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6th September / 7th September 2025

Twenty-Third 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

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Outside School Hours Care

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Wondunna, Hervey Bay

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PH: 4197 1177

Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:

21 Liuzzi St Pialba

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Centacare:

3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1. Wis 9:13-18 | R2. Philemon 9-10,12-17 | G. Lk 14:25-33

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Gospel readings these past Sundays form a thematic trilogy. Two Sundays ago, the Lord told us to strive to enter the narrow door. Being narrow, it involves not only great effort but also bending down low. So, in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus taught us of the absolute necessity of the virtue of humility. But one thing more is needed. The narrow gate will not allow us to bring in any extra baggage. So, this Sunday, the Lord tells us: "Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions, cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:33). And to make sure we are admitted, we have to show the distinctive sign of membership, namely, the cross: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow after me cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:27).

Being a Christian involves two basic movements: come and go. At all times, Jesus invites us: "Come to me! Follow me!" And after following him, he will send us on a mission: "Go and proclaim the Good News!" In both movements, our reply should be "yes" so that God's plan will be realized. God initiates the call, but we have the last word: "Yes!"

"Yes" is a word that is so easy to pronounce. But, in the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus advises us against being too hasty in our response. It would be totally embarrassing if we quickly say yes now, and later on we change our mind. This is why Jesus gave the two parables about prudence and foresight. A man planning to build a tower must calculate carefully if he has enough money and resources to finish the project. The king marching forward to wage battle with another king must also make sure he has enough men to win the battle. In both cases, careful study, planning and preparation are essentially needed.

In the first place, to say "yes" to Jesus means deliberately putting him as the centre and the top priority of our life. This is what the Lord meant when he said: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father or mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:26). Discipleship requires putting Jesus over and above our family, job, money, career, and even our life.

Following Jesus requires that we bear our cross patiently. The cross is the key that opens the narrow door to God's kingdom. Nowadays, many people reject the cross. Following Jesus demands total freedom from the things of this world. Life is a long and arduous journey to our eternal home. Carrying humungous loads on the road will surely slow us down and distract us from our goal. That is why Jesus insisted: "Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions, you cannot be my disciple."

In essence, these three conditions are an invitation for us to authentic love and worship of God by rejecting the three common forms of idolatry. The first idolatry is love of creatures. Jesus reminds us to love God more than our family and any human being. The second idolatry is love of money and material things. The Lord demands renunciation of these things. And the third is love of self, giving in to the temptations of comfort, unnecessary luxury and pleasure. Jesus invites us instead to take up our cross and follow the way of self-sacrificial love.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 8th September 2025 to 14th September 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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

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, 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, Thomas Mullen, Tim Roker, Teresita Castillo, Neil Harrigan

ANNIVERSARY: Hugh McLaughlin Snr, Selwyn Payet, Augusta Yting, Rose Kirkwood, Sylvia Bedford

WE CELEBRATE:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY:

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

Upcoming feast days / events:

7 September – Happy Father's Day!

7-13 September – Child Protection Week

8 September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 September – The Most Holy Name of Mary

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, 7th September, hosted by El Shaddai / PPC. Next Sunday 14th September to be hosted by Health Care with Christ

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 8th September</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>

Installation Mass for Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay



At **11am** 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 is livestreamed via the Archdiocese of Brisbane website:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/mass-live-stream/>

MULTICULTURAL MASS

St Joseph's Church will celebrate Multicultural Mass on

Sunday 28th 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.

QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7 - 13 September 2025

#qldchildprotectionweek



From Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 September, we come together to recognise Queensland Child Protection Week – a time to celebrate our shared responsibility in creating safe, supportive, and nurturing environments for children and young people. Keeping children safe from harm is a responsibility we all share. When communities work together, children grow up feeling valued, protected, and heard.

Celebrating the First Holy Communion

Next weekend Saturday 13th September 6pm Mass and Sunday 14th September 9am Mass – we welcome **19 First Communicants** to the Table of the Lord. Seats are allocated for the candidates and their families.

We also thank all the teachers from Star of the Sea and Xavier College and parishioners who assisted with all sacramental programs held throughout 2025. We are blessed to have you give up your time to run these programs for our parish and for the children.

"In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family."

- John Paul II



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living." – Unknown

Our members are available for those needing help coping with grief and loss.

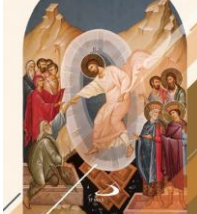
Contact person: Gary Varley 0497 970 365

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.**

GOD'S WORD

Daily Reflections

2026



God's Word 2026

God's Word for year 2026 is now ready for order. The Order sheets is available at the entrance of the church for you to add your name and contact number. Cost per book is \$15 to be paid on collection.



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.

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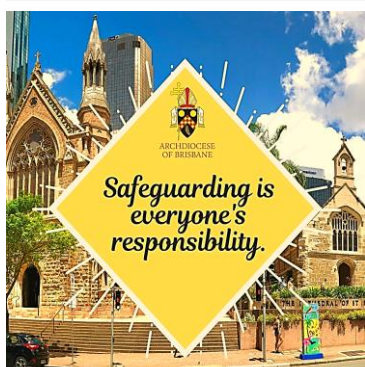
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