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*30<sup>th</sup> August / 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025*

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary*

## **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

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Naomi Kidd

**Chaplain – OzCare**

## **Schools**

### ***Star of the Sea School***

*33-35 Hughes Rd*

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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

### ***Outside School Hours Care***

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### ***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. Eccl 3:17-20,28-29 | R2. Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 | G. Lk 14:1,7-14

## **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

This Twenty-second Sunday focuses on humility as a virtue for God's kingdom, drawing from the readings: Sirach's advice to be humble to find favour with God, Hebrews' reminder of the spiritual community of saints and angels, and Jesus' gospel teaching about seeking the lowest place at a banquet to be exalted by God. The core message encourages selfless service, openness to God's Word, and the recognition that true greatness lies in humility and self-effacing service, not in seeking worldly status.

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is a wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

To feel honoured and distinguished is one hidden desire that is inherent in many of us! This desire is noble and divine since God made it clear in 1 Sam 2:30 that "those who honour me I will honour and those who dishonour me I will dishonour." Every honour and honourable state come from God. One of the greatest problems we face is the path through which we seek honour from God or even from people! Most often we walk the path of pride! This is an arrogant and pugnacious attitude of feeling more relevant and important than others; the deceptive disposition of pricing oneself above others. The First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31) makes it clear to us "There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him." The shortest path to dishonour is the path of pride. Many have walked this path and they remain eternal lessons to all of us.

We are invited this day to reject the path of pride if we want to be truly honoured! The Path of humility remains the most excellent and efficient way to receive honour both from God and from men and women! Because "The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, He accepts the homage of the humble." Also, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted." The world today may want to convince us that the true and noble path of humility is the path of weakness. But then history has proved that the path of pride is the path of destruction. Also, those who walked this wrong path were forgotten whereas those who walked the true path of humility are always remembered and are given to us as examples; as we have in the saints.

The readings today emphasize that true spiritual "greatness" is found in humbling oneself and serving others, not in seeking worldly honour or status.

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

## MASS Times: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to 7<sup>th</sup> September 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: 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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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philemon 9-10. 12-17**

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

### Upcoming feast days:

1 September – World Day of Prayer for Creation  
 3 September – St Gregory the Great (Doctor of the Church)

7 September – Father's Day! ❤️

7-13 September – Child Protection Week

### WE PRAY FOR:

**THE SICK:** Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, 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, Harish 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 Athniet, 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:

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY:**

**SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANN.:** Richard & Celia Legge – 60th

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAMA MARY!

We will celebrate the joyful feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Monday 8 September, at 8 am**. The Legion of Mary will lead the **Holy Rosary at 7.15 am**. After Mass, everyone is invited to join the morning tea hosted by the Legion of Mary at Sister Scholly's Room, where we will sing "Happy Birthday" to our Holy Mother. All are welcome!

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

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>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</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 Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<b>Cenacle "Divine Mercy"</b>	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Cenacle of Prayer</b> (Immaculate of Mary)	<i>Fridays</i> (No meeting on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)	<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>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>



## 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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# Thank you!

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generous response to Archbishop Mark's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it in the collection tray. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to [catholiccampaign.com.au](https://catholiccampaign.com.au).

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time and generosity.



### MULTICULTURAL MASS

St Joseph's Church will celebrate Multicultural Mass on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.**

We invite Parishioners to dress in their native attire and bring a plate of food (finger food) from your native country to share at the morning tea after Mass.

If you have a flag from another country, they can be left at the office to be displayed in the Church during Mass.

If you would like to read the petitions of Prayer of the Faithful in your language, please contact the Parish Office.

### Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names

This Sunday 31 August at 9 AM, we will witness six catechumens reaffirming their intention and being admitted into the next stage of preparation to take part in the sacraments of Initiation. They will be receiving Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion this October. Please pray for them.



## PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

The Season of Creation is a time to **renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation** through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The Season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

The theme for Season of Creation this year is "Peace with Creation".

Everyone is invited to join the online prayer service for the Opening of the Season, on 1 September at 11 pm BNE time. Links: the [livestream on YouTube](#) and download the [celebration guide](#).

For more information, go to [seasonofcreation.org](https://seasonofcreation.org).



*Please 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.



### Parish Fair – Call for Volunteers, Performers & Donations

Our Parish Fair is just around the corner — Sunday **26th October 2025**. We are currently seeking **volunteers** in the lead-up to and on the day of the Fair. If you can lend a hand, we'd love your support. To volunteer, perform, or arrange a donation drop-off, please contact the Parish Office. Let's come together to create a vibrant, welcoming Parish Fair full of community spirit and fun for all ages!

The weather is gradually warming 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.*

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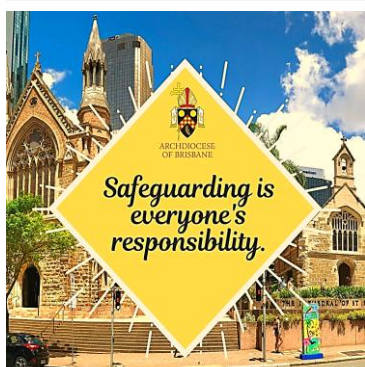
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