



13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## 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

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**Star of the Sea School**  
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Wondunna, Hervey Bay  
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**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:**  
21 Liuzzi St Pialba  
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**Centacare:**  
3324 3800

## **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

The first few gospel readings of the Easter season focused on showing us that Jesus was raised from the dead. He eats with his disciples, he shows them his wounds, he assures them that it really is him, he is risen from the dead. Now as we enter the third week of Easter the scripture readings change their focus from the resurrection itself to show us the effect of the resurrection on the disciples. We see this first in the figure of Peter.

The last time we saw Peter was on Easter Sunday when he was standing at the entrance of the tomb, not knowing what to make of it, confused and unsure. And before that, on Good Friday, we heard Peter deny Jesus three times. And the day before that, on Holy Thursday, Peter argues with Jesus about whether or not he would let Jesus wash his feet. Peter just could not get things right.

But today something is different. Today Peter is no longer the frightened fisherman denying Jesus, he is a firebrand speaking clearly, confidently, and courageously to the people in Jerusalem. His encounter with the risen Christ has transformed his life. The effect of the resurrection on the two disciples walking to Emmaus is just as dramatic. They have left Jerusalem, which, in Luke's gospel, means they have given up on Jesus.

They are leaving the faith community. In their minds, Jesus was supposed to conquer the Romans and usher in the glorious Kingdom of God on earth. He was not supposed to suffer a humiliating death. So, Cleopas and his companion are crushed, downhearted, and disappointed.

Nevertheless, they are not so crushed that they will not welcome the stranger who joins them on their journey. The unrecognized Jesus who accompanies them first sets their hearts to burning with his interpretation of Scripture. And once they recognize him in the breaking of the bread, they are fired up with such a passion that they immediately return to Jerusalem to rejoin the community and share their news.

Like Peter, they are transformed by the risen Christ. The Resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Because of the Resurrection, that small group of disciples had the hope and confidence to spread the Good News to the entire world. Because of the Resurrection, the early Christians could withstand persecution. The effects of the Resurrection continue today, in our own lives and in the lives of people we know. Today's readings challenge us to ask ourselves, is the resurrection transforming us? Is it a life-changing force in our lives? When was the last time we felt "our hearts burning within us" over anything?

When was the last time we felt that same energy and fire in the presence of the resurrected Jesus? When was the last time we let ourselves be transformed by the risen Lord? The risen Jesus accompanies us on our walk-through life, just as he accompanied those disciples walking to Emmaus. But maybe we, too, have a hard time recognizing Jesus in our lives. The Resurrection is not a single event in history, it is the reality we live in. We are a Resurrection people. The Resurrection is a reality that banishes fear and uncertainty. It drives out hatred and sadness. How wonderful it would be if we could live like that all the time.

**Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob**

## MASS Times: 15<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

### St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass  
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass  
 Thursday 8am Mass  
 Friday 8am Mass  
 Saturday 8am Mass  
 6pm Vigil  
 Sunday 7am Mass  
 9am Mass

### St Patrick's Church Howard

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

### St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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**Hervey Bay Catholic Parish**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1<sup>st</sup> letter of St John 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 35-48

### WE PRAY FOR:

**THE SICK:** Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Stuart Beilby, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Martin Curtis, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorroock, David Stevens, Pam Truscott, Pauline van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Edwards, Fr. Marty Larsen

**ANNIVERSARY:** Segunda Baculio, Susana Baculio, Neville Garner, Biennvenido Olaivar, Augusta Yting

### WE CELEBRATE:

**APRIL BIRTHDAY:** Bernie Gick, Josephine Stevens, Claire W

**APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Tony & Marilyn Monsour



### THANKSGIVING MASS AND SUPPER

Our Parish will hold a *Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm followed by supper in the JPC.*

This invitation goes out to all those who volunteer at Mass or serve in our Parish Community. *Please write your name on the clipboard at the church entrance if you are able to attend. **RSVP the Parish Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> April.***

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT- CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children who have turned 8 (Year 3) or older.

