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8th / 9th March 2025

The First Sunday of Lent

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. Jacob Kalu
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Parish Staff

Audrey Yu
Pastoral Ministry Coordinator

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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

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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
4194 0861

Centacare:
3324 3800

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

When we understand today's gospel correctly, we understand what is at the heart of Jesus' mission. Sometimes, we imagine this scene of Jesus and the devil in the desert is just obstacle that Jesus needs to jump over before he can begin his life's work. But this scene is his life's work. It expresses in the clearest terms what the purpose of Jesus' ministry is.

Jesus came into this world to defeat evil, to oppose all that is against God's will. The devil in this scene represents the evil of the world, which Jesus intends to destroy. This becomes clearer when we understand that the Greek word in this text which we often translate as 'temptation' literally means 'test' or 'contest.' The devil is coming not so much to tempt Jesus as to fight with him. This scene is a struggle, a battle. The battle is against evil, and every subsequent scene in Jesus' ministry is a continuation of it.

It is clear from today's gospel that if we are to live as Christians, our lives will involve temptations. If Jesus was tempted, then certainly we shall be also. What might be less clear from the gospel is that temptation is often founded on a dispute over how we should use our talents and our abilities. When Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert to prepare for his ministry, the devil comes and tries to tempt him to use his talents and gifts for his own sake rather than for God's purpose. This text is not saying that our welfare and God's purpose are opposed. Usually when we do God's will we are also doing the best thing for ourselves. But the argument between Jesus and the devil is one over principle. Who has real authority over Jesus' gifts and abilities? Is it Jesus' choice how he will use them or does God have the higher claim? Jesus rebuffs the devil's temptation and insists that God has the higher claim.

This gospel then calls us to consider who we really are and how our gifts and abilities should be used. Do we think that we have complete control over how we use our gifts and abilities, or do we think that God has the higher claim? The answer for a Christian is clear. We believe that God is our creator and that everything we have comes as a gift from God. Our very life is a gift. We would not exist had not God granted us life. The same is true for all that we do; our ability to think, our ability to work, our ability to run, to sing, to listen, to create. All of these abilities are gifts that God has given us. The same is true of time. Every day that we are given is a gift, a gift that allows us to choose how we will live that day and what will we use it for.

For the Christian believer, the vision is clear. All that we are, all that we have comes from God. All is meant for God's glory. To a person that does not have faith, this is nonsense. What I have, I have, and I use it as I want to use it as long as it is not illegal or does not hurt other people. But the Christian perspective is different. It sees everything that we have as a gift which has been entrusted to us. We are stewards of our own lives, of our own abilities, of our own time. And we know that God someday will ask us, "How did you spend your life? What did you do with the time, with the abilities and the talents that I gave you?" All of us are tempted from time to time to imagine that we are independent of that responsibility. But the Christian knows better. He or she understands that we are all stewards of God's gifts.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 10th March 2025 to 16th March 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 9.30am 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: 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 First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: The Book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Letter to the Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



UPDATE FROM THE VATICAN

The Holy Father, who has been hospitalised at Gemelli Hospital in Rome, delivered a pre-recorded message of thanks to those gathered for the nightly rosary prayer service in St. Peter's Square on Thursday evening, marking the first time his voice has been heard publicly since his hospitalisation 21 days ago. Let us continue to pray for him.

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, June Bearsley, Tony Cavanagh, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Bill Creedon, 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: Tofimo Abao, Billy Dowling, Aldrin Leander, Esme Fay, Lasela Hunkin, Harrish Kumar, Daniel Jason McNamara, Kolotita (Kika) Neville, Trevor Allan Russell, Charlie Scriha, Joe Scriha, Jimmy Scriha, David Stevens, Juliet Vergara

ANNIVERSARY: Segunda Baculio, Dennis Ryan Berecny, Reg Treston, Terry Quinlan

WE CELEBRATE:

MARCH BIRTHDAY: Fr Jacob Kalu

MARCH WEDDING ANN.: David & Jayde Johnstone (13 years)

"Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did." (CCC #2634)

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

"Grief is just love with no place to go."

The members of the Ministry of Consolation 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 support our Parish Piety Stall. New stocks available. Open each weekend before and after Mass. *No EFTPOS.*

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

Hosted by *Family Group (5).*

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

LENTEN PROGRAM 2025

Stations of the Cross

Held every Friday at 6pm, led by different parish groups. All are welcome to pray together as a parish community.

