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5th / 6th April 2025

The Fifth 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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Winnie Mujunen
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33-35 Hughes Rd
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Outside School Hours Care
Star of the Sea School
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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:
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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

There is a beautiful little theme running through the readings of this weekend that I find delightful: 'no need to recall the past.' This weekend's gospel is surely one of the most beautiful Gospel passages in all of Scripture. It is as if this one account of how Jesus treated this woman gives a clear picture of the whole meaning of the Gospel and the way he approaches us in our sin and our weakness. There is no doubt about what the law at the time of Our Lord dictated as a penalty for the type of sin alleged here. Jesus, however, puts the whole relationship of sin and punishment into a new light: mercy and compassion. In God's eyes, it is never just about the law and justice and how we have acted in relation to that. Jesus, time and time again has reminded us that we are whole human beings, and that he calls us to wholeness. So, we do not do ourselves much good if we only focus on actions or even sins unless we see them in the broader context of who we are as humans created by God in love.

I am sure we all would like to live out that mercy and compassion in our lives. Lent is the time to reflect on our own relationships with others. We no longer use actual stone to punish people in this part of the world for breaking laws, (thank God), but tragically and shockingly, there are still places in the world where this horrific penalty still applies. And let us face it, even in the absence of "stoning" there are other ways of "striking people down" for their mistakes, sins and weaknesses. We have probably all seen examples where a persons' sin or weaknesses have been thrown back in their face by others, even in situations where the sin or weakness is not relevant at all to whatever is the present issue at hand.

A person's fault and sins can be a powerful weapon that is used against them. It is all-too-tempting for people to use a person's sins and faults against them for their own advantage. Lent is a time to reflect on our own calling to live as Jesus Christ lived: with love, compassion, and mercy for everyone and for all creation. What an enormous challenge! Whenever we might be tempted to reject another person, we could benefit from thinking of this Gospel passage and realize that we condemn ourselves if we reject others. This kind of thinking clearly does not condone the sin. Jesus is clear at the end of this Gospel passage: "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." There is no sense that the sin involved here is in any way being condoned. In any case, this woman is herself a beloved and cherished daughter of God and needs more than ever, God's love, mercy and compassion at this time.

Jesus shows us the true response to people in their brokenness, sin, and pain. In the Gospel, Jesus is not afraid to call sin what it is. Yet a clear idea of what is right and what is wrong and a clear sense of sin in no way leads to a rejection of the person, nor does anyone ever take delight in the sin or wrongdoing or the fall of others. Let us pray today for a deepening of the gift of faith in our lives and for the gift of being able to give witness to our faith by speaking the truths of our faith, but always with compassion, love and mercy.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 7th April 2025 to 13th April 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 9.30am Anointing 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

Sunday 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: The Prophet Isaiah 43:16-21
2nd Reading: Letter to the Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, 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 Shorrock, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Trofimo Abao, Billy Dowling, Aldrin Leander, Esme Fay, Elsa Geale, Lasela Hunkin, Harrish Kumar, Daniel Jason McNamara, Kolotita (Kika) Neville, Marcelina delos Reyes, Trevor Allan Russell, Charlie Scriha, Joe Scriha, Jimmy Scriha, David Stevens, Juliet Vergara

ANNIVERSARY: Harvey Passfield, Alf Petersen, Olive McDonough, Susana Baculio

WE CELEBRATE:

APRIL BIRTHDAY: Bernadette Gick

APRIL WEDDING ANN.:

"Since Abraham, intercession - asking on behalf of another has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy." (CCC #2635)

PALM CROSS MAKING

The Legion of Mary will be making palm crosses again this year on **Friday, 11 April** after morning Mass in Sr Scholly's Room. Helpers needed. Bring your own scissors. Morning tea and lunch provided for all helpers.



ANOINTING MASS



We will be celebrating an Anointing Mass on **Monday the 7th April at 9.30am**, followed by morning tea in the John Paul Centre. Please bring a plate to share. **NO 8am Mass that morning.**

PIETY STALL. Looking for a gift for loved ones or for yourself? Come support our Parish Piety Stall. Easter greeting cards now available. Holy Week Missals at \$5. 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, 6th April. Hosted by the El Shaddai.

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 14th April 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>No kids' club during school holidays</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Will be held on Monday, 14th April, 5.30pm @ St Joseph's Church, Pialba.

SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM LITURGY TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY – 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper

At 6pm, St Joseph's Church, Pialba.

GOOD FRIDAY – 18th April

(Fasting and abstinence)

Stations of the Cross

At 10.30am, St Joseph's Pialba.

The Passion of the Lord

At 3pm, St Joseph's Church, Pialba.

HOLY SATURDAY – 19th April *Easter Vigil*

At 6pm, with RCIA, St Joseph's Church, Pialba.

EASTER SUNDAY – 20th April

7am & 9am, St Joseph's Church, Pialba

4 pm, St Patrick's Church, Howard.

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. This Friday's *Stations* (4th April) is led by RCIA elect and teachers.

Group Lenten Reflection

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

MEET THE NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICER



My name is Gary, and I have been actively involved in St Joseph's Catholic Parish since 2017. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving in various capacities, including as a Sacristan, Coordinator of the Ministry of

Consolation, Minister of Communion to the Sick, and a member of both the Parish Leadership Council and the Parish Finance Council. Additionally, I extend my ministry beyond the parish as a Chaplain with Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services, providing spiritual support to those in need. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside each of you, growing together in faith, love, and fellowship. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time – I would love to connect and support you in any way I can.

Please remember to stay hydrated at all times. 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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this Lent




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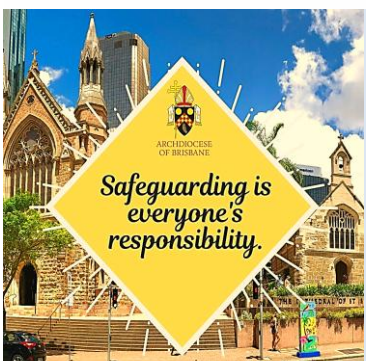
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Information on Safeguarding is now available on our website:
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