



# Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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*25<sup>th</sup> April / 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## **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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## **Parish Staff**

Audrey Yu  
**Pastoral Ministry Coordinator**

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**Parish Secretary**

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**Finance Officer**

Gary Varley  
**Safeguarding Officer**

Naomi Kidd  
**Chaplain – OzCare**

## **Schools**

**Star of the Sea School**  
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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

**Outside School Hours Care**  
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PH: 4125 6051

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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: Acts 2:14, 36-41 | R2: 1 Pet 2:20-25 | G: Jn 10:1-10

## **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" centres on Jesus as the Good Shepherd who knows, protects, and lays down his life for his sheep. The readings invite us to listen to his voice amidst world noises, trust in his guidance, and follow him through the gate to "abundant life." It is also the Sunday of Prayer for Vocations. Every year the Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John Chapter 10.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us who he is. The most important thing we need to know is who is taking care of us and whose voice we need to listen to; a voice which is authentic and truthful. According to this reading, if we are his sheep, we are known to him by our names. Jesus says, "My Sheep hear my voice." Hearing Jesus' voice is very difficult in the current environment of our lives with so many other voices calling out to us. Each day there are hundreds of voices, wanting our attention. These voices offer us all types of benefits, in the name of security, freedom, health, comfort, among many others. They offer us formulas for solving problems, fixing relationships, raising children, becoming rich, becoming popular, the list is endless.

It is surprising how much of the quality of our lives is affected by the voices we tune into and choose to follow. Our lives, many a time, is in turmoil because of following the wrong voices, wrong persons or wrong ideologies. These days there are many who claim to echo the voice of Jesus, but they are not genuine. They come not to care for us, but to enrich themselves. Christ is one and His way is one. If the way does not lead to Christ, it leads away from Him. We need to be conscious to identify the voice of Christ.

Today's Gospel gives us an image of Jesus as someone who hopes that people will recognise his voice as the one who addresses their issues. A voice that will find people where they are, attend them authentically, without disguise and without pretence. Jesus' cross is the message of the most authentic voice. It speaks of the shepherd willing to die for His Sheep. He dies for what He believes in. It is astonishing to see how much the quality of our lives can be misguided as we turn our ear to other voices. Sometimes we become just another human being and fail to see the human face of Jesus in our society and environment. We must learn what it means to be human in our world and Jesus taught us exactly that in His word and way of life.

Jesus came to the world so that we could have life and have it to the full. Jesus not only showed us how to be human but shared his way of being human. Sometimes when we look at ourselves, we feel helpless and incapable of this way of being, but Jesus' voice is ever calling us and gives us assurance that he is walking with us. In the book of the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord says "I love you with an everlasting Love." We are only required to reciprocate God's Love and entrust our lives to Him. During the confusing clamour of different voices today, the voice of the Good Shepherd invites us with his vision and invites us to trust in Him.

**Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob**

# MASS Times: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

## St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass  
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass  
 Thursday 8am Mass  
 Friday 9.30am St Joseph the Worker  
 Feast Day Mass  
 Saturday 8am Mass  
 6pm Mass  
 Sunday 7am Mass  
 9am Mass

## St Patrick's Church Howard

Sunday Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month  
 @ 4pm

## St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: First Letter of St Peter 2:4-9**  
**Gospel: John 14:1-12**

### 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, Ruby Magrata, Jennifer Burrow

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rod & Anne Gollan, Kathy Byrne, Philip Picknel, Francisco Tirado, Michael James Crowe, Rick Reardon, Felix Chua Jnr, Bigy Sacluti, Lucena Baculio, Nathan Adam Keegan, Helen Andrews (Tully), Di London, Ron Telford, John Welch, Ross Tapsall, Kevin McConville, Julie Cantar

**ANNIVERSARY:** Matthew Berecny Jnr, Dennis Ryan Berecny, Segunda Baculio, Susanna Baculio, Margaret Treston, Reg Treston, George Cefai, Claude Entriken, Teresita Castillo, Salvador Rapi, Mike & Sammy Sandham, Monica Baldwin, Ian Franks.

### WE CELEBRATE:

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:** (Send in names so we can pray for you!)

**APRIL WEDDING ANN.:** Peter & Anne Drury (45<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for the Parish Morning Tea at **RSL at the Poppies**, on **Thursday 30 April at 9.30 am**. All are welcome!

