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1st November / 2nd November 2025

The Solemnities of All Saints and All Souls

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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Schools

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Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care

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Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)

Wondunna, Hervey Bay

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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. Is 25:6-9 | R2. Rom 5:5-11 | G. Lk 7:11-17

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Solemnities of All Saints and All Souls celebrate different dimensions of the same reality: the Communion of Saints. The first day focuses on those in heaven, and the second on those still on their journey towards God: especially those undergoing purification before entering God's full presence. At first glance, these days seem to pull in opposite directions; one a day of celebration, the other a day of sombre remembrance. Yet, they are inextricably linked by our belief in the Communion of Saints. We are all bound together in Christ, the living and the dead, those who have finished their race and those still running.

All Saints: A celebration of our shared destiny. On All Saints' Day, we celebrate the glorious victory of Christ in the lives of his followers. We honour the famous saints, those who offered heroic witness to the faith through martyrdom or remarkable virtue. But the feast is for all the saints; the countless, ordinary people who lived holy lives and now share in God's glory. They were not abnormal or otherworldly. The saints were normal people who became exactly what God created them to be. They are a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) showing us, that holiness is not a remote ideal but our common calling and destiny. Their lives are a "how-to book" for holiness, reminding us that we, too, are called to grow in virtue, act with generosity, and forgive others. We are all invited to join their company.

All Souls Day is a testament to the power of our love. On this day, our focus shifts to our beloved dead who have not yet reached the fullness of heaven. This is not a day to mourn without hope, but a day to express our enduring love and concern through prayer. We pray for them because our connection to them is not broken by death; it is transformed by Christ's victory. The Church teaches that our prayers and sacrifices can assist the souls in purgatory, aiding them in their final purification. This is a profound act of mercy and hope, reminding us that God has bound us so tightly together that our prayers for one another are a real benefit. As we light candles and visit cemeteries, we trust that our ongoing love is received and honoured by God.

The bridge between two shores: The beautiful connection between these two days lies in the dynamic of pain and hope. All Saints' Day offers us a vision of our final hope; eternal joy with God, where every tear is wiped away (Revelation 21:4). All Souls' Day gives voice to the pain of loss and acknowledges that our loved ones may still need our prayers. Together, they remind us that the destination is glory, but the journey involves purification. We are all part of one great company of believers, journeying towards our heavenly home. Let the saints inspire you to live with renewed purpose and let your prayers for the departed flow from a heart filled with the confidence that death does not have the final word.

As we go forth, let us resolve to live as the saints, not in a remote, unreachable way, but in the normal, loving, and generous way that God made us to be. And let us carry our departed loved ones with us in our prayers, trusting that through God's mercy, we will all one day celebrate together in the light of his face.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 3rd November 2025 to 9th November 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 9.30am Anointing 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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

1st Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

2nd Reading: Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

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, 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

WE CELEBRATE:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY:

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANN.:

PARISH FAIR 2025 RAFFLE PRIZES WINNER

1st Prize - Seafood Voucher worth \$200 – Margarette (Yellow D-96)

2nd Prize – Jug & Toaster Set – Judith C (Red A-05)

3rd Prize – Jumbo Grocery Hamper – Maria (Blue B-83)

4th Prize – Portable Gas Stove – Geoff NZ (Blue B-28)

5th Prize – Saw Painting – Margarette (Yellow D-100)

6th Prize – Choral Jacquard Blanket – Susan P (Green C14)

7th Prize – Beauty and Care Set – Vicki L (Blue B-94)

8th Prize – Queen sized Sheet Sets – Barb G (Red A-80)

9th Prize - Fine European Wine Glasses – Florian (Blue B46)

10th Prize – Vase with Lottery Tickets – Marlyn F

Congratulations! Please collect your prizes from the Parish Office if you haven't done so.

**** A special thank you to all who have donated the raffle prizes, especially Australian Ocean King Prawn Company.**

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, 2nd November, El Shaddai. Next Sunday 9th November is the LOM/Divine Mercy

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 SUCCESS!

On Sunday, 26th October, our parish joyfully came together for a vibrant and heartwarming Parish Fair. It was a wonderful day filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit, enjoyed by people of all ages. Thanks to your incredible support, we raised an impressive total of **\$5,784.20** this year!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer who dedicated their time and energy, to those working tirelessly behind the scenes, and to everyone who attended and contributed to the day's success.

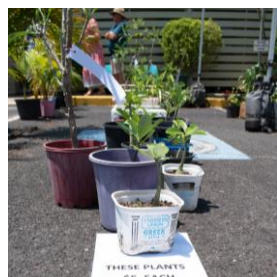
MASS OF COMMEMORATION

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

This mass is dedicated especially to those who have died in the past 12 months since the 1st November 2024. It is not too late to register names of people who have died outside our parish – just contact the parish office with details as soon as possible.

Please arrive at the front entrance of the church well in time to collect a personal token of remembrance before mass begins.

Morning tea will follow in the John Paul Centre.



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!



Reach out. Give life.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION

On behalf of the Church in Zambia we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

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If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.

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

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.

The Pope's [Prayer Intention](#) for November:

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