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23rd August / 24th August 2025

Twenty-first 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

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Wondunna, Hervey Bay

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Principal: Nathan Wilson

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Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)

Wondunna, Hervey Bay

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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. Is 66:18-21 | R2. 12:5-7,11-13 | G. Lk 13:22-30

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

There is a double-edged message in today's readings. On the one hand, we are told that the blessings of God's kingdom are for all peoples, not just a select few. On the other hand, we are warned not to take for-granted that we are 'on the inside track' and have a pre-booked place at the royal banquet. Rather, we should do our best to enter 'by the narrow gate' (Lk 13:22), that is, to keep our minds and heart focused on Jesus and follow his example.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah presents us with an appealing image of the restored Temple of Jerusalem as a centre of pilgrimage for all the peoples of the world: 'I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory' (Is 66:18). This image reflects an inclusive vision of salvation which counters the often-exclusive attitudes of religious groups who imagine that they, and they alone, are assured of salvation. In the past, Catholics were accused of that attitude. However, as the Second Vatican Council clearly affirmed, God wills the salvation of all peoples. All are invited to share in the heavenly banquet: 'And people from east and west, from north and south, will come to their places at the feast in the kingdom of God' (Lk 13:29). Christ gave his life on the Cross not just for some but for all. As the body of Christ and sacrament of the kingdom, the Church is called to be a welcoming, inclusive community, open to all peoples. Whenever its members adopt an exclusive mindset or display or manifest bigotry, they are betraying that vocation.

In today's gospel from Luke, Jesus is approached by a fellow Jew who raises a question about the number of those who will be saved: 'Sir, will there be only a few saved' (Lk 13:22) – not a question that Jesus was likely to answer. However, as with other questions of this kind, it provides him with an opportunity to clarify the nature of God's Kingdom. This Kingdom does not operate by the standards of the world. It is not who you know that matters, nor the number of worldly points you may have amassed that will impress God. Probably the man who put the question to Jesus was convinced that only members of the Jewish race would be saved, and that, even among them, only those who were law abiding. The Pharisees with their strict observance of the Mosaic Law would be first to gain entry. Gentiles (pagans) would have had no chance, while sinners, prostitutes, and the rabble who knew nothing of the Law, would have had little hope. In his response to the question put to him, Jesus warns his listeners not to take their status as 'heirs to God's kingdom' for-granted. They may be in for an unpleasant surprise when they knock at the door of the banquet hall and find themselves turned out while people, they least expected are given entry. Do not be surprised, warns Jesus, to find that 'there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last' (Lk 13:30).

This response of Jesus prompts us to consider our own efforts in living out our faith authentically and encourages self-examination regarding how we prioritize our spiritual commitments amidst life's distractions.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 25th August 2025 to 31st 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Feast days we celebrate this week:

27 August – St Monica (mother of St Augustine!)

28 August – St Augustine, Doctor of the Church

29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea at the **RSL** at **Table 89**
 on **Thursday 31st July at 9.30 am.**

All parishioners are welcome.

A workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be held on Saturday, 30 August, at 9 am after the morning Mass. All ministers are encouraged to attend to renew their love for the Eucharistic Lord, and to receive updates. Contact Julie for more information and confirm attendance.

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, 24th August, hosted by LOM/Divine Mercy. Next Sunday the 31st August to be hosted by Indian Community

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, Linda Sharpe

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, Hugh McLaughlin Snr

WE CELEBRATE:

AUGUST BIRTHDAY: Audrey Yu

AUGUST WEDDING ANN.: Hugh & Janet McLaughlin

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>



2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

This weekend on 23-24 August, our parish will support the **Annual Catholic Campaign**. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, 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**.

Farewell and Welcome

Installation Mass for Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay



At **11 am on Thursday 11 September**, Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay will be installed as the Archbishop of Brisbane. Due to the number of visitors and clergy attending from across the country, seating in the Cathedral is limited to invitation only. The Mass will be livestreamed.

The archbishop-elect will celebrate his **first Mass** as Archbishop on **Sunday 14 September, 10 am**, at the Cathedral of St Stephen. All are welcome.

Bishop Shane Mackinlay was appointed Archbishop of Brisbane after Pope Leo XIV accepted the resignation of Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Bishop Mackinlay has been Bishop of Sandhurst in Victoria since 2019. Prior to that he served as a priest of the Diocese of Ballarat.

Farewell Mass for Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Meanwhile, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Coleridge at **11.30 am, Saturday 6 September**, at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate his service and leadership as Archbishop of Brisbane for over 13 years.

SYNOD24: Towards Implementation



Explore how you can begin the journey of implementing the SYNOD24 Action Plans in your own context.

- This workshop series will include:
- Synodality and co-responsibility explained
- The journey of SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New
- Which SYNOD24 Action Plans to focus on for your context
- Tools for implementation

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has begun discerning creative and impactful ways the SYNOD24 Action Plans can be implemented in parishes and communities. A series of workshops will be held throughout August and September.

Next online workshop on 30 August, 9.30 am.

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/SYN24ImpPC>

More information & access the SYNOD24 Action Plans: <https://aobsynod2024.com/>



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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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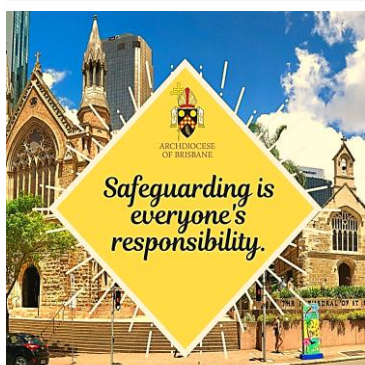
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