Welcome to the Parish

14th/15th Nov 2026 Year A

The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

CELEBRATING 150 years 1876 2026



An Awakening

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MenAlive Coordinator

This weekend is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. For me, it's like standing on the edge of something. It's like the middle of the last term of the school year. Christmas and Advent are close enough to sense, yet not quite here, and the readings invite us to pause and take stock. They speak of readiness, stewardship, and living with the end in mind - not in a fearful way, but in a way that sharpens our sense of purpose. I'm reminded of times in my own life when I've coasted a little, letting routines dull my awareness of what really matters. This Sunday has a way of waking me up again so that I complete the term alive, not just going through the motions.

This call to wakefulness echoes strongly with the mission of MenAlive, a ministry dedicated to helping men step out of "autopilot" and rediscover a life of meaning and faith. Their language - about feeling constant pressure, escaping into distractions, or wondering what it even means to be a father or grandfather in today's world - rings true for so many men I know. One friend attended a MenAlive retreat a few years ago and told me it felt like someone had finally handed him a map after years of wandering and wondering. He came back more grounded, more prayerful, and more intentional with his family. It reminded me that stewardship isn't just about money or talents; it's about the nurturing of our inner life, our relationships, and our time.

This Sunday's focus on readiness isn't about predicting the end of the world. It's about living awake. It's about noticing where God is nudging us to grow, to reconcile, to step up, or to let go. MenAlive's emphasis on brotherhood and honest conversation mirrors that same invitation: don't drift, don't isolate, don't wait for life to "get easier." Step into the life God is offering now.

As we approach Advent, this Sunday becomes a gentle but firm reminder: Christ is coming, not just at the end of time, but into the ordinary moments of our days. The question is whether we're awake enough to notice—and courageous enough to respond.

The men of our parish might care to invite a friend to the breakfast and retreat at Shalom College (7:30 am to 12 noon) on Saturday 28th November. Fr Peter Doherty will take us through the topic of The Shrinking World.

Invitation to menALIVE

men ALIVE

Fr Peter Doherty will faciliate the final menALIVE for 2026. A retreat will be held at Shalom College on **Saturday 28th November** commencing with breakfast at **7.30am** and concluding at 11.30am.

Fr Peter will address the need for spiritual and human relationships throughout life.

Please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 24th if attending. (4151 6666)
Cost is $20.00 per person and can be paid on the day if needed.

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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Planning is well underway for the 2026 Bethlehem Live



Volunteers needed:

- Construction crew: work as part of the team to support the Construction Coordinator to set up and pack down the event.
- *Street Actors and Soldiers:* Need lots of people to be costumed visitors to Bethlehem, such as beggars, women at the well and walking around and Roman Soldiers (only male soldiers and must be 18 or older).
- Cleaners: to empty bins and keep thing clean. Must have a bluecard.
- Storytellers: to tell some of the more well-known Old Testament stories to the children.

If you are able to assist with any of these roles, please contact the Parish Office. Whether you can volunteer for just one day between 15–18 December or for the entire event, your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.



