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27th September / 28th September 2025

Twenty-Sixth 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

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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

4338 5850

Centacare:

3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1. Amos 8:4-7 | R2.1 Tim 6:11-16 | G. Lk 16:19-31

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time calls our attention to the plight of the poor in the light of the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus. In today's first reading, the prophet Amos issues a strong warning against the attitude of self-sufficiency displayed by the wealthy, who turn a blind eye to the suffering of the poor. His message is not limited to Israel alone but extends to the surrounding nations who also disregarded Israel's misery. Amos proclaims God's judgment upon the self-indulgent rich who are consciously ignoring justice and righteousness while reclining on ivory couches and feast. For such arrogance and neglect, Amos warns that they will be the first to go into exile (Amos 6:7). In other words, because of their self-indulgence, neglect of responsibility, oppression of the poor, and abandonment of the Lord, they would be led away as captives at the very front of the line. His message is a timeless call reminding us that wealth and comfort, when detached from compassion and justice, lead to ruin.

In the second reading, St. Paul exhorts us to "fight the good fight of faith." He urges: "But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness." To be a disciple of Christ means not only avoiding evil but actively seeking and cultivating virtue. Paul challenges Timothy to keep his heart set on God's will, to live a life beyond reproach, and to remain faithful in his ministry. Just as an athlete trains with determination for the prize, so too must Timothy and we as well strive for eternal life, the ultimate goal for which we have been called and consecrated. Faith, then, is not passive; it is an active, ongoing struggle, a daily pursuit of righteousness and fidelity to God.

Today's Gospel gives us the famous parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, narrated only in the Gospel of Luke. At the outset, Jesus presents a striking contrast: a rich man clothed in luxury and a poor man, Lazarus, covered with sores, lying helplessly at his gate (Lk 16:19–21). God created both rich and poor, but wealth is entrusted to us so that it may be shared. To live in abundance while ignoring the suffering of others is, in God's eyes, to have gained nothing. The rich man's sin was not his wealth, but his indifference. Lazarus was at his very doorstep, yet he remained unseen. The dogs that licked Lazarus's sores, a symbol of contempt in that culture, received more attention than the poor man himself. In abandoning Lazarus to such humiliation, the rich man revealed a heart hardened by self-sufficiency. This is the same complacency condemned by the prophet Amos in today's first reading.

The Church, with the witness of the saints, calls us to recognize Christ in the poor. Jesus is present in the suffering, the neglected, and the marginalized. Yet, in our age, our attachment to wealth, comfort, and even technology often blinds us to those beside us. Our present life is a preparation for eternal life. If our hearts are enslaved by earthly possessions, we risk losing the eternal joy of God's kingdom.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 29th September 2025 to 5th October 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-19

Upcoming feast days / events:

29 September – Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

1 October – St Therese of the Child Jesus

2 October – The Holy Guardian Angels

4 October – St Francis of Assisi

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 Shorrocks, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Sally Rickard, Ralph Schubert, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith

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

WE CELEBRATE:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY:

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

PUBLIC ROSARY

Join us in the Nationwide Rosary prayer!

Date: Saturday 11th October

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: Scarness Park Shelter

(Near the Beach House on the Esplanade near the small jetty.)

Please bring your own Rosary Beads, chairs, family and friends!

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, 28th September, hosted by The Parish Community. Next Sunday 5th October to be hosted by El Shaddai.

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 6th October</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 <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>No Kids Club – School Holidays</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

The Feasts of the Angels

This week the Church celebrates the feast day of the angels: [the Archangels on 29th September](#), and our [guardian angels on 2nd October](#).

Who are the angels? According to St Augustine, “‘Angel’ is *the name of their office*, not of their nature. With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God” (CCC329).

This week, we thank God for his enduring love and providential care for each and every one of us day in and day out.

Is God calling you?

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are looking for people to answer the call to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at our Masses on the weekends. Those who desire to serve our community in this way should be fully initiated Catholics who lead a life in harmony with the sacramental life of the Church.

Bringing Communion to those at home. We have a hardworking team of ministers taking Communion to the sick. We now visit over 40 people in their home/nursing home, and need more assistance.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Multicultural Mass: Unity in Diversity



This weekend our parish will witness people from different cultural backgrounds coming in their cultural costumes to worship as one People of God.

The Catholic Church, from its earliest days, has never been just a certain ‘privileged’ group, but consists of **a global and diverse community**. The Book of Revelation gives us a vision of heaven, where **“a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language worships before God’s throne”** (7:9).^{ref}

It is in our differences that we are one. Let’s not hold true to anyone who tells us otherwise.

Blessing of St Joseph’s St Vincent de Paul Conference’s New Family Support Centre

21 Liuzzi Street, Pialba

Thursday, 2nd October 2025 at 10.00am

Morning tea will be served. ALL WELCOME.



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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This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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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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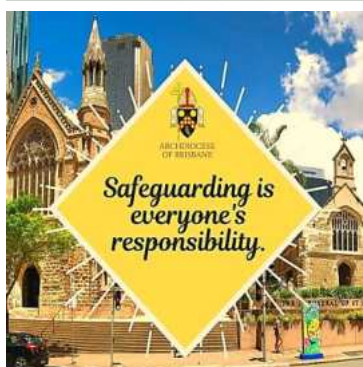
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