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15th November / 16th November 2025

Thirty-Third 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

Fr. Jacob Kalu

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Schools

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Wondunna, Hervey Bay

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Principal: Nathan Wilson

Outside School Hours Care

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PH: 4125 6051

Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)

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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. Mal 3:19-20 | R2. 2 Thess 3:7-12 | G. Lk 21:5-9

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

This Sunday, our reflection centres on themes of perseverance through trials, the temporary nature of worldly things, and the call to faithfulness and work while awaiting the Lord's return. The readings shift our focus to the end times, not to instil fear, but to offer hope and a sense of mission. The ultimate message is one of hope, reminding us that despite current challenges and the temporary nature of worldly things, God's reign is eternal and provides the strength to endure any storm of life.

Reflection Points.

The End of All Earthly Things: The readings emphasize that nothing in this world is permanent, no matter how grand. Jesus' prediction of the Jerusalem Temple's destruction (which occurred in 70 AD) serves as a powerful symbol that all physical structures and worldly sources of security are fleeting. This narrative encourages a perspective that looks beyond these temporary things and holds onto God, the one constant in an ever-changing world. Let us not allow worldly "gifts" or possessions overshadow the giver, God. Let us focus on what is eternal.

Perseverance in the Face of Adversity: Jesus warns his followers of future hardships, including wars, natural disasters, and persecution. These are not just signs of the immediate end, rather realities of life that believers must navigate. The core message is one of endurance: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (Luke 21:19). With these encouraging words, we view difficult moments, trials and daily challenges not only as opportunities to bear witness to our faith and hope in Christ, but opportunities to be a "light for the world."

Active Faith and Hard Work: The Second Reading from 2 Thessalonians directly addresses idleness born from a mistaken belief that the end times are immediately at hand. Paul urges the community to follow his example, to work diligently, and not be a burden to others. A genuine faith is active, not passive, and involves building God's kingdom on earth in the present moment through our daily lives and labour. All work done with a faithful heart is a way of serving God and building the community, not just waiting for the end. Instead of being idle or fearful, we are called to be active and work while we wait, living our faith every day. The time for change and to learn about our faith is now, and we must make a conscious effort to live out the teachings of Christ.

Hope and the "Sun of Justice": Despite the sober imagery, the readings are ultimately a source of hope. Malachi promises that for those who fear God's name, the "sun of justice will shine out with healing in its rays". This hope in Christ's final coming should shape our lives, reminding us that God's plan of goodness and mercy will ultimately be fulfilled.

The Christian's role: We are called to be attentive to the storms of life as spiritual meteorologists, offering support and shelter to our neighbours, acknowledging God's presence in all circumstances and shining a spotlight on injustice and rebuilding after loss.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 17th November 2025 to 23rd 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

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 Athnel, 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: Bob Cavanagh, Jennie Carthew, Claire White, Ronald Byrne, William Byrne, Gordon Leck, Claude & Eileen Enriken, Hazel Berecny, Maria Rodriguez, Antonio & Elena Vitor, Violita Gandionco

WE CELEBRATE:

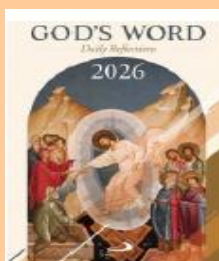
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: David Hewitt, Greville Knight, Geoffrey Shawl, Naomi Kidd, Mark Lowein, Maria Blackhurst, Noelle Sarah

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, 16th November, Indian Community. Next Sunday 23rd November will be hosted by The Bikkie Bunch.

PARISH GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	Last meeting: 24 th November 2025. Returning on Monday, 12 th January 2026	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
St Vincent de Paul	Monday 17 th November	3pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Ministry of Consolation	1 st Tuesday of each month	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Craft Group	1 st Wednesday of each month	9am	John Paul Centre
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	Last meeting: 27 th November 2025. Returning on Thursday, 5 th February 2026.	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer (Immaculate Heart of Mary)	Last meeting: 28 th November. Returning on Friday, 9 th January 2026	8.30am	MacKillop Library
El Shaddai	Saturdays	1pm	John Paul Centre
Health Care with Christ	4 th Sunday of the month	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Kids Club - grades 1-8	1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month (Term 4)	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall

16th November: 9th World Day of the Poor

"The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity."

~ Pope Leo XIV

([Message for the 9th World Day of the Poor](#))



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Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in **Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East**, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by visiting www.rednovember.org.



Answer the Call to Mercy and Compassion

Do you have a heart for those on the margins? We are seeking one or two **kind, empathic women of deep faith** to serve as **Pastoral Visitors** to join Centacare's teams of chaplains at a women's correctional centre.

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If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you.

"I was in prison and you visited me..."

— Matthew 25:36

For more information or to express interest, please contact:

Centacare Pastoral Ministries:

Email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au;

Phone: 3324 3193



NOVEMBER, MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS

November is dedicated to remembering our deceased sisters and brothers. Praying for the souls in Purgatory is a spiritual work of mercy.

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 is held every **Wednesday 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.



PLANTS FOR SALE!

Beautiful plants from the recent Parish Fair are available. Stop by to take one home and support our parish community! Please enquire at the Parish Office.

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