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

Amen

November Masses

· Deceased members of the Reibelt, Moffat, Simpson & Gordon families
· Joseph & Mary Attard
· Paul Galea
· Lawrence Galea
· Deceased members of the Smith, Warde, Pinat families
· Tess Tea
· Fr. Regarario
· Deceased members of Asence, Duroy, Villar, Belgado, & Hoffman families
· Faye & Josef Varga
· Mirko Civic
· Horst Grandenz
· Eva Civic
· Deceased members of the Jendra, Potter families
· Deceased members of the Murray family
· Edna Christensen
· Deceased members of the Agar, Talotalo & Sagayno families, Anastacia & Eleseo Bantilan, Gina Exavez
· Deceased members of the Rosolen family
· Tom Barnett, Elsie Barnett, Attilio D'Addario
· Deceased members of the Visona and Carsburg families, Rick & Barb Waltho, Christopher & Olive Wierman, Kerry Haynes
· Deceased members of the Wildenberg, Vujsters families.
· Tony & Mary Rieter
· Ian, Hilda & Jo Timson
· Rhian Elsmore, Davide DeLaurentis, Kevin Goldsworthy, Robert Newberry.
· Deceased members of the Houlahan, Dole, Roothes, Putt families, & Reagan McGlinchey
· Deceased members of the Ogweje & Hodo families
· Deceased members of the Beckton, McMahon, Wilke families & Robert Wharton
· Deceased members of the Martin & Roebuck families
· Robert Stewart, Ron & Bon Johnstone, Bev Murphy, Des Johnstone
· Deceased members of the Galea & Muchat families
· Edgar & Kathleen Wyeiee, Wlater & Joan Kajewski
· John J Mooney, Lenore Marie Mooney & Mooney,Curran, McDade, Gilhooly, Cameron, Gygar, Stroyan, Twoomey & Flynn families, John E Clarke, Kathleen Clarke, Clarke Trevor,Creech, Tyrrell & Mahoney Families.

Parish News and Announcements

Social Ecological Justice Working Party: Will hold their next meeting on **Monday 16th November** at **4.00pm** in the Parish Office. New members are always welcome.

Visitation Meeting- Final for 2026: Looking forward to catching up with the Visitation Ministers to celebrate what makes this ministry so worthwhile. **Wednesday 18th November** at **10.00am** in the Parish Office.





Family and Children's Rosary: Thursday 19th November at **3.30pm** in Holy Rosary Church.
Children with their parents or guardians only are welcome to come and pray the Rosary together.

Children's Mass: The final **9.00am** Children's Mass for 2026 will be held on **Sunday 22nd November** at St Patrick's Church. We ask those attending to bring a plate to share.

Christian Unity Group: Will hold their Ecumenical Group for prayer and fellowship on **Tuesday 24th November** at **10.00am** in the Catholic Parish Office.

Thank you and Welcome New Parishioners Gathering: The Parish would like to invite new Parishioners who are yet to meet our Parish Team and members of our Stewardship and Finance Council. We also invite those who volunteer in our many and varied ministries to join us on **Thursday 26th November** from **5.30pm-6.30pm** in the Parish Office. This is our opportunity to say thank you. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. If you plan on attending, please register your name by Monday 23rd November at the Parish Office to help with catering.

GOD'S WORD 2027: is now on sale from the Parish Office for $22.00

Advent Booklet "The Way of the Heart": Daily Reflections for Advent.
is now on sale from the Parish Office for $5.00

St Joseph's Cathedral Appeal: Was held last weekend. If you have not yet donated, envelopes can be placed in this weekend's collection.

CWL Christmas Dinner: CWL Christmas Dinner will once again be at the Brothers Club on **Tuesday 24th of November** in the Leprechaun Room. Arrive at 6.00 pm for sit down at 6.30pm. There will be a 2-course Christmas themed menu for $35. Please let us know your dietary requirements when booking. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting on the 10th of November or after that at the Parish office for cash, up until the 16th of November. We have the options of participating in the Secret Santa (value of $20) or there will be a donation box for St Vinnies or simply come along and enjoy the night. Hope to see you there.

Blanket Buddies Christmas Raffle: Tickets now available in a Christmas Hamper of goodies (1st Prize) and crocheted blanket (2nd Prize) from the Parish Office. Tickets $1 each until **Monday 1st December.**

Pageants of Lights: Thursday 3rd December. Come along and support the Bundaberg Pageant of Lights, the official switch-on of the CBD Christmas lights, followed by the festive Christmas Float Parade. Our parish will once again be participating with a float that shares the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the parish float. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Baptismal News

This weekend we welcome **Rome William Wenban** into our Faith Family.

