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11th October / 12th October 2025

Twenty-Eighth 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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St Vincent De Paul:

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This Sunday's readings: R1. 2 Kg 5:14-17 | R2. 2 Tim 2:8-13 | G. Lk 17:11-19

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

God's benevolence is immeasurable! It is always far beyond the needs of human beings and often opens itself to us in ways that are beyond our human understanding. Divine benevolence is a mystery; it is simply grace! The proper response to grace is gratefulness. In being grateful and thankful, we manifest our faith and we keep the door of God's benevolence wide open onto us and we, in turn, dispose ourselves to be filled with more of His graces.

The story of Naaman in the First Reading of today (2 Kgs 5:14-17) shows us how God manifests His benevolence towards us His children. Sometimes, through things we consider very ordinary, God leads us to make extraordinary experiences of His power. This remains the secret of the power and the efficacy of the Church's Sacraments and Sacramentals; outward signs of hidden graces and divine benevolence. This was the experience of Naaman as he "went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child." In his earlier articulation, Naaman saw only the waters of the Jordan and never perceived the finger of God at work in the Jordan and this led him to begin natural comparisons.

He never understood the fact that God comes to us mostly through ordinary means. Surely, nature can equate many things to be on the same level, but grace distinguishes them. This accounts for the difference between the waters of baptism and the chilled water in the fridge; between the blessed oils of Chrism, of Catechumens and of the sick and other types of oil you may find elsewhere, etc. Just as the power of God at work in the Jordan restored Naaman to health and newness of life, so also do the Sacraments lead us through the path of restoration and renewal.

To be grateful and thankful connects Naaman to the Samaritan man that was also cured of leprosy in the Gospel Reading (Luke 17:11-19). Out of ten lepers that were cured, this Samaritan man distinguished himself by coming back to Jesus to give thanks. It is one thing to be a beneficiary of God's benevolence! It is another thing to cultivate the right attitude! Being itself completely grace, God's benevolence invites us to be grateful and thankful. This act of gratefulness and thankfulness is a fundamental act of faith. It takes a heart filled with faith to say a prayer of thanksgiving! Our ability to give thanks shows the quality of our faith in God and our commitment to Him. It is the power of this faith in God that inspires and strengthens us to let go of all other gods and to pitch our tent with the One True God like Naaman; "because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord." It is through this faith that we are saved as we heard in those beautiful words of our Lord Jesus to the Samaritan man; "stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you." It is this faith that guides us into the mysteries of Christ, "risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David" (2 Tim 2:8-13). In our daily living, the readings of today invite us to cultivate the virtue of gratitude and thankfulness; not just to God as the source of goodness, but also to our brothers and sisters and friends.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 13th October 2025 to 19th 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, June Bearsley,, 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, Ralph Schubert, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marcelina delos Reyes, 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, Ian Withers, Sally Richard, Salvador Rapi, Tony Cavanagh,

ANNIVERSARY: Jose Arackal, Kathleen Scotton, Bob Bischof, Bob Cavanagh, Jennie Carthew, Claire White

WE CELEBRATE:

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY:

OCTOBER WEDDING ANN.: Abraham KV & Annie Abraham



October is the month of the Holy Rosary!

Let us take any opportunity that comes our way to pray the Rosary – for ourselves, our family and friends, for the Church, and for the world.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Nationwide Rosary Prayer

Join us as we pray the Rosary as a community!

Date: Saturday 11th October

Time: 9:00 am (after Mass)

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, 12th October, hosted by Parish Pastoral Council. Next Sunday 19th October to be hosted by Family Group 5

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 20th 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>1st & 3rd Sunday of the month (Term 4)</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

MASS OF COMMEMORATION



The Ministry of Consolation's annual Mass of Commemoration will be held on **Saturday, 8th November at 9am.**

All are welcome to attend.

We will especially remember those who have died since 1st November 2024. Anyone wishing to include those who have died outside of the Parish since that date should **submit those names to the Parish Office by Tuesday, 28th October.** Please leave your own details also to assist with catering.

Quick Quiz...

Of the 38 Doctors of the Church, how many are women?



FAMILY GROUP 19TH ANNIVERSARY



This Saturday **11th October at 6pm Mass**, our Parish Family Groups will celebrate our **19th Anniversary**. After Mass we will serve soup in John Paul Centre. Do come along to enjoy a delicious cup of soup, a chat with fellow parishioners, and feel free to ask for more information about our wonderful Family Groups!

We always love to welcome new members!

UPCOMING NEXT...

Parish Fair 2025. To be held on **Sunday, 26th October, 10 AM.** Any kind of assistance is welcome. Please contact the Parish Office.

"AND MARY SAID,
MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD."
Luke 1:46



MARIAN RETREAT

with **Fr. Sam Samuel VC**,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW

Saturday, 25th October, 2025
(9.30am to 3.30pm)

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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.



OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

Theme: Missionaries of Hope

Parish Appeal: 18-19 October 2025

"In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good news by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope."

~ Pope Francis

(World Mission Sunday 2025 Message)



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"Through Baptism the lay faithful are made one body with Christ and are established among the People of God. They are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ. They carry out in their own part in the mission of the whole Church."

~ Christifideles Laici, 9

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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