Parent information night will be held on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ 6.30pm in the Church.** Please bring to the information night – child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate. For more information, please contact the parish office on 4124 3334 or email [herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au)

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<i>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Ministry of Consolation</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Parish Craft Group</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Charismatic Praise &amp; Worship</b>	<i>TBA</i>		
<b>Cenacle "Divine Mercy"</b>	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Cenacle of the Divine Will</b>	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	<i>11.15am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Mother Mary's Playgroup</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Cenacle of Prayer</b> <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)</i>	<i>8.30am</i>	<i>MacKillop Library</i>
<b>El Shaddai</b>	<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>1pm</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Health Care with Christ</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Parish Youth Ministry</b>	<i>TBA</i>		

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday.  
Hosted by Indian Community.



**Praise**

Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

**MOTHER MARY'S  
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**Pray**

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For more information contact mothermaryslittleblessings@outlook.com

### PIETY STALL

*Come in for that perfect gift or something special for yourself.*

The Shop is open before and after each Mass every weekend. *Sorry no EFTPOS*

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE** we will be celebrating a **Special Mass on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7am** to remember those who have served, those who have fallen and those who are still serving for us. All family, friends and community members are welcome.



### IF YOU HAVE A YAHOO EMAIL ADDRESS?

Any email sent to you from the office have come back undelivered.

The information we have is that those with a Yahoo account need to contact Yahoo admin and let them know that their email system isn't accepting connection requests from our email system. It's likely that Yahoo email admin is the only one who can fix this problem.

Hopefully everything can be sorted soon. In the meantime, please check the website: [www.herveybaycatholic.com.au](http://www.herveybaycatholic.com.au) for your latest copy of the newsletter and rosters.

### SCAM ALERT

There is an email circulating claiming to be from Fr. Jacob. **PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THIS EMAIL.**

If you receive an email from Fr. Jacob, please contact the office to confirm he has in fact sent you an email. The scam email currently being sent looks like the following:

*Hello,  
Are you less busy? I have a discrete request that I need your assistance with, send me an email when you get this. Thanks*

[Fr. Jacob Kalu](#)

*Sent from mail...*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

*Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

### RIP FR. MARTY LARSEN 1975 - 2024

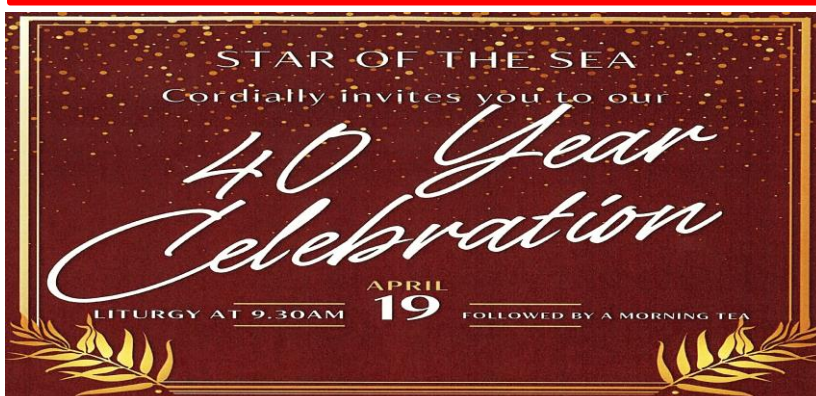
Fr. Marty was appointed to our Parish in 2016 as Administrator Priest for 2months. He was well liked and received by our community and he loved being here and working in our Parish with our Parishioners, schools and childcare centres. Fr. Marty touched many people's lives with his joy and his happiness. A real treasure gone too soon. As he wrote in his final newsletter with us:



*"Saying goodbye really doesn't mean anything. What is more important is the time we spent together, not how we leave."  
"History never really says goodbye. History says, See you later."*

### PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for the monthly Cuppa at the Hervey Bay RSL at 9.30am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome.



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