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11<sup>th</sup> April / 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy 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

## Parish Priest

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## Parish Staff

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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

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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: Acts 2:42-47 | R2: 1 Pet 1:3-9 | G: Jn 20:19-31

### **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

This Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, focuses on the transition from fear to faith and the overwhelming mercy of the Risen Christ. The readings; Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, and John 20:19-31, highlight the power of the resurrection to transform a broken community into a unified body of believers.

*From Locked Doors to Peace:* The Gospel begins with the disciples hiding behind locked doors for fear. Jesus enters through these barriers, not with accusations about their abandonment, but with the gift of "Shalom" (Peace), offering peace and healing wounds, specifically inviting Thomas to believe. He transforms doubt into faith, empowering the Church to forgive sins, and pronounces a blessing on all who believe without seeing. This suggests that no "locked door" in our own lives, whether sin, shame, or grief is too heavy for God's mercy to penetrate.

*The Wounds of Jesus:* Thomas is often labelled "doubting," but he can also be seen as "wounded". Thomas represents our own scepticism and need for tangible proof. Jesus, in his mercy, meets Thomas at his point of doubt and invites him to believe. Jesus invites him first to touch His wounds, showing that the resurrection does not erase the history of suffering but transforms it. This serves as a reminder that Christ meets us in our own vulnerabilities and uses our scars as a bridge to deeper faith. The Risen Christ still bears his wounds, showing us that his suffering and resurrection are intimately connected. He invites us to touch his wounds, represented in the poor, the broken, and our own personal struggles to find healing.

*Divine Mercy and Reconciliation:* On this day, Jesus commissions the Apostles by breathing the Holy Spirit upon them to continue his mission of mercy and forgiveness (John 20:21-23); by forgiving sins thereby instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis (of Blessed memory) noted, mercy is the "bridge that connects God and humanity." We are called not only to receive this mercy but to become "apostles of mercy" to others in our daily lives.

*The Power of Community:* Thomas's initial doubt occurred because he was absent from the gathering. It was only when he returned to the community of believers that he encountered the Risen Lord. This emphasizes that faith is often sustained and strengthened within the community of faith, in our communal liturgies and the fellowship of the Church. There is surely joy to be found in a personal relationship with Jesus, but the Lord also announced a special presence whenever two or three are gathered in His name. It is essential for us to discover how Mass attendance is essential for us if we want to experience the healing power and blessing of the Lord. This Gospel has a lot to say to us about the need for us to gather together to find the Lord's blessing in the community of the Church, in His Word, and in the Sacraments.

Just as the disciples gathered in the upper room, we are called to gather as a community of faith, especially on this Sunday, to experience the risen Lord, receive his peace, and become agents of his mercy and forgiveness in the world.

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

## MASS Times: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### 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: 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

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: First Letter of St Peter 1:17-21**

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

### 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 Magrata

**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 Entriken

### WE CELEBRATE:

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

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

**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.]

**SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA** | Join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after 9AM Mass. This Sunday 12 April, it will be hosted by Parish Pastoral Council.



Next Sunday **19 April**, the Family Groups will be serving muffins after the **7AM Sunday Mass**. Parishioners who attend the 7AM Mass, do take this opportunity to meet one another and the members of the Family Groups.

Next Sunday 20 April after 9AM Mass, members of the Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy will host the morning tea.

**WE ARE IN THE EASTER SEASON.** Easter doesn't end on Easter Sunday. It continues as a season of joy and celebration in the Church. In the Catholic tradition, Easter lasts for **50 days**, culminating in the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.

This is a season of joy and celebration! **HAPPY EASTER!**

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>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</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>

## Urbi et Orbi: Pope urges world leaders to lay down weapons



Photo: VaticanNews

Pope Leo XVI has called on world leaders to lay down their weapons and choose “encounter” over domination.

“Let those who have weapons lay them down!”, the Pope urged on Easter Sunday in his traditional *Urbi et Orbi* (‘To the City and the World’) message.

Borrowing a phrase from the late Pope Francis, Pope Leo warned of the “ever-increasing ‘globalisation of indifference’”.

Bringing his *Urbi et Orbi* message to a close, the Pope stressed that Easter peace is not merely “the silence of weapons” but also an inner peace which “touches and transforms the heart of each one of us”. (Read the full news on [VaticanNews](#).)

Pope Leo will be leading a prayer vigil for peace this Saturday 11 April (12 April, 1.50am Brisbane time). The prayer vigil will be livestreamed by [EWTN News on YouTube](#). All are invited to join the Pope in prayer.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12 APRIL



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, the universal Church celebrates the Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised St. Faustina that He would “open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.”

The Divine Mercy Indulgence is not some medieval superstition. By the indulgence, God does something we cannot do on our own.

Let us take this opportunity to pray for the pope’s intention and for world peace.

For more info: [Click Here](#).

*Jesus, I trust in You!*

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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.

### 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**.



### Easter Baptism and Confirmation



These are the neophytes, who were baptized, confirmed and fully received into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil this year. We welcome them home to the Mother Church, and continue to support them in their journey of faith.

You are invited to join us to shop a curated collection of stunning dresses, smart suits and stylish accessories for your formal event!

With plenty of sizes, styles and both new and second-hand options, there’s something for everyone. Our staff stylists will be there to help you complete your look.

**St Vincent de Formal**  
Xavier Catholic College, Goa Centre  
17th April 2-6pm & 18th April 9-2pm

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