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23rd May / 24th May 2026

Pentecost 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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Xavier Catholic College
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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 2:1-11 | R2: 1 Cor 12:3-7 | G: Jn 20:19-23

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Church, transforming fearful disciples into bold witnesses through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today's liturgy shifts our focus from the historical memory of Jesus to His permanent, real presence living within us and animating the Church's universal mission.

From Lockdowns to Liberation: In the Gospel according to John, we find the disciples trapped behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews". Their Master had been crucified, and they were paralysed by guilt, uncertainty, and a loss of direction. They were hiding in their own self-imposed prison. We, too, often live in similar lockdowns. We lock ourselves behind the doors of fear, anxiety, past guilt, or cynicism. We look at our broken world and feel helpless, wondering if our faith has any real power to change our circumstances. But locked doors cannot keep Jesus out. He breaks through our isolation, stands in our midst, and offers the ultimate antidote to fear: "Peace be with you".

The Breath of the New Creation: Jesus does not just offer words of comfort; He acts. The Gospel tells us that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit". This intentional action mirrors the Genesis creation account, where God breathed life into the nostrils of humanity. On Pentecost, Jesus unleashes a new creation. The strong wind and tongues of fire signal the raw power of God breaking into human history; the power of the Spirit. Fire refines and transforms. The Holy Spirit does not replace our human efforts; rather, He gently warms, encourages, and releases our hidden energies, thereby leading to Gradual transformation. Jesus immediately ties the gift of the Spirit to the power to forgive sins. True peace and a fresh start always begin with mercy; the gift of reconciliation.

Unity in Diversity: The miracle of Pentecost stands in direct contrast to the ancient Tower of Babel. At Babel, human pride fractured language and divided humanity. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit bridges the gap of diverse cultures and languages. As Saint Paul reminds us in the Second Reading, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit".

The Miracle of Being Understood: The miracle of Pentecost was not just that the disciples spoke in tongues, but that every foreigner heard the "mighty works of God" in their own native language.

The Diversity of Charisms: The Spirit gives unique gifts, whether leadership, teaching, hospitality, or acts of mercy, to build up one single Body. And to overcome our anonymity, we are challenged to step out of our comfort zones, acknowledge one another, and use our distinct spiritual toolkits to foster real communion. