaboration, welcome, and care for each person's contribution. We must thank Paul for donating a great deal of his time to complete this beautiful project.

We are also blessed to have an artist of Paul's calibre living locally in Bundaberg. His presence reminds our students that creativity, talent, and vocation can grow right here in our own

community, and it strengthens the partnership between school, families, and the wider community.

Our students have loved learning from Paul. They've practised real techniques, as well as patience and perseverance, and they've experienced the joy of contributing to something bigger than themselves—so clearly in the spirit of Mercy as we were reminded in our Parish's 150th anniversary last weekend. If you look closely at the completed garden, you will also notice a treasure from our past heavily featured.

The Cross was salvaged from the old St. Patrick's Parish Office many years ago, powder coated and repurposed to compliment this beautiful new space.

This mosaic will become part of our school story for years to come. Future students will see a daily reminder of Mercy—faith in action, community, and service. It also beautifully highlights Catholic Education Week by celebrating what Catholic schools do best: forming the whole person and creating learning experiences that connect faith, creativity, and real life.



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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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. Cost is \$20.00pp

Please register at the Parish by Monday 26th October.

NEWLY WED SURVEY: Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey into the experience of early married life. The survey is being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life. Survey closes on 31st October 2026

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are looking for groups, families or individuals to volunteer for the upcoming community events.

PAGEANT OF LIGHTS: Thursday 3rd December. This is the official switching on of the CBD Christmas lights, followed by a festive parade of Christmas Floats. Each year our parish has a float showing the true meaning of Christmas.

BETHLEHEM LIVE 2026: Bethlehem Live will be held at Bundaberg Central School from the **15th-18th December** 6.00pm-9.00pm nightly. This bi-annual event is presented by the Combined Churches of Bundaberg and SU Australia.

If you would like to be part of these events please register your interest at the Parish Office.

PAGEANT OF LIGHTS MEETING: Wednesday 28th October at 4.00pm a meeting will be held in Novakoski Centre to discuss this year's Pageant of Lights. If you would like to know more and would like to help we would love to see you at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help, please contact the Parish Office. The Parish participation in Pageant of Lights is by way of a float celebrating the Catholic Parish and the Season of Advent.

Save the Date for Eucharist28!

From 24 September to 1st October 2028, Australia will come together to celebrate the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, a moment of renewal for all. Eucharist28 will be a truly transformative moment of renewal centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. A Theological Symposium will precede the Congress from 20th to 22nd September 2028. This is a once-in-a-generation moment for the Church in Australia. Will you be there in two years' time? Mark your calendar, share the news, and join the journey. To begin planning your journey with the Official Group Travel Operator, Harvest Journeys, head to eucharist28.org.



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

NOVEMBER: A month of Devotion to the Holy Souls

In the Catholic Church, November is traditionally dedicated as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory and a Month of Remembrance for the faithful departed.

- For Masses for deceased family members and friends to be offered throughout November please use the November envelopes.
- During November the book of Remembrance will be available in our churches for the general observance of our prayers for the Holy Soul. The book will be in our churches from 7th November.

Let us recall the prayer:

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them
Amen*



SAINTS' PARADE: Sunday 1st November on All Saints Day we will hold a Saints Parade prior to the 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's Church. 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.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS: Monday 2nd November a Mass will be held in the Catholic

Cemetery commencing at **6.30am**. This will be followed by tea, coffee and light refreshments. Please bring a chair. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parish News and Announcements

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about becoming Catholic are invited to contact the Pauline in the Parish Office (4151 666) for information. If you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or are considering becoming Catholic, please contact Pauline for a chat. From infants right through to adults of all ages, we would love to support you on this important step in your faith journey for yourself or for your children.

Journey for 13-17 year olds - A program is starting now for children who are 13-17 years old. Contact the Parish Office this week for details.



Dementia Australia will be delivering some education programs in Bundaberg on 3rd and 4th November. For more details see the Church Noticeboard or contact 1800 588 699.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Tyson Whaleboat and Rachel Watson as they commit to each other in the eyes of the Lord this weekend.

CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP: This is an Ecumenical Group that gather monthly for Prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are:

Tuesday 27th October, Christ Church Anglican Church **10.00am**.

Tuesday 24th November, Catholic Parish Office **10.00am**.

A celebration of the Church's Funeral Liturgy

Mary Nogorotto

Friday
30th October
9.30am

Holy Rosary

Helen Ryan

Monday
2nd November
10.00am

St James
Bargara

Delma Hardstaff

Wednesday
4th November
3.00pm

Des Allen
Chapel

Montana Pearce

Friday
6th November
9.30am

Holy Rosary



Liturgies

Monday 26 October

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

6.00pm Holy Rosary

Adoration & Penance

Tuesday 27 October 2026

8.30am St James' - Penance

9.00am St James' - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 28 October 2026

St Simon & St Jude

8.00am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 29 October 2026

St John Paul II

7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 30 October 2026

11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition

11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 31 October 2026

7.30am St Patrick's - Mass

9.00 Holy Rosary' - Penance

6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 1 November 2026

7.00am St James' - Mass

8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

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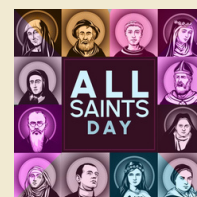
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14:

Second Reading

1John 3:1-3:

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12:



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

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for Medical Emergencies
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PASTORAL TEAM

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St Patrick's Church
14 Powers Street

St James' Church
38 See Street Barga

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

-Fr John Muir

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppe Evorio Caniglia (Cleveland Ohio), Montana "Monica" Pearce, Helen Ryan, Esther Harte (Brisbane), Mary Nogorotto, Delma Hardstaff, Annette Francks (Perth), Colleen Geiger, David Allen, Alfio Bonanno, John Eagleson (Nth Ireland), Henry "John" Senini, Colleen Gahan.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Sharp 7.11.2025, Frank Nella 7.10.2019, Sheelah Cagney 20.10.1995, Antonio De Zotti 20.10.2020, Sam Camilleri 15.10, Lawrence Formosa snr 30.10, Carmen Grima 4.11, Brian Fordham 15.10.2025, 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

MASS OFFERED BY REQUEST: Raimondo De Bernardinis, Giuseppina De Bernardinis, Alfio Bonanno, Deceased members of the Cross, Cagney, Collins & Martin Families, Sheelah Margaret Cagney, Terence James Cagney, Margaret Mary Cagney Gloria Mary Collins, Betty O'Keefe, Gerry Walsh, Formosa and Grima Families, Antonette Nordone (Italy), Alife Cafolla (Italy), Holy Souls in Purgatory, Holy Souls, Gino Troiani, Enio Troiani, Emma and Johnny Carossi, Petrin 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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*To all who volunteered
to set up, dismantle,
prepare, bring food, cook, serve,
sell, or display...*

**Thank
you!**

It was a great 3 days.

