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16th August / 17th August 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Parish Staff

Audrey Yu

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Schools

Star of the Sea School

33-35 Hughes Rd

Wondunna, Hervey Bay

PH: 4125 1220

Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care

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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

This Sunday's readings: R1. Jer 38:4-6,8-10 | R2. Heb 12:1-4 | G. Lk 12:49-53

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

This Twentieth Sunday presents an opportunity for reflection on the complexities of faith and familial relationships as illustrated in the Gospel reading from Luke 12:49-53. Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! When I was going through the gospel reading, a phrase kept coming back to me very spontaneously. It was the first line of a poem-prayer, written by a famous British sailor of the 16th Century, Sir Francis Drake: **Disturb us, Lord, when...** In a similar vein, our own prayer and reflection this Sunday is simply to allow Jesus to disturb us.

In the gospel passage, Jesus articulates a stark message about his mission: he has come to bring not peace but division. This provocative statement reverberates through the ages, prompting believers to grapple with its implications within their lives and communities. The division, however, is not a call to discord for its own sake but rather a challenge to prioritize one's commitment to the truth of the Gospel above all else. This prioritization often requires difficult choices, as allegiance to the Gospel can create tension within personal relationships when beliefs and values diverge. This was the case of Jeremiah in the First reading who was persecuted because he was a lonely voice that was putting pressure on King Zedekiah to surrender to reduce the suffering of the people when the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Nebuchadnezzar.

In embracing this challenge of sometimes being a lonely voice, believers are called to a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ, even when it leads to moments of discomfort or sacrifice within their closest circles. This journey of discipleship invites us to reflect on the prophetic mission of Jesus, which echoes the ancient prophecy from Micah, calling us to act justly and love mercy even when it sets us apart from those we hold dear. The passage also encourages us to consider how the call to discipleship may compel us to confront and transform societal norms that conflict with Gospel values, urging a commitment that transcends comfort and familiarity. This commitment is an invitation to live out our faith with courage and authenticity, even when it requires us to swim against the current of popular opinion or entrenched societal structures.

Steadfast dedication to the Gospel not only reshapes personal lives but also revitalizes our communities, as we strive to embody the Kingdom of God through acts of justice, mercy, and love. As we navigate this path, we are reminded of the profound truth that our ultimate allegiance to Christ may sometimes lead us to places of solitude. Such moments of solitude, however, are not devoid of purpose; they serve as sacred opportunities for introspection and growth, allowing us to draw nearer to God and align our lives more closely with His will. In these moments of solitude, we find the strength to embrace our role as peacemakers and reconcilers, embodying a love that transcends human divisions and reflects the boundless mercy of God.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 18th August 2025 to 24th August 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am 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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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Feast days we celebrate this week:

20 August – St Bernard (Memorial)

21 August – Pope St Pius X (Memorial)

22 August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Tony Cavanagh, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Pat Deeley, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrock, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Sally Rickard, Ralph Schubert,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Billy Dowling, Lasela Hunkin, Harrish Kumar, Charlie Scriha, Joe Scriha, Jimmy Scriha, Marcelina delos Reyes, Elsa Geale, Fay Ryan, Michael Sherry, Betty Johnson, Louise Sheppard, Rodrigo Yting, Karen Baldwin, Paul Hill, Bernie Gick, John William Barker, Natalie Rita Athniel, Colin Barron, John Anthony Crowley, Tom Mullen, Tim Roker, Teresita Castillo

ANNIVERSARY: Beatric Berecry, Potenciano Baculio, Pixie Ernest, Ralph Marshall, Alfredo Quijano Snr, Alfredo Quijano Jnr, Herminia Quijano, Leo Russell, Cyril Entriiken, Ophelia Lamban

WE CELEBRATE:

AUGUST BIRTHDAY: Audrey Yu

AUGUST WEDDING ANN.:

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A funeral Mass for the late **Maureen Dewhurst** (1930 – 2025) will be held:

Date: Tuesday, 19th August 2025

Time: 1 PM

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Pialba

Parishioners and friends of Maureen are welcome to attend the Funeral and pray for the repose of his soul.

PIETY STALL. If you are looking for a unique gift or cards for loved ones or for yourself, come support our Parish Piety Stall. 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, 17th August, hosted by The Bikkie Bunjch. Next Sunday the 24th August to be hosted by LOM/Divine Mercy

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 25th August</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 Prayer & Praise	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Cenacle of Prayer (Immaculate of Mary)	<i>Fridays</i> (No meeting on the 1 st Friday of the month)	<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>



THE FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a relatively recent addition to the Catholic calendar, established in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. This feast is closely linked to the Assumption (15th August), a *prelude* to her coronation as Queen of all creation. Mary's royal title isn't mere flattery. It is rooted in ancient Hebrew tradition where the mother of the king held a position of unique honour and influence, as exemplified in 1 Kings 2:19 when King Solomon honours his mother Bathsheba by placing her on a throne at his right hand. Read more on [Aleteia](#) and [The Catholic Crusade](#).

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:
For mutual coexistence



2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Next weekend on 23-24 August, our parish will support the **Annual Catholic Campaign**. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese, to provide care and support for local ministries and people in need in our own communities.

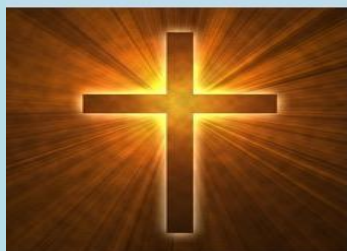
Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. If you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection, or scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online.

Your generous financial support makes it possible to:

- Provide housing, medical care and essential services to retired priests through **The Priests Foundation**.
- Form the next generation of priests at the **Holy Spirit Seminary**.
- Make Catholic education available to children on the margins via the **Mary Mackillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund**.
- Serve those in vulnerable situations through the vital work of **Centacare**.
- Build our grassroots ministries in parishes through **Annual Grants Program**.

Join Us for a Special Prayer Meeting for our City

HERVEY BAY CHURCHES UNITED IN PRAYER



**Friday
22 August 2025
1:30 - 2:30 pm.
at
Hervey Bay
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Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School newsletter can be accessed from the link below:

<https://starseacps.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=170>



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Your generosity will keep people safe and warm this winter. Donate today! Envelopes are available on the newsstand inside the Church and the Parish Office. Envelopes can be placed on the plate or given to the Parish Office.

Please also remember those less fortunate than yourself. Collection baskets can be found at both entrances of the Church for items such as non-perishable items, sanitary items, nappies and toiletries.

Please remember to stay hydrated at all times. Feel free to bring a water bottle along to church.

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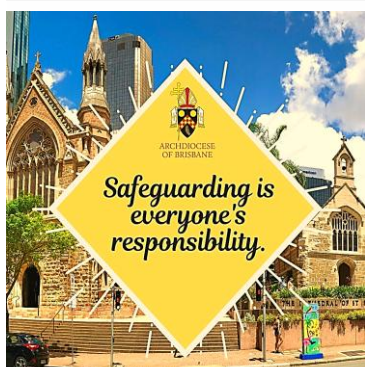
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