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28th March / 29th March 2026

Easter Sunday

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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PH: 4194 6155

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Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:

21 Liuzzi St Pialba
4338 5850

Centacare:

3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1: Acts 10:34, 37-43 | R2: Col 3:1-4 | G: Jn 20:1-9

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Today, as we gather with joy in our hearts and Alleluia on our lips to celebrate the central mystery of our faith: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the readings offer us a profound insight into its significance. Easter is not an event of the past; it is a living reality that transforms us here and now. In the first reading Peter gives testimony to Cornelius and his household. Peter declares the good news that Jesus was anointed by God, performing mighty deeds and preaching peace. He affirms that the resurrection is the definitive proof of Jesus' identity as the son of God, who offers forgiveness and salvation to all who believe. And that is what Easter invites us to be: witnesses of the Risen Christ. Not just by words, but by our transformed lives. Psalm 118 echoes this theme, proclaiming "this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." The psalmist reminds us that God's steadfast love endures forever and that we are called to respond with gratitude and joy. In our lives, we often face trials, but the resurrection assures us that even in darkness, there is light. Every challenge can be viewed through the lens of hope and resurrection.

In today's second reading of St Paul, writing to the Colossians reminds us that if we have been raised with Christ, then we must seek the things that are above. Easter is not just about Christ rising, it is about us rising with Him. Our lives must reflect the reality that we are no longer trapped in sin or death but called to live in the light of Christ. This means setting our minds on eternal things, not on the distractions of the world.

In today's gospel according to John 20:1-9, we read about resurrection events. This event occurred on the day of the week, which Christian would come to call the Lord's Day symbolizing a new creation. The tomb was likely a rock-cut tomb typical of first century Judea, sealed with a large stone; burial cloths (linen wrappings and a face cloth) reflecting Jewish burial customs. The event involves Mary Magdalene, a known follower of Jesus, and two key Apostles: Peter and the beloved disciple (commonly understood to be John).

This narrative is crafted to show firsthand the discovery of the empty tomb. The stress on who saw, what and when, who arrived first, who entered first, who believed first is not just storytelling, but establishes credibility and develops an awareness. The empty tomb is not by itself the proof of the resurrection but is a crucial sign. The careful description of the burial cloths indicates that Jesus' body was not stolen (grave robbers wouldn't unwrap the body and neatly fold the head cloth) besides, how could Christian proclaim the resurrection in the city of Jerusalem, where people could see if Jesus' body was still there in the tomb? This scene represents the first moments of Christian belief in the resurrection, which would become the cornerstone of apostolic preaching.

As we celebrate this holy day may our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude, knowing that we are forgiven, redeemed, and made new through His sacrifice and triumph. Help us to carry the light of the resurrection into every day, living with renewed faith and hope. Happy Easter.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 6th April 2026 to 12th April 2026

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

Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

2nd Reading: First Letter of St Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 Shorrocks, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Marilyn Baldwin, Ron Telford, Ruby Magratta

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rod & Anne Gollan, Kathy Byrne, Philip Picknel, Michael James Crowe, Francisco Tirado, Patricia Nancarrow, Felix Chua Jnr, Mark Thomas Fletcher, Nathan Adam Keegan, Lucena Baculio, Graham Minchem, Andres Medardo Enzon II, Alicia Carreon, Peter Hawkins, Marcia Goulivitch, Rick Reardon, Barry Larsen, Bigy Sacluti, Helen Andrews (Tully), Di London

ANNIVERSARY: Matthew Berecny Jnr, Dennis Ryan Berecny, Segunda Baculio, Susanna Baculio, Margaret Treston, Reg Treston, George Cefai, Claude Enriken

WE CELEBRATE:

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

APRIL WEDDING ANN.: (Send in names so we can pray for you!)

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EASTER SUNDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We will celebrate Easter Sunday with a sausage sizzle and morning tea in John Paul Centre. All are welcome! The parish thanks all those who have supported this morning tea and everyone who have provided food, sausages and equipment, those who took care of setting up, cooking and cleaning - for making this celebration possible.

“We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.”

- Pope St. John Paul II

PARISH 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, 6th April 2026</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</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>2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
	<i>1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	
Cenacle “Divine Mercy”	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate Heart of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	<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 Sundays of the month</i> <i>(school term only)</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

The Tenebrae Service

(Tenebrae = 'shadow' in Latin)



Since all Masses are prohibited on Holy Saturday (except for the Vigil Mass), we will hold **the Tenebrae Service**, which is the celebration of the **Office of Readings** and **Morning Prayer**. At the end of each psalm, a candle will be extinguished until only one candle remains, representing Christ.

On this day, *"the Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting"* (Congregation of Divine Worship, February 1988).

The Parish cordially invites all parishioners and visitors alike, to participate in this **traditional practice** – for many, this will be the first time – as we await in hope the resurrection of our Lord.

Mark your calendar:

4 April – the morning of Holy Saturday – 8am.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?



The Paschal Triduum (*TRIH-du-um*) is the time of the Church year when we celebrate the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This three-day celebration begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. At the end of this liturgy, we leave the church in silence, waiting to celebrate the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Then, on Saturday at sundown, the Church regathers to celebrate the final, and the grandest moment of the Triduum: The Resurrection of our Lord.

Therefore, the Paschal Triduum is a **single liturgical celebration** that spans three days! It is **NOT** three separate liturgies!

If you are able to, please do not miss the Easter Vigil this year!

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. Information on Safeguarding is now available on our website.

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 April is dedicated to The Eucharist and the Resurrection.

April is often associated with the Eucharist and the Resurrection of Christ, since it frequently coincides with the celebration of Easter. It is an opportunity to rediscover the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed next week, from Easter Monday (6 April) to Friday (10 April) inclusive, and will reopen on Monday (13 April). Daily Masses are as usual.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION – 3 APRIL 2026

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on **Good Friday, 3 April**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Donation envelopes can still be handed in to the Parish Office, or drop it into the mailbox.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Stephen Anderson, Judith Bennett, Melissa Shiels, Zoe-Lee Dennison, Neville Fowler, Anthony Young, Adam Robinson, and Steven Jeffries, who are to receive their Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Vigil. **Welcome home!** Let us continue to pray for them as they journey into the Period of Mystagogy.


Special thanks to their formators for their assistance and guidance, and to the sponsors who are journeying with them.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12 APRIL



On the 2nd Sunday of Easter, the universal Church celebrates the Divine Mercy Sunday. One of the many ways to prepare for it is to pray the nine-day novena. The novena is to begin on Good Friday. This is the novena Jesus Himself revealed to St Faustina. This website provides the complete, everyday guide for the novena: <https://tinyurl.com/divinemercy26>

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