### 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.



**ANZAC DAY MASS** will be celebrated on **Saturday, 25 April, 8 am**, at St Joseph's Church, Pialba. All are welcome. *Lest we forget.*

**PIETY STALL.** If you are looking for a unique gift or cards for loved ones, or something for yourself, come support our Parish Piety Stall. New stocks available. Open each weekend before and after Mass. [Sorry, no EFTPOS.]

### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER – FEAST DAY MASS

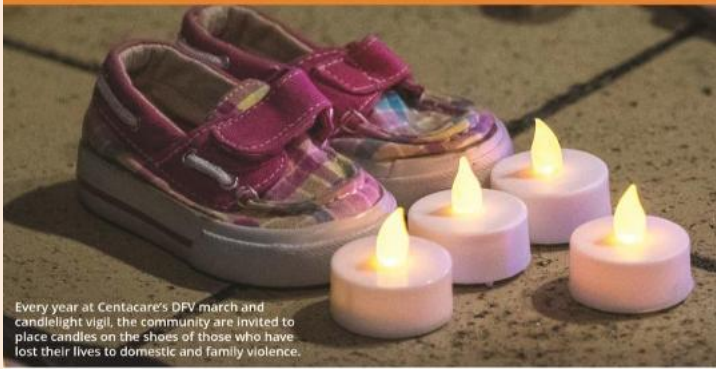
As St Joseph is the patron saint of our parish and for all workers, we will celebrate his feast day on Friday, 1 May at 9.30 am. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA |

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 26 April, hosted by The Indian Community. Next Sunday 3 May to be hosted by Health Care with Christ.

PARISH GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<i>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Ministry of Consolation</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Parish Craft Group</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Charismatic Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	
<b>Cenacle "Divine Mercy"</b>	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Cenacle of Prayer</b> <i>(Immaculate Heart of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)</i>	<i>8.30am</i>	<i>MacKillop Library</i>
<b>El Shaddai</b>	<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>1pm</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Health Care with Christ</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Kids Club - grades 1-8</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month</i> <i>(school term only)</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

# Together we can prevent domestic and family violence



Every year at Centacare's DFV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.



Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.



## The month of April is dedicated to The Eucharist and the Resurrection.



### 7 Date Nights to Strengthen Your Relationship

The Alpha Marriage Course is a practical, seven-session series designed to help couples strengthen and invest in their relationship, offering couples practical tools to build deeper connection, navigate challenges, and nurture a thriving, lifelong partnership.

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**STARTING THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026**



Scan the QR code for more info or visit [tinyurl.com/amc7nights](https://tinyurl.com/amc7nights) to register before 5 May 2026



The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adult)** program to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church will begin **Wednesday 29 April at 6pm**, and the Rite will be celebrated in October this year. For those wishing to become Catholics, please register your name and details with the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### Formation Courses in the Pipeline

Our Parish is pleased to announce a series of formation courses for all parishioners this year. These programs are designed to deepen our understanding of the faith and strengthen our life as a community.

#### Courses Offered

- Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** (4 sessions) – Currently for members of parish ministries only.
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** (8 sessions) – A quick journey through the Bible. Open to all parishioners.
- Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** (11 sessions) – Open to all parishioners, with added benefit for those who have completed **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**.
- Symbolon: The Faith of the Church** (16 sessions) – A comprehensive “refresher course” for all Catholics.

#### Additional Details

- All courses will be held on **Saturday mornings**, with sessions starting in June.
- Participants may need to **purchase workbooks** to fully benefit from the sessions.
- The schedule will be announced soon.

We invite all parishioners to express your interest by submitting your names to the **Parish Office**.

### Sacramental Program: Confirmation

The next Sacramental program for children is for the sacrament of Confirmation, with **Parent Information Night on 27 April, 6.30pm, St Joseph's Church**. Parents with children who are already baptised and in Year 3 or older, are invited to attend this workshop.

Children in this program will be confirmed on **Thursday 18 June, 6PM at St Joseph's Church**.



### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.*

– 1 Corinthians 12:26



If you feel you, or someone you know, might benefit from our service, please reach out to the parish office on 4124 3334 or Gary Varley on 0497 970 365.

**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.*

**STOpline** To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: [aob@stoline.com.au](mailto:aob@stoline.com.au) or Phone: 1300 30 45 50



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