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25th October / 26th October 2025

Thirtieth 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

Parish Priest

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Schools

Star of the Sea School
33-35 Hughes Rd
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4125 1220
Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care
Star of the Sea School
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4125 6051

Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4194 6155

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. Sirach 35:12-14,16-10 | R2. 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18 | G. Lk18:9-14

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

In humility, we truly recognise our state and condition as mortal; human beings created in the image and likeness of God. In humility, we realise how much we are in need of God and that outside His love and mercy we are empty and devoid of any meaningful content. The depth of our relationship with God and the profundity of our spirituality depend a great deal on how humble we are. Humility reminds of our emptiness and of our poverty and of our great need of God; "the poor man called; the Lord has heard him" (Ps 34:6). God is always pleased with the humble for His "eyes are drawn to the person of humbled and contrite spirit" (Is 66:2). On the contrary, a proud fellow is an eyesore before God. A proud person is one who presents his/her credentials to God for approval thinking to be better than others and that it all depends on human effort, whereas a humble person is one who knows that it is God who certifies us out of His graciousness and mercy. This was the difference between the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in the Gospel Reading of today (Luke 18:9-14).

In prayers, the Pharisee condemned others and presented himself to be the model who has no need of improvement, as such already self-justified. The Tax Collector, on the other hand, condemned himself trusting that the grace and mercy of God can transform him into a better person. Because of his pride, the supposedly good deeds of the Pharisee were turned into ash. Certainly, "everyone who is proud in heart is detestable to the Lord" (Prov. 16:5). On the contrary, as a result of his humility, the Tax Collector received pardon for his sins and reconciliation with God. "Demons flee before humility" (cf. Pope Francis), especially the demons of sin and pride. In his noble words Saint Augustine wrote that "it was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."

Humility brings us to the knowledge of our human fallibility and imperfection. Humility helps us to realise the insufficiency of human effort and how poor and in lack we are. Humility brings us to recognise our sins and to seek pardon for them. Humility also teaches us of the possibility to be better and to grow in perfection. Humility brings us the graces we need to allow ourselves to be moulded by God into the best version of ourselves that can ever be. It is this knowledge that leads us to seek pardon and mercy like the Tax Collector in the Gospel Reading of today. It is this knowledge that disposes us to pray in humility of heart as we were instructed in the First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19), conscious of the fact that "the humble man's prayer pierces the clouds; until it arrives, he is inconsolable. It is only in being humble that we can actually be exalted "for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 27th October 2025 to 2nd November 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Mass
 Saturday 8am - All Saints
 6pm - All Saints
 Sunday 7am - All Souls
 9am - All Souls



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

All Souls Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

2nd Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

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, 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, Rod & Anne Gollan, Kathy Byrne, Philip Picknel

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

WE CELEBRATE:

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY:

OCTOBER WEDDING ANN.: Abraham KV & Annie Abraham



ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MASSES

This year All Saints Day falls on Saturday 1 November. As All Saints Day is a solemnity, Mass is celebrated at 8 am and 6 pm on 1 Nov. All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated on the morning of 2 Nov at 7 am and 9 am.

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, 26th October, Parish Fair.
 Next Sunday 2nd November is the 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 3rd November</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 Sunday of the month (Term 4)</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>



Parish Fair 2025

After months of planning, our Parish Fair is finally here! This coming Sunday, on **26th October 2025**, at **10 am**, right after the 9 am Sunday Mass.

There will be lots of food to be shared, sausage sizzle, coffee and tea, Bric-A-Brac, handicrafts, entertainments, and much more. Invite your family and friends! Let's come together to create a vibrant, welcoming Parish Fair full of community spirit and fun for all ages!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last Saturday morning, we witnessed 7 adults receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. Let us continue to support them in their journey as Catholics. (Photo on the right)

The next RCIA program will begin in **November** (date to be confirmed) to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church at **Easter Vigil 2026**. For those wishing to become a Catholic, please register with the Parish Office.

NOVEMBER, MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS

November is dedicated to remembering our deceased sisters and brothers. It is an opportunity as a Parish Community and as individuals to remember our loved ones and all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

When **requesting Mass intentions**, **please print the names** so there is no misunderstanding about the spelling of names.

Envelopes are available on the Newsstand in the church or the Parish Office.



Congratulations to (from L to R) Margaret, Alicia, Judith, Baxter, Mark, Joseph, and Lars, who were baptized, confirmed and received their First Holy Communion last Saturday, 18 October.

Welcome Home.

PARISH MORNING TEA



Please join us for morning tea at **RSL at Table 17 at Poppies**, on **Thursday 30th October at 9.30 am**. All are welcome!

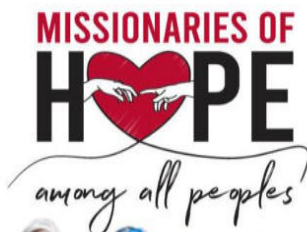
October is the month of the Holy Rosary!

A suggestion on how to celebrate the month: Design and plant a Rosary Garden, to create a sacred space dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

"The only thing death cannot touch is everything we have loved."

The Ministry of Consolation is offering support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Reach out to Gary Varley on 0497 970 365.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

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