



3rd / 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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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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,

It is a thing of joy as always as a community of faith to gather and enter into the consequential conversation the Risen Lord wants to have with each of us on this third Sunday of Easter. Last week, we pondered the Lord's Divine Mercy and reflected on Jesus' rehabilitation of the faith of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Today we ponder that same mercy and Jesus' rehabilitation of St. Peter. Even though Peter did not have the same doubts as Thomas about the resurrection.

Human beings are full of this tendency, especially in moments of confusion, to always return to what is a familiar habit. After the whole drama of the crucifixion, death and 'purported' resurrection of Christ, Peter just woke up one morning and told his colleagues: 'I'm going fishing.' And they all followed him. They went back to 'fishing fish' when Jesus wanted them to be 'fishing' souls. Of course, they laboured all night and caught nothing until Jesus came to provide spiritual guidance. He asked them in a friendly manner at the Sea of Tiberias: 'Children, have you caught any fish?' Let us not say that the Lord was not happy that they left their praying camp at the Upper Room for the sea. I think Jesus was both interested in their prayer life and occupational life.

Immediately after they had breakfast that fateful morning, Jesus began to ask Peter to profess his everlasting love for him. Jesus knew that Peter loved him very much emotionally (using the Greek word 'Eros'); this was well expressed during the great confession at Caesarea Philippi, Matt 16:16 – 19. He also loved him seriously like a brother and friend (using the Greek word 'Filia'); this was well expressed at his profession of fidelity during the last supper, Matt 26:37. But he needed Peter to love him permanently (using the Greek word 'Agape'); this was what happened in today's gospel at the sea of Tiberias, Jn 21:15 where Jesus had to call Peter three times to re-profess his love three times after he had denied him three times. We all face a lot of crises of immaturity in our love relationships.

It is normal for lovers to fall in love and fall out of love depending on the level of emotional maturity and the quality of their love. But when love becomes spiritual (as St Paul explains in 1 Cor 13:4–7) it does no longer come to an end. Even when lovers fall out of love, they can choose to return to love. And that is why the story of Christian love as epitomised in Peter's love story with Christ is always characterized by the dialectics of calling, falling, recalling and returning.

The apostles came to another level of faith and love for Jesus after their post resurrection encounter and so began to witness after Pentecost. It was the appearances of the risen Lord that strengthened their faith not the mere testimony of the women nor even the empirical evidence of the empty tomb. Having seen him face to face, they now understood the reason why the tomb was empty. For the disciples, it was a new and advanced level of witnessing that God raised Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour, and that they are witnesses to this. They were glad to have the opportunity even to suffer humiliation for the sake of Christ's name. When we grow mature in spirit, we learn to love what we do not ordinarily like (as Jesus demanded from Peter) and we will truly become his witnesses.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 5th May 2025 to 11th May 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 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

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading: Book of Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, June Bearsley, Tony Cavanagh, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, 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, Fay Ryan, Michael Sherry, Betty Johnson, Louise Sheppard

ANNIVERSARY: Harvey Passfield, Alf Petersen, Olive McDonough, Susana Baculio, Viliam Chodelka, Christopher O'Boyle, Juan Carlos Quijano, Corazon Quijano. Ireneo Baculio

WE CELEBRATE:

MAY BIRTHDAY:

MAY WEDDING ANN.:

MUSICIANS NEEDED

The Music Ministry of St Joseph's Church is seeking Organists and/or Pianists to join them serving the Masses and special events. Choir practice is held every Thursday at 5 pm. If you are interested to serve the Lord with the many talents He has given you, please contact the Parish Office.

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult)** program to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church will begin in May, with **the first meeting on Wednesday 7th May, after the 5.30pm daily Mass**. The Rite will be celebrated in October this year. For those wishing to become Catholics, please register your details with the Parish Office as soon as possible if you haven't done so, and see you Wednesday evening.

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Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday, 4th May.
 Hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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 6th 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>



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Hervey Bay Churches United in Prayer



Every year, Christian Churches in Hervey Bay will come together to pray for the city. This year, it will be held hosted by the Presbyterian Church at Denman's Camp Road, on **23rd May**, at **1.30 - 2.30 pm**. All are welcome.



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JOHN 14: 6-14

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.

INTERREGNUM CONCLAVE • 7th MAY 2025



Cardinals ask faithful to pray for their discernment for new Pope

“Prayer is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ.”

The Holy See released a declaration on Wednesday 30th April in which the Cardinals preparing for the upcoming conclave ask the faithful to pray for them.

“The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God,” read the statement.

The Cardinals said they feel “the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful,” since they are aware of their responsibility in choosing the next Successor of Peter.

Prayer, they added, “is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ.”

“Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time,” said the Cardinals, “it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit.”

The Cardinals noted that the Holy Spirit is “the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what He is saying to the Church.”

“May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession,” concluded the Cardinals’ declaration. - *Vatican News*

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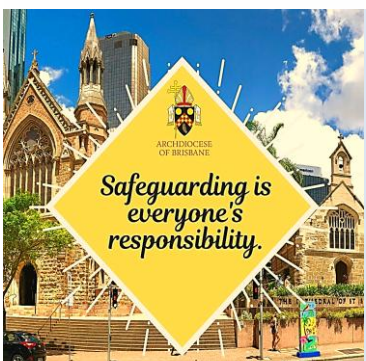
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