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1st / 2nd February 2025

The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

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

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Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care

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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:

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4194 0861

Centacare:

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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, forty days after the birth of Jesus, shows us Mary and Joseph who, in obedience to the Mosaic Law, go to the Temple of Jerusalem to offer the Child, as the firstborn, to the Lord, and to 'redeem' him through a sacrifice (Lk 2, 22-24). It is one of the cases in which the liturgical season reflects history because, today is precisely forty days since the Solemnity of the Lord's Christmas; the light of Christ, which characterized the cycle of Christmas feasts and culminated in the Solemnity of Epiphany, is resumed and extended in today's feast. In the encounter between old Simeon and the young mother Mary, the Old and New Testament are united admirably in thanksgiving for the gift of Light, which shone in the darkness, preventing it from prevailing. Christ the Lord is the Light to enlighten all peoples and the glory of his people Israel (cf. Lk 2:32). In the East, this Feast is called the Feast of the Encounter: indeed, Simeon and Anna, who find Jesus in the Temple and recognize in Him the long-awaited Messiah, represent the humanity that finds its Lord in the Church. It is a beautiful encounter with God, who comes to save man in need of salvation. We contemplate this mystery in the prayer of the Rosary, in the joyful mysteries. It is, therefore, a joyful mystery: Salvation has come, the Saviour has come!

The encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anne in the temple of Jerusalem appears as the symbol of a much greater and universal reality: humanity finds its God in the Church. We heard from the Prophet Malachi in the first reading who foreshadowed this encounter: "Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple..." In the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the expected Messiah and proclaimed him Saviour and light of the world. Reflecting deeper, we understand that at that moment it is God Himself who presents his Only Begotten Son to humanity, through the words of old Simeon and the prophetess Anna. In fact, Simeon proclaims Jesus as "Salvation" of humanity, as "Light" of all peoples and "sign of contradiction," because it will reveal the thoughts of hearts.

Dear friends in Christ, Our Lady prepared her heart, as only she could do it, to present her Son to God the Father and to offer herself with Him. In doing so, she renewed her *fiat* (YES) and put again her life in the hands of God. Therefore, the liturgy of this feast wants to show, in effect, that the life of a Christian is like an offering to the Lord, translated into the procession of lit candles that are consumed little by little, while illuminating. Christ is prophesied as the Light that brings out the darkness from darkness into the world. This visible sign is intended to mean that the Church finds in the faith the One who is "the Light of people" and welcomes him with faith to bring this "Light" to the world. We are invited to give our Lord, once again, our lives, thoughts, works, our whole being. And we can do it in many ways. We are also called to remember our participation in the mission of Christ, which was given to us in Baptism, is strictly linked to our personal surrender.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 3rd February 2025 to 9th February 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Liturgy of the Word
 Saturday 8am Mass
 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 7am Mass
 9am Mass

St Patrick's Church Howard

Mass: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month @ 4pm

St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Presentation of the Lord

1st Reading: Prophet Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

NOTICE

Please check the notice board at the main entrance of the church and also on our website www.herveybaycatholic.com.au each week. Keeps you informed about upcoming Masses and Liturgical celebrations, changes and other upcoming events in our Parish and our Diocese. The weekly parish newsletters can also be downloaded from the website.

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Tony Cavanagh, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Pat Deeley, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour, Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrocks, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Trofimo Abao, Billy Dowling, Aldrin Leander, Esme Fay, Lasela Hunkin, Harrish Kumar, Kolotita (Kika) Neville, Trevor Allan Russell, David Stevens, Juliet Vergara

ANNIVERSARY: Charles Boston, Fernando & Pascuala Cabigon, Daniel Cefai, Ophelia Lamban, Kevin Panzram, Richard Rivett, Margaret Treston

WE CELEBRATE:

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY:

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANN.:

Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, or someone in need of prayers? Send the names to herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au, or use the pink card available at the newsstand & Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. Our members are available for any bereavement support. Please contact: Gary Varley – 0497 970 365

PIETY STALL. Looking for a gift for loved ones or for yourself? Come in, have a browse and support our Parish Piety Stall. New stocks available. Open each weekend before and after Mass.

Sorry no EFTPOS.

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday. Hosted by *El Shaddai*. If you would like to assist with hosting a morning tea, please contact the Parish Office.

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays (Resumes 3rd February 2025)</i>	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Monday 10th February 2025</i>	3pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Ministry of Consolation	<i>1st Tuesday of each month</i>	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Craft Group	<i>1st Wednesday of each month</i>	9am	John Paul Centre
Charismatic Praise & Worship	TBA		
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays (Resumes 6th February 2025)</i>	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays (Resumes 7th February 2025)</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	8.30am	MacKillop Library
El Shaddai	<i>Saturdays</i>	1pm	John Paul Centre
Health Care with Christ	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Kids Club - grades 1-8	<i>Sunday 2nd February</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall

SACRAMENTS FOR YEAR 2025

PENANCE (Reconciliation):

For Children who have received Eucharist in or before year 2024.

Parent Information Night will be held on **Monday, 3rd February at 6.30pm**, in **St Joseph's Church**. We invite all parents who would like to enrol their children for this sacrament to attend.

Date of Confession: 17th March 2025

CONFIRMATION:

For Students in Year 3.

Parent Information Night to be held on **Monday 28th April, at 6.30pm**, in **St Joseph's Church**.

Date of Confirmation: Thursday 12th June

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

For Children who have received Confirmation in or before year 2024.

Parent Information Night to be held on **Monday 14th July at 6.30pm**, in **St Joseph's Church**.

Date of First Holy Communion: 13th & 14th September 2025

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HERVEY BAY

Please support the needy of this City by placing any non-perishable food items in the baskets at the front doors of the Church. Envelopes are also available inside the church on the newsstand & from the Parish Office. *Thank you, Hervey Bay Parishioners, for your generosity and continued support!*

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!

Our St Joseph's Conference requires new members with computer skills. If you are interested, please call Brian 0448 781 045.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES READY TO BE COLLECTED

For parishioners who give by the envelope system, the Planned Giving Envelopes for the period of 2nd February to 27th July 2025 are ready for collection from the Newsstand in the church.

THANK YOU, FR JOHN GRACE!

As Fr Jacob returns next week, Fr John will be leaving on Thursday, 6th February after daily Mass. We thank Fr John for his time here with us, and for taking care of our parishioners.

As the weather is warming up, please remember to stay hydrated. Feel free to bring a water bottle along to church.

Strictly no food allowed inside the church.

ANOINTING MASS

We will celebrate our first Anointing Mass for 2025 on **Monday the 10th February at 9.30am**.

This year we will also be requiring groups to assist with the setup, supply and serving of the morning tea following the Mass. All are welcome!

There will be no 8am Mass that morning.



BLESSING OF CANDLES



This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February), which commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple of Jerusalem. It is also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, and the Feast of Candlemas – as the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. Since this feast falls on a Sunday, it supersedes the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

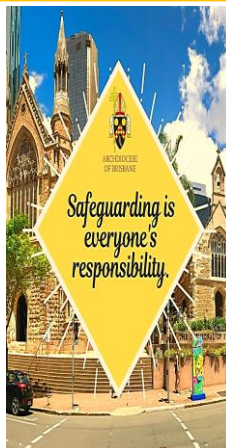
Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, founded by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997, to remind consecrated men and women that they are to be the light in the world, imitating Jesus, the Light of the World.

Parishioners are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed during the Masses this weekend at St Joseph's and Burrum Heads. Place your candles on the allocated table at the Sanctuary. Please label your candles to avoid mix-up.

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. Information on Safeguarding is now available on our website:

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