



19th / 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

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
33-35 Hughes Rd
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Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Xavier Catholic College
Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
4338 5850

Centacare:
3324 3800

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Easter, as the central feast in the Christian liturgical calendar, encompasses several profound themes that underscore its significance. These themes not only reflect on the resurrection of Jesus Christ but also on the wider implications for humanity and individual believers. The Easter readings focus on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, culminating in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through his Resurrection. They also emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly things rather than earthly ones.

A couple of weeks ago we started what looked like a hopeless, and an endless journey. Today we have come to the end of that journey. Today is the greatest of all Sundays in the Christian calendar because of the newness of life that it brings. Today a new epoch has completely begun. This is because the historical Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died and was buried has now been glorified. The short story is that Christ has risen in fulfilment of his promise: "I will rise on the third day." The battle is over. There is no controversy because Jesus is Lord! Today, we celebrate the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, and of peace over chaos. We celebrate hope, patience and the fulfilment of God's Promise to his people. We also celebrate the uniqueness of our religion, the resurrection of our Lord. Through his resurrection, Jesus affirms that he is the Lord of the living and the dead.

One question that we must ask ourselves this Easter Sunday is: Did I resurrect with Christ this Easter? Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the grave. He did not cling to any "worldly" thing or allowed them to pull him down. If we must rise with Christ, we must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary things that can pull us down spiritually. Through our Lenten observances we died with Christ. So let us rise with him through the power of the Holy Spirit. And like Paul, today our song should be that of thanksgiving to God: "We bless God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who in his great mercy has given us a new birth...by raising Jesus Christ from the dead." This is because, Christ's death was our death and his resurrection is ours too. Therefore, his joy, glory and triumph are equally ours.

As Christ's disciples, our testimony from today shall be: "I saw Christ's glory as he rose...Christ my hope has risen...! Like the apostles, our duty is to spread the good news of the Lord's resurrection to the entire world. Like Peter in today's first reading we must say to all people: "Now we are those witnesses...we eat and drank with Him after his resurrection..." Having been raised with Christ, we must act like the living and not the dead. We must seek the things of light, things that are noble and things that glorify God. We must seek heavenly things by living like citizens of heaven rather than "earth bound spirits." This is what Paul calls us to do today when he says: "Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is..." We must live the type of life that is worthy of one who has risen and reigns with Christ. Let us therefore sing with the Psalmist on this glorious day of Easter: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad." Alleluia!

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 21st April 2025 to 27th April 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 7am ANZAC Day Mass
 8am NO MASS
 Saturday 6pm Mass
 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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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
2nd Reading: Paul's Letter to Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

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 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, Marcelina delos Reyes, Elsa Geale, Fay Ryan

ANNIVERSARY: Harvey Passfield, Alf Petersen, Olive McDonough, Susana Baculio, Viliam Chodelka, Christopher O'Boyle

WE CELEBRATE:

APRIL BIRTHDAY: Bernadette Gick

APRIL WEDDING ANN.:

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

We will be celebrating a Special Mass on Friday 25th 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.

"Lest we Forget"



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed next week, from Easter Monday (21st April) to Friday (25th April) inclusive, and will reopen on Monday (28th April). Daily Masses are as usual.

PIETY STALL. Looking for a gift for loved ones or for yourself? Come support our Parish Piety Stall. Easter greeting cards now 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 Easter Sunday, 20th April. Hosted by The Bikkie Bunch & PPC (BBQ)

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Tuesday, 22nd 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>1st & 3rd Sundays of the month</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>



ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! A BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18th 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land took place on Good Friday, 18th April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Donation envelopes can still be handed in to the Parish Office, or drop it into the mailbox.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Paschal Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (vigil) – is really only **one long liturgy**?

If you attended the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, you would have noticed that it started normally but there was no final blessing at the end. The Eucharist is brought to the altar of repose and the church is left in silence until the Good Friday service, which has no opening Sign of the Cross and no final blessing. Only at the close of the Vigil Mass (on Saturday) does the priest finally conclude the 3-day long 'Mass', saying, "The Mass is ended, go in peace, alleluia, alleluia."

(Source: catholicvote.org)

EASTER SUNDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We will celebrate Easter Sunday with a sausage sizzle and morning tea in John Paul Centre. All are welcome!

The parish thanks all those who have supported this morning tea and everyone who have provided food, sausages and equipment, those who took care of setting up, cooking and cleaning - for making this celebration possible.

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.



The one-day retreat on Saturday, 12th April was successfully held at St Joseph's Church. All participants left the retreat spirit-filled. We thank the Mission Team of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane for their help.

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 28th 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

PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for parish morning tea at RSL at Table 89 on Thursday 24th April at 9.30 am.

All parishioners are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Geoffrey and Jess who are to receive their Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Vigil. **Welcome home!** Let us continue to pray for them.

Special thanks to their formators for their assistance and guidance, and to the sponsors who are journeying with them.



On the 2nd Sunday of Easter the universal Church celebrates the Divine Mercy Sunday. You can obtain a plenary indulgence if you:

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray for the Pope's intentions.
4. Take part in the devotions of Divine Mercy

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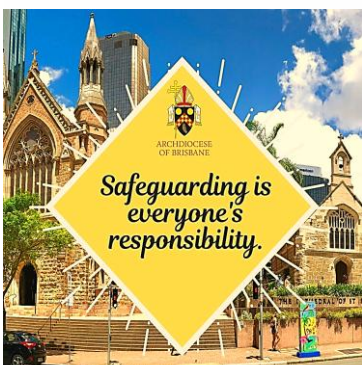
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www.herveybaycatholic.com.au