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26th / 27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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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Audrey Yu
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Star of the Sea School
33-35 Hughes Rd
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care
Star of the Sea School
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4125 6051

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:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
4338 5850

Centacare:
3324 3800

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates the feast of the Divine Mercy. United as a community of believers, we continue to express our joy and faith in the risen Christ. As we celebrate the victory of Christ over death, there is one crucial thing we must remember. This is, that we must be united in bearing effective witness to the resurrected Christ as the early Christian community did.

The first reading of this Sunday from Acts of the Apostles begins with our congregation's motto: "One heart and one soul." This summarizes the way the early Christian community lived and testified to the risen Lord: "The apostles continue to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were greatly respected." One of the best ways to bear testimony to the risen Christ is through unity. Christ himself prayed for it: "Father that they may be one as you and I are one" (John 17:21). Of course, he knew that there would be many challenges to this. He knew that this unity would not rob anyone of his personality. Above all, he knew that this unity is necessary for our success. It is unity in diversity for the progress of His mission. Christ was sure that living in unity is the best testimony we can bear as his disciples. The early disciples paid attention to this instruction by being united in their mission. They demonstrated this through their preaching and lifestyles.

Today's gospel reading from John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. During this very important visit, he restored their peace, and commissioned them as ministers of the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament is of mercy and forgiveness. So, as we bear witness to the risen Christ, we shall certainly encounter people who will doubt our testimony. This must not discourage us. The Holy Spirit will convince them. We should remain focused on our mission. So, as true disciples of Christ, let us continue to announce the good news to the whole world that Jesus Christ, our Lord has truly risen from the dead.

As we celebrate divine mercy Sunday today, we are reminded that God extended his mercy to us by allowing his son pay the ransom for our sins. Christ accomplished this through his paschal mystery. We are also encouraged to extend this mercy to others, because we are called to be apostles of mercy.

So, as we spread the good news of Christ's resurrection, we must give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is because, his mercy and generosity endure forever.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 28th April 2025 to 4th May 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass of Commemoration
 Thursday 9.30am St Joseph the Worker
 Feast Day Mass
 Friday 8am Mass
 Saturday 10am Mass for El-Shaddai's
 30th Anniversary
 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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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
2nd Reading: Book of Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20:19-31



Feast of St Joseph the Worker

On **Thursday 1st May**, the Church celebrates the feast day of St Joseph the Worker, who is an example of the holiness of human labour. We will celebrate the day with a Mass at St Joseph's Church, at **9.30 am**. There will be Morning Tea after Mass. Please note there is no 8am Mass that day.

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, Michael Sherry

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

WE CELEBRATE:

APRIL BIRTHDAY: Bernadette Gick

APRIL WEDDING ANN.:

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adult)** program to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church will begin in May, and the Rite will be celebrated in October this year. For those wishing to become Catholics, please register your name and details with the Parish Office as soon as possible.

PIETY STALL. Looking for a gift for loved ones or for yourself? Come support our Parish Piety Stall. Easter greeting cards 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, 27th April.
 Hosted by the 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>Tuesday 5th May</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>

WELCOME HOME!



Congratulations to Geoffrey and Jessica, who received their Sacraments of Initiation during Easter Vigil, 19th April. **Welcome home!** Let us continue to pray for them as a community and help them grow in their love and knowledge of the Christ whom they have professed as their Lord and Saviour. Special thanks to their formators for their assistance and guidance, and to the sponsors who are journeying with them.

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. Registration form is also available online. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 41243334 or email your enquiry to herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au.

Requiescat In Pace



The late Holy Father's funeral on Saturday 26th April (6 pm Queensland time) will mark the beginning of *Novendiales*, a nine-day period of mourning. During this period, prayers and liturgical rites will be held in the Vatican and around the world. **In Hervey Bay, a Mass of Commemoration will be celebrated on Wednesday 30th April at 5.30 pm to pray for the repose of the pope's soul, at St Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.

The conclave – the gathering of the College of Cardinals to elect a new pope – will be announced by the Vatican after the funeral.

At this time of *Interregnum* (i.e. before the next pope is elected), let us mourn the loss of a great pastor in Pope Francis, pray for his repose, as well as pray for the cardinals as the church prepares for the election of a new pope.

THE FEAST OF MERCY



"The first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it." (Diary 742)

The message of the Divine Mercy is not new. It is a powerful reminder that God's very nature is Love and Mercy Itself. He welcomes us to partake of His divine life, through the Eucharist and to show others mercy, "always and everywhere". How do we measure up?

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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JOHN 14: 6-14

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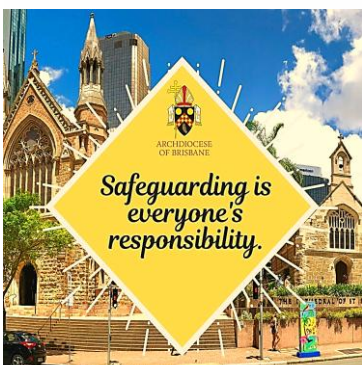
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www.herveybaycatholic.com.au