Friday 07/03 – Music Ministry

Friday 14/03 – Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy

Friday 21/03 – Xavier & Star of the Sea

Friday 28/03 – SVDP

Friday 04/04 – RCIA

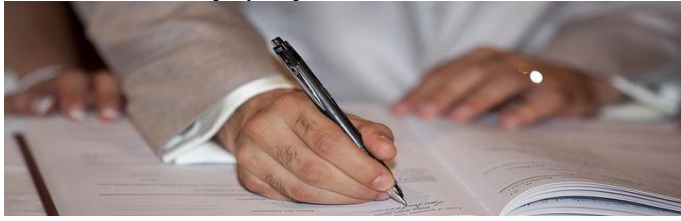
Friday 11/04 – El Shaddai

Group Lenten Reflection

Everyone is welcome to join the Lenten reflection every Thursday at 6pm, John Paul Centre.

RITE OF ELECTION AND ENROLMENT

This weekend (1st Sunday of Lent) at 9 am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Election and enrolment of **three (3)** adult catechumens. Here the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation. This second step in Christian initiation marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation. Let us, as a community, pray for them.



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.

STAR OF THE SEA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



The latest newsletter of the Star of the Sea Primary School is now online: <https://tinyurl.com/sos-march>

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.

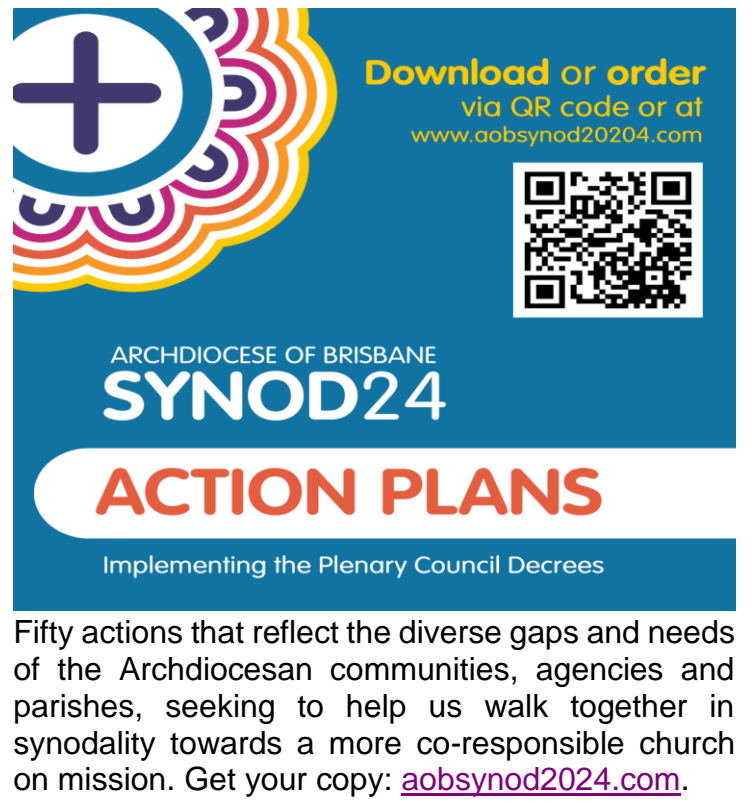
ONE-DAY RETREAT: "UNLOCKING THE POWER IN BAPTISM"

The Hervey Bay Catholic Parish Charismatic Prayer Group invites parishioners to join their one-day program on **Saturday, 12th April 2025, 9.30 am to 4 pm**, focusing on unlocking the power and graces each of us has received through our Baptism. The aim of the program will be to encourage each of us to seek a deeper personal relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit.


The program will be presented by the Mission Team of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided. A love offering will be taken up to cover costs.

Sign on sheets available at the church entrance. For more information, contact:

Tony Monsour 0438289054



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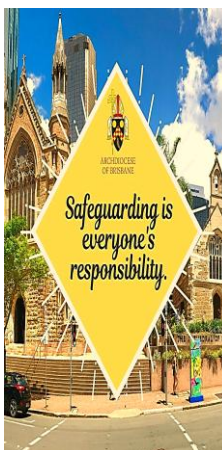


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The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded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

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