



18th April / 19th April 2026

Third 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

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Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Xavier Catholic College
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 2:14, 22-13 | R2: 1 Pet 1:17-21 | G: Lk 24:13-35

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

You may have noticed that on most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed. In this story, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus.

The narrative of the Emmaus journey where despondent disciples recognize the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, highlights that Jesus meets believers in their disappointment, transforms hearts through Scripture, and is truly present in the Eucharist. Jesus is not just a figure of the past, but a present reality found in the Eucharist, or "the breaking of the bread." The Eucharist is the primary place of recognition and encounter with the Risen Lord. The Mass acts as our modern-day Emmaus, where the Word of God and the Eucharist are broken for us. Upon recognizing Jesus, the disciples immediately return to Jerusalem to share the news, turning their fear into apostolic mission. *The "dismissal" at the end of Mass is a call to bring the risen Christ into the world.*

The sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about just how Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question. Perhaps it was the spirit of love and sharing he invested in the act that showed them who he really was. There was a level of focus, of self-giving and sacredness unique to Jesus, something they had experienced previously, before his passion. His presence and his personality touched their hearts, and the bread he broke was not just physical. It was the food of revelation and of new horizons that they opened their hearts to receive.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two despondent travellers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them fresh insight, and connected their challenging present situation with what they had known in the past.

The readings challenge us to recognize Jesus in our daily struggles, to find solace in Scripture, and to actively participate in the Eucharist, where our hearts can be rekindled. Jesus meets us when we are discouraged, questioning, or walking away from our faith community and this true encounter drives us back into community (Jerusalem) rather than away from it. Let us not forget that the revelation of Christ's presence is triggered by the disciples' hospitality in inviting the "stranger" to stay with them.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 20th April 2026 to 26th April 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Mass
 Saturday 8am ANZAC Day 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

2nd Reading: First Letter of St Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

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

WE CELEBRATE:

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

APRIL WEDDING ANN.: Peter & Anne Drury (45th anniversary)

LOST & FOUND BOX | Our lost-and-found box is full. Please check if you have left anything behind. Any unclaimed items by 24 April will either be given to SVDP or binned.

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, 8AM**, 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.]

SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA | Join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after 9AM Mass. This Sunday 19 April, it will be hosted by Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy.



This 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 26 April after 9AM Mass, members of the Indian Community will host the morning tea.

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

A Letter from the Mohrs

The Parish recently received a heartwarming letter from the Mohr family, who are from the Kingaroy Parish and joined us during the Easter Triduum. While they were here, they were given the opportunity to serve alongside our parishioners, and their gratitude shines through in the message they sent. The letter reads:

As things settle down after the very busy Easter days, I wanted to say thank you for your hospitality and graciousness in welcoming us to your parish community, and allowing us to serve with you.

Fr Jacob is wonderful and led the liturgies with patience, love, meaning and grace. What an amazing crowd that joined in all that was on offer. There must be much prayer in your parish community to produce such an abundance of people, servers and musicians. The music was beautiful and made prayer and coherence with the liturgies very fruitful. As Jesus tells us to go out and proclaim His Gospel Hervey Bay is shouting from the rooftops. How very privileged we were to be a part of the community and it has made me, for one, fire up and listen more intently for the mission for which I am called within the church.

Please pass on my thanks to Fr Jacob and assure him of my prayers for his priesthood.

Love and peace to you all.

Bruce, Terri and Melissa Mohr



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Stephen Anderson on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Wednesday, 15 April.

Although Stephen was unable to join the community at the Easter Vigil, we rejoice with him now as he completes this important step in his faith journey.

Welcome home, Stephen!

Pope Leo XIV in Cameroon: 'the time has come' to rebuild peace



BAMENDA, Cameroon - Despite bad weather, at least 20,000 people gathered on the runways of Bamenda International Airport on Wednesday to take part in the Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV, concluding the second day of the pontiff's visit to Cameroon. The pope reminded the crowd that "the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

(Read the full article on [The Catholic World Report](#))

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.*

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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.**



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHILDERS - CENTENARY CELEBRATION

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Childers invites past and present staff, families, parishioners to celebrate 100 years of faith, education, and community on Friday, 1 May 2026 (the Feast of St Joseph the Worker).

1:00pm - Centenary Festive Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 42 Churchill St, Childers.

Following Mass - School Tours and Historical Displays

5:30pm - Gala Dinner at Isis Cultural Centre, 49 Churchill Street, Childers.


Gala Dinner tickets are available at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/st-joseph-s-childers-centenary-gala-dinner>

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