



12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*Passion Sunday (Palm 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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## Parish Staff

Audrey Yu  
**Pastoral Ministry Coordinator**

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**Parish Secretary**

Gary Varley  
**Safeguarding Officer**

Naomi Kidd  
**Chaplain – OzCare**

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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

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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  
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**Centacare:**  
3324 3800

## Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Today, we commemorate the hour when Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem for the last time. This triumphant entry of Jesus as king, reminds us of King David when he entered and took possession of Jerusalem. This is precisely what St. Luke clearly emphasized in his gospel. "The whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they have seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Lk 19:37-38).

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, we are called to follow Him step by step; from the gates of Jerusalem to the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Praetorium, to Calvary and then to the tomb where He will gloriously rise from the dead. In following Him, we should be fully aware of the kind of kingship Jesus represents and exercises. Reading through the story of the Passion, St. Luke identified the major characteristics of the kingship of Christ as against the kingship of this world. At the Last Supper, Jesus showed that His kingship is based on the desire to serve: "Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant" (Lk 22:26). It is also Eucharistic; where people who are gathered to worship and give thanks, see themselves as one family, without discrimination and divisions in an all-inclusive fellowship of God's children.

At the Garden of Gethsemane, the soldiers arrived with swords and clubs to apprehend Jesus. The worldly kingship is violent and unforgiving. Jesus showed the contrary – a kingship of non-violence and healing – He even healed the ear of the high priest's servant. When Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate, serious accusations were hurled against Him. But amidst all these accusations, Jesus just bowed his head in silence. Though He had all the right to judge being the sinless One, He chose not to accuse anyone. His kingdom does not accuse, but forgives and welcomes back sinners. That is why on the cross, He offered forgiveness to the repentant thief, and prayed for His persecutors. Through all these, the kingship of Jesus is clearly shown; a kingship not of division but unity and inclusive fellowship; not out of the desire to dominate but to serve; not of violence but non-violence and healing; not of accusation but forgiveness; not of selfishness but love.

As Jesus begins His final and painful journey, He enters the gates of Jerusalem as King, and He invites us to follow Him. We lift and wave our palm branches, aware that these are not only symbols of victory but also of martyrdom. We lay down our precious cloaks on the road not only to give honour to the king but also to show our readiness to leave all things behind so we can follow our king. We shout and rejoice not only to acclaim our king, but also as our battle cry as our king leads us in the fight against the worldly kingdom of selfishness, violence and pride. Let this Holy Week provide us with the graces we need in order to follow our king, Jesus Christ.

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

## MASS Times: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass  
5.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5.30pm Mass

Thursday 6pm Lord's Supper

Friday 10.30am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Lord's Passion

Saturday 6pm Easter Vigil

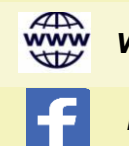
Sunday 7am Easter Sunday Mass  
9am Easter Sunday Mass

### St Patrick's Church Howard

Sunday 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

*Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** The Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Letter to the Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 22:14-23:56

#### 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:** 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

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

#### WE CELEBRATE:

**APRIL BIRTHDAY:** Bernadette Gick

**APRIL WEDDING ANN.:**

#### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAIR

Mark your calendar for the Parish Fair being held on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (after 9am mass)**.

There will be Music, Entertainment, Food & Drink Stalls, Parish Group Stalls, Craft stall, Plant stall, Raffles, Prizes & much more.

The Fair is only possible with your help. If you want to hold a stall or if you can assist stalls, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office if you can help with planning, on the day and any suggestions.

#### ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING WORKSHOP

We are asking all altar servers to attend a training session for altar serving in the Parish. Training will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm** in the Church (after the 5.30pm mass). Please confirm with the office your attendance.

**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, 13<sup>th</sup> April.  
Hosted by Health Care with Christ

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>Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</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>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>Kids Club - grades 1-8</b>	<i>No kids' club during school holidays</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>



## 2<sup>ND</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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

## SACRED PASCAL TRIDUUM LITURGY TIMES

### HOLY THURSDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> April

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

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

### GOOD FRIDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – 19<sup>th</sup> April *Easter Vigil*

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

### EASTER SUNDAY – 20<sup>th</sup> 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* (1<sup>st</sup> April) is led by El Shaddai.

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world.

In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million (\$1.4 million [2023], \$1.4 million [2022] and \$1,126,098 [2021]). The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land this Good Friday.

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.*



**THANK YOU!** The Parish thanks everyone who had helped make the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Hosted by the Legion of Mary, they made thousands of crosses to cater for Hervey Bay, Howard, and Burrum Heads. The Legionaries would like to invite more people to join them next year for this fun-filled activity.

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

The Hervey Bay Catholic Parish Charismatic Prayer Group invites parishioners to join their one-day program this **Saturday, 12th April 2025, 9.30 am to 4 pm**. 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.

If you have not registered, please contact Tony Monsour on 0438289054.




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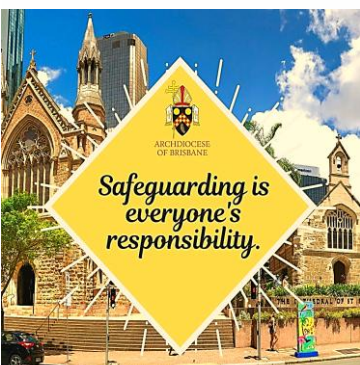
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