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8th November / 9th November 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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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Schools

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Wondunna, Hervey Bay

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Principal: Nathan Wilson

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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. Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | R2. 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17 | G. Jn 2:13-22

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

This Sunday like last week Sunday is a bit different. Instead of the usual Sunday liturgy, we are celebrating the feast of the dedication of a Church; the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Built by the Emperor Constantine, it was solemnly dedicated on the 9th November, 324. As the first and oldest Christian Basilica, it is considered 'the mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world.' It the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome. In celebrating this feast, we express our union with our Pope, Leo, and our loyalty to him as supreme leader of the Church. The feast also invites us to reflect on the important role of church buildings in our lives as communities of faith, called to worship and pray together. It also challenges us to recognise our personal baptismal identity as temples of the Holy Spirit, and to confirm that identity by the way we live.

Our readings today tell us about two Temples, the Temple of Jerusalem, and the temple that is Christ's body. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel uses the image of a mighty river flowing from the temple of Jerusalem, and enriching the land, to express his hope for the renewal of Israel. The river flows not from any earthy source but from God himself. Ezekiel envisions a time when the river of God's grace and blessing will flow from his throne, bringing healing and transformation to the land and its people – surely a hope to keep in our prayers on this blessed day.

Our gospel reading from John describes Jesus' cleansing of the Jerusalem temple. On entering the temple precincts, Jesus is shocked to see the money changers and merchants selling doves and sacrificial animals. In anger, he makes a whip out of cords and drives them out of the temple area, telling them to stop making his Father's house into a marketplace (cf. Jn 2:15-16). This surprising and drastic action of Jesus reminds us that the Temple, and indeed every church, is not an ordinary place but a house of worship, a place where people encounter God in a special way. As the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship reminds us: 'A church is the place where the Christian community gather to hear the word of God, to offer intercession and praise to him, and, above all, to celebrate the Eucharist... And it is the place where the Blessed Sacrament is kept.' Hence, it is appropriate that churches are treated with appropriate respect and reverence.

In this gospel reading also, we see Jesus reminding his Jewish audience of his imminent death and resurrection, using the temple as an image: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn 2:19). As St John explains, Jesus is referring to the temple that is his body, not the Temple of Jerusalem. Jesus has become the new and indestructible temple of God; God's ever enduring presence with us. And, by our union with Christ in baptism, we too, as St Paul reminds us in our second reading, are temples of God.

As we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us keep in mind that the Church is not just the building where we gather for worship, but, above all, the community of believers, temples of Christ, shrines built by the hand of God and shrines ever in need of renovation.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 10th November 2025 to 16th November 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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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 Shorrocks, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Barry Larsen

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, Gordon Leck

WE CELEBRATE:

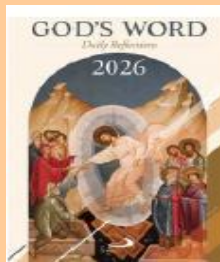
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: David Hewitt, Greville Knight, Geoffrey Shawl, Naomi Kidd, Mark Lowein, Maria Blackhurst, Noelle

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANN.: Sam & Grace Cefai 50th

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

A training session for altar servers will be held on **Saturday, 15 November at 9 am** (after Saturday morning Mass). All altar servers are invited to attend, to be briefed on the updates, learn new skills and improve on their current skills.

Boys and girls who wish to serve as altar servers are also invited to attend.



God's Word 2026

The 2026 edition of God's Word is now available and ready to be collected from the parish office during the week, or before and after the weekend Masses.

Cost: \$15.00 per copy.

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, 9th November, LOM/Divine Mercy. Next Sunday 16th November is The Indian Community.

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 17th 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>

Did you know that the visible Church on earth is only **one part of a much larger reality?**

When Catholics say "the Church," the phrase typically refers to one of three things: a visible house of worship, the hierarchy who lead the religious organization, or the 1.2 billion members living on earth. However, these definitions of the Catholic Church, while each having their own value, are only part of the picture. There is much more to the Church than meets the eye.



Photo

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains how there are "**three states of the Church**... at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is'"

(CCC 954). Traditionally these three states have been referred to as the **Church Militant**, **Church Penitent** (also known as Church Suffering or Church Expectant) and **Church Triumphant**. Together, these three make up the Communion of Saints we confess in the Creed. ([Source](#))

MASS OF COMMEMORATION

A reminder that the annual Mass of Commemoration will take place at St Joseph's this **Saturday, 8th November at 9.00am**. All are welcome to attend.

Morning tea will follow in the John Paul Centre.

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.

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.

The weather is 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*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next RCIA program will begin **Wednesday 12th November at 6 pm** to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church at **Easter Vigil 2026**. Those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church, please register with the Parish Office.

We also welcome Catholics who would like to learn more about the tenets of the Catholic faith to join the classes.

FAREWELL NOTICES

We farewell these members of our parish community who have given tireless support to our parish. As we farewell them, we thank them sincerely for their many years of service, friendship, and faith, and we wish them every blessing for the future as they leave to be closer to their families.

Kathy and John Thompson

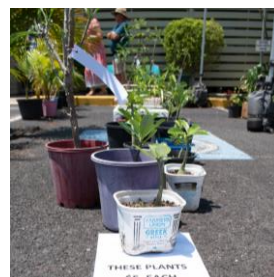
Kathy and John have been active members of our parish community for over 20 years. John has been Chair of the Pastoral Council; Kathy has been coordinator of our Parish Craft Group, and Organizer of our Piety Store. Together they have coordinated the MaryCare group, coordinated a church cleaning team, and taken Communion to the Sick.

Helen and Tony Schmidt.

Helen has been a valued member for over 40 years faithfully served in the Ministry of Consolation, offering comfort to grieving families, and has been a dedicated member and leader within the parish music ministry. Her devotion and musical gifts have greatly enriched our liturgical celebrations. A fellow parishioner Antonia Walker describes Helen as both a mentor and an inspirational member who has enriched her life.

Carmel and Paul McKechnie

Carmel has been a faithful parishioner and a devoted member of the Music Ministry for over 30 years. Throughout this time, she has generously shared her gifts in service to the parish, assisting at numerous special Masses and liturgical celebrations. Her steadfast commitment and joyful presence have been a true blessing to our community.



PLANTS FOR SALE!

Beautiful plants from the recent Parish Fair are available for sale outside the Parish Office. Stop by to take one home and support our parish community!

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