



14th February / 15th February 2026

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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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's readings: R1: Sir 15:15-20 | R2: 1 Cor 2:6-10 | G: Mt 5:17-37

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

On this Sixth Sunday, the gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount, specifically the “antitheses” where Jesus deepens the Law of Moses with a three-part instruction on the “Way of Life” in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Laws are not alien to us. Our society is full of laws or is governed by many laws. Almost in every move we make, there are laws that bind us. Yet, there is something good about laws. They are important to the life and ordering of a society. They bring order and stability. Without these, our society becomes chaotic and disordered. Elsewhere in the gospels, Jesus acknowledges that too many laws can be burdensome. As a result, he once told his disciples, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened, I will give you rest; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” But in our gospel today, Jesus gives us his thoughts on the importance of the Jewish laws and the necessity to obey them.

First, Jesus says that his aim is not to abolish the law or the prophets, but to fulfil them. As a teacher, Jesus was different from the prevailing teachers and scribes at the time in his approach. The latter's teachings were simply confined to quoting the Scriptures which can be seen in the phrases, “God said...” or “It is written...” But Jesus is different from them because he comments and perfects these laws. Often in his teachings, he would say: “You have heard the commandment... But now I say to you.” Indeed, as God or the Son of God, Jesus teaches with authority.

Second, it is in this context that Jesus exhorts his disciples to obey these laws. He emphasizes that those who break these laws are considered least in the kingdom, while those who obey these laws are considered as greatest in the kingdom. The question of obedience to laws is one of the problems today. There are some of us who are not serious in following the civil or state laws. This attitude could have a spillover to following Christ's laws or the Church laws. At first, we find these laws as a burden to us. That could be the reason why we failed to follow them. But if we try to reflect further on them, they are not actually burdensome. Instead, they free us because these lead us to following the will of God for us.

Third, let us try to have a closer look at one of the laws mentioned in the gospel that was commented and perfected by Jesus. Jesus told his disciples, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery. ‘But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.’” Jesus did not make an ordinary interpretation to this law. He tried instead to explore the depth of the law. He tries to look for the meaning behind this law. Here, Jesus teaches us that in interpreting the law, we must look for its meaning; not simply make a debate on a mere formulation of the law. In addition, this also gives us an idea that the commission of a crime is not the only basis for one's guilt and sin. Even though a crime is not committed, but the moment we think, contemplate and plan for it, the sin is already there.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 16th February 2026 to 22nd February 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday	8am Mass
Wednesday	9.30am & 5.30pm Ash Wednesday 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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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, 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, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Barry Larsen, Marilyn Baldwin

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Cavanagh, Rod & Anne Gollan, Kathy Byrne, Philip Picknel, Michael James Crowe, Francisco Tirado, Patricia Nancarrow, Felix Chua Jnr, Mark Thomas Fletcher, Nathan Adam Keegan, Lucena Bacilio, Graham Minchem, Andres Medardo Enzon II, Alicia Carreon, Peter Hawkins, Rick Reardon.

ANNIVERSARY: Jennifer Weaver, Renato Gungob, Timotea Gungob, Anthony Cefai, Paul Attard, Magdalina Mugot, Keith Berecny, Margaret Treston, Reg Treston, Ophelia Lambon, Charles Boston, Matthew Berecny Jnr, Marcia Goulivitch.

WE CELEBRATE:

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANN.:

Are you new to our Parish?

If you are new to our Parish and our community, please register you and your family on Flocknote by using this link: herveybayparish.flocknote.com.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES READY TO BE COLLECTED

For parishioners who give by the envelope system, the Planned Giving Envelopes for **February to July 2026** are ready for collection from the Newsstand in the church. If you would like to start giving using Planned Giving Envelopes, please contact the parish office.

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SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday, 15 February, hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council. Next Sunday, 22 February to be hosted by Indian Community.

PARISH GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	Mondays	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
St Vincent de Paul	Monday, 23 rd February 2026	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
Charismatic Prayer & Praise	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of the month	9.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	Thursdays	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer (Immaculate Heart of Mary)	Fridays (No meeting on the 1 st Friday of the month)	8.30am	MacKillop Library
EI 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 Sundays of the month (school term only)	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026: FOR NIGERIA – 6 MARCH

“I will give you rest: Come.” Mt 11:28-30



‘Rest for the Weary’. Artwork by Gift Amarachi Ottah

Everyone is invited to attend this World Day of Prayer for Nigeria. This year, **St Joseph's Catholic Parish** will be hosting this prayer service, on **6 March, at 9.30 am**. As we pray and worship together, we share one another's burdens, stand alongside our sisters in Nigeria, and find renewed strength in our unity.

DID YOU KNOW?

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by **Christian women** who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

HERVEY BAY CHURCHES UNITED IN PRAYER

WHEN: 1:30 - 2:30pm, 27th February

WHERE: Bayside Christian Church

WHAT: Combined Churches Prayer

WHO: All are welcome to attend

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HERVEY BAY

Please support the needy of this City by placing any non-perishable food items in the baskets at the front doors of the Church. Envelopes are also available inside the church on the newsstand & from the Parish Office. *Thank you, Hervey Bay Parishioners, for your generosity and continued support!*

Please remember to stay hydrated at all times. Feel free to bring a water bottle along to church. Water is also provided at the entrance. *Strictly no food allowed inside the church.*

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2026



To help us enter more deeply into the Lenten season, there will be **weekly Lenten reflection sessions** hosted by two of our parish groups:

1. **Ministry of Consolation**
– *Thursdays at 3.00 pm*
2. **El-Shaddai**
– *Thursdays at 6.00 pm*

We will be using “**The Journey Home**” booklet as our guide. Everyone is warmly invited to join any of these sessions. A **sign-on sheet** will be available at the church entrance this weekend.

The first Lenten reflection session will begin on **Thursday, 19 February**.

ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Held at St John's Anglican, Cnr Doolong & Gilston Rd, Wondunna, at **7pm**. All are welcome.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday** until Holy Week at **6pm**. It is a great way to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. The following are the parish groups leading the Stations:

Friday 20/02 – Music Ministry & Charismatic Prayer and Praise

Friday 27/02 – Xavier & Star of the Sea

Friday 06/03 – Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy

Friday 13/03 – SVDP

Friday 20/03 – RCIA & Ministry of Consolation

Friday 27/03 – El Shaddai

If you have any blessed palms from previous years, please bring them to church or the parish office on **Monday, 16 February**. These palms will be burnt and the ashes will be prepared for use on Ash Wednesday.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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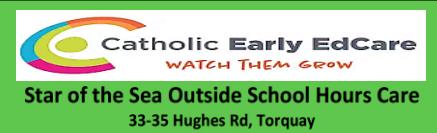
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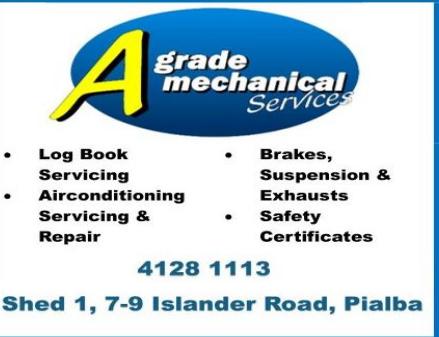
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