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

A celebration of the Church's Funeral Liturgy

Hugh O'Malley

Monday
23rd November 11.30am

Holy Rosary Church

Catherine Galea

Tuesday
24th November 12.00 noon

St Patrick's Church

Liturgies

Monday 16 November 2026
St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude
9.00 am St Patrick's - Mass
6.00pm Adoration & Penance HR

Tuesday 17 November 2026
St Elizabeth of Hungary
8.30am St James' - Penance
9.00am St James' - Mass
5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Wednesday 18 November 2026
Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul
8.00am Shalom - Mass
12.15pm Holy Rosary-Mass

Thursday 19 November 2026
7.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Friday 20 November 2026
11.00am Holy Rosary - Exposition
11.30am Holy Rosary - Penance
12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 21 November 2026
7.30am St Patrick's - Mass
9.00 Holy Rosary' - Penance
6.00pm St Patrick's - Mass

Sunday 22 November 2026
7.00am St James' - Mass
8.00am Holy Rosary - Mass
9.00am St Patrick's –Mass
Children's Mass
5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

SCRIPTURES
First Reading
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading
1 Cor 15:20-26,28;
Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46;

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

Fr Anthony Nguyen
Associate Pastor

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Ms Judy Pidcock
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Mrs Sandra Fox
Receptionist

Mrs Lyn Callaghan
Bereavement Coordinator

PARISH STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs Kaye Beston
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Ms Madonna Davitt
Deputy Chair

Ms Nadene Pettett
Secretary

Members:
Dr Ken Avenell
Mr Steve Jenes
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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



You know many of these folks. Maybe you are one (I am). Maybe it's part of your actual job to work for the Church. "Manna from Heaven," I once called it — the privilege of seeing your bills paid by money earned talking about God.

I was having dinner with a friend recently who works in a local parish. She shared with me that some of her colleagues don't seem to have much of a devotional life outside of their jobs. Some don't even attend regular Mass, though their lives revolve around the Church.
"That's terrible," I said, not wanting to think of the holy hours I haven't had time for, the Rosaries I haven't finished, and the stack of spiritual books next to my desk, spines uncracked.

You don't have to earn a paycheck to be a professional Catholic. A professional Catholic can be anyone who spends a good deal of time simply identifying as a disciple, without embracing what that actually means.

See, I was wrong to call it "manna from Heaven." Manna merely sustains life, and we shouldn't be satisfied with that. The reward of a disciple should be more.
The opportunity to spread the Gospel is a fortune, lavishly endowed to the care of a servant by a master who is long delayed. He doesn't care about return on investment. He'll be just as pleased with a twofold increase as a five-fold one. It's not about profits. It's about engagement.

How terrible will it be, when I stand before God, if all I can tell Him is this: "I did my job. I was a professional."
I want to tell Him I did more. I pray I can tell Him I did more.

We Pray for our Deceased

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Galea, Elio Stocco, Hugh O'Malley, Patrick O'Brien, Adele San Andres, Hanna Doreen Cruz (Philippines) Catherine Castelli, Patricia Stevenson, Rosalina Laruan, 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.

MASS OFFERED FOR ANNIVERSARIES: Shane Hocking 18.11.2018, Moira Frances Pendleton 12.12.2019, Mary Mooney 4.11.206, Eve Doreen Forte 6.11.2024, Vittorio Cafolla 13.11.1948, Flora Maria Cafolla 20.11.2015, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Len Potter 23.11.2019, Ernie Woods 19.11.2025, Giorgio Asnicar 12.11.2016, Renzo Crappa 6.11.12, Bill Della Vedova 12.11.12, Richard Rosolen 1.12.2024, Giorgio Asnicar 12.11.2016, Dulcie Schafer 28.10.95, 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.

MASS OFFERED FOR HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY: Cameron Hocking, Gerry Newman, Domonic Attard &Family, Zammit Family, Charlie & Phillis Micallef, Lisa Camilleri, Joe Formosa & all the Formosa Families, 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, Gerry Walsh, Formosa and Grima Families, Antonette Nordone (Italy), Alife Cafolla (Italy), 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.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html

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