



# Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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## Our Parish Churches

**St Joseph's Church**  
Bryant St, Pialba

**St Patrick's Church**  
82 William St, Howard

## Mass Centre

**St Peter the Fisherman**  
Burrum Heads Rd  
Burrum Heads

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Regimon Gervasis MCBS

## Parish Staff

Carlie McGeechan  
**Parish Secretary**

Mary Kirkpatrick  
**Finance Secretary**

Laraine Reardon  
Edie Scharma  
**Parish Assistants**

## Schools

**Star of the Sea School**  
33-35 Hughes Rd  
Wondunna, Hervey Bay  
PH: 4125 1220  
**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

**Outside School Hours Care**  
Star of the Sea School  
Wondunna, Hervey Bay  
PH: 4125 6051

**Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)**  
Wondunna, Hervey Bay  
PH: 4194 6155

**Xavier Catholic College**  
Eli Waters, Hervey Bay  
PH: 4197 1177  
**Principal:** Simon Dash

## Welfare Groups

**St Vincent De Paul:**  
4194 0861

**Centacare:**  
4194 0172

*12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

*The Baptism of the Lord*

*Dear Parishioners and Visitors,*

The joy arising from the celebration of Christmas finds its completion in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Gospel of Luke now presents a Jesus who have reached adulthood. Jesus begins His public ministry by going to the River Jordan to receive from John the baptism of repentance and conversion. What happens may appear paradoxical to our eyes.

Jesus wills to put Himself on the side of sinners, by being in solidarity with them, expressing the nearness of God. Jesus shows solidarity with us, with our effort to convert, to leave behind our selfishness, to detach ourselves from our shortcomings, to support us in showing charity, to strengthen us to be compassionate and merciful.

Jesus was really immersed in our human condition, except sin, for the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and to cure those who are sick, to take upon Himself the failures of the world.

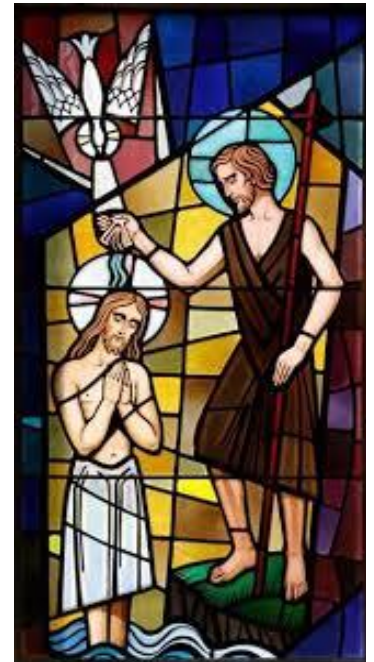
What happens at the moment when Jesus was baptized by John? the heavens open and the Holy Spirit is visibly manifested in the form of a dove, while a voice from on high expresses the pleasure of the Father, who recognizes the Only-begotten Son, the Beloved.

It is again a manifestation of Jesus and it is a true manifestation of the Holy Trinity, which gives testimony to the divinity of Jesus, to His being the promised Messiah, the One whom God has sent to free His people.

We partake in the baptism of Jesus. What happens in our Baptism? We too are united in a profound way and forever with Jesus, immersed in the mystery of His divinity and power, that is, in the mystery of His death, which is the source of life, in order to share in His resurrection, to be reborn to new life.

Through baptism, as children of God, we are partakers of the filial relationship that Jesus has with the Father, able to turn to God and call upon Him with full trust and confidence: "Abba, Father!"

We are invited to the joy of being a disciple of Christ and joy of belonging to the Church. It is the joy that comes from knowing we have received a great gift from God – the faith – a gift that none of us have merited, but that has been freely given and to which we have to respond with our "yes."



*Lord's abundant blessings, Fr. Regi*

## PARISH WORSHIP 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH [Pialba]

### The Celebration of the Mass

Monday	8am
Wednesday	5.30pm
Thursday	8am
Friday	8am

### Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday	8am
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### Weekend Mass

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	7am and 9am

### The Sacrament of Penance at St Joseph's Church

*Saturday 5pm or by appointment*

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH [Howard]

### The Celebration of the Mass

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month 5pm

### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month 5pm

ST PETER THE FISHERMAN

[Burrum Heads]

### The Celebration of the Mass

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month 5pm

### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month 9am

**Ecumenical Services** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### *The Baptism of the Lord*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: St Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> January

**First Collection** \$1,801.95

**Second Collection** \$1,591.05

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*

### **ARE YOU LOOKING TO FILL YOUR DAY**

Volunteers needed for hospitality, readers, communion ministers, music, gardening and church decorating – we are in great need of extra helpers. If you have spare time and would love to join in we would love to welcome you. Training is provided.

We also have many activities and groups in our Parish who are looking for new members to join.

Please complete the form at the bottom of the next page or contact the Office on 4124 3334

Hospital Minister on Duty  
14<sup>th</sup> January – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

*Colin Block*

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please check the daily liturgical celebrations notice on the notice board in front of the church each week. Keeps you informed about upcoming Masses and Liturgy changes and other upcoming events.

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Benji Fisher (UK), Petra Flinner, Maureen Haire, Alex Holmes, Betty Lever

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

**Recently Deceased:** Gerard Baldwin, Ignasia de la Cruz

**Anniversary:** Barry Foley, Ophelia Lamban, Catherine & Emmanuel Zammit

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD!**

*To protect your privacy, we are required by the National Privacy Act Australia to collect a written prayer intention form. Mass Intention Envelopes are available from the Parish Office, Piety Stall and at both Entrances.*

### PLANNED GIVING BY E-GIVING

Any parishioner who gives to the planned giving by either Credit Card or Direct Debit, please remember to contact the Parish Office if you have a new card or expiry date. If you wish to know more information about planned giving please contact the office.

### ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS & SERVERS

Please arrive to report to the Mass Coordinator and for prayer in the Vestry **10 minutes** prior to the start of Mass. *Thank You*

### SACRISTIAN TRAINING

To all our current Sacristans and to anyone interested in becoming a Sacristan. We will have a training morning on *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am in the Church.*

### SACRAMENT - Penance (Confession)

*For students who received Eucharist/Confirmation in 2018.*

Parent Information Nights are on the **14<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Church.** Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

**2019 PARISH CALENDAR** All Parish Group Leaders are asked to please send their 2019 meeting and events dates to the Parish Office.

<b>PARISH GROUPS</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Pilgrim Statue of Fatima</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Parish Craft Group</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	1-3pm	John Paul Centre
<b>St Vincent De Paul Society</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	3.30pm	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Faith Education</b> "Reaching for God's Light"	Every Tuesday	8.30am	Mary MacKillop Library
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	TBA	6pm	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Scripture Group</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Catholic Women's League</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>El Shaddai</b>	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	1-4pm	John Paul Centre
<b>Ministry of Consolation</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	7pm	Sr Scholly Hall

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Hervey Bay

Please support the needy by placing any non-perishable food items in the baskets at the front doors of the Church. Appeal envelopes are available at both entrances. *Thank you*

### PARISH PIETY STALL

Please come in, we have 2019 Calendars still available as well as Adult & Children Bibles, Rosary Beads and cards for all occasions. The shop is open before and after each Mass every weekend.

### CLEANER WANTED

We are looking for a cleaner for 5 hours per week split over 2 days being Monday and Friday. If you have experience or know anyone with experience please contact the Parish Office on Ph. 4124 3334 or email your details to [herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please feel free to bring a water bottle with you to Church especially during these hot months. Please remember to take all your belongings and any rubbish with you. Bins can be found near the John Paul Centre Hall. We also ask that **no food** be brought into the church

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

A white SS Commodore parked in our top carpark since Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December; if this belongs to you or someone you know could you please remove it or we will have to tow it at your cost.

**CATHOLIC LEADER** Keep informed on Catholic matters by reading the Leader available at the newsstands for \$2.

**GOD'S WORD 2019** contains the liturgical information of the day, the daily readings, responsorial Psalm and reflection on the daily readings. **Available from the Piety Stall and the Parish Office for only \$12.**

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH AND GROTTO

If you wish to leave flowers in the Church or in the Grotto please see the Parish Office to arrange a vase



**LOST PROPERTY** Our lost property box is again overflowing. Please check the box (*located in the Vestry*) before leaving Mass today.

### NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

We still have some places left for sponsorship on our back page. If you or a local business you know would like to sponsor a place for the next 12 months advertising please contact the Parish Office 4124 3334.

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

**Volunteers Needed** - Religious Instruction volunteers are urgently needed for 2019. Weekly 30 minute RI classes are currently offered at 6 state primary schools in our area. Training and lesson material provided. An information and training afternoon will be held on *Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at the Church of Christ Neils St, Pialba.* Further information please contact the RI Coordinator Julie Terry on 0428 289 213

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### How I can help our Parish?

- Ministry of the Word (*Reader*)
- Music
- Communion Minister
- Altar Server
- Hospitality
- Church Decorating
- Sacristan
- Church Cleaning
- Piety Stall
- Maintenance
- Other



**Please place this completed form on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office for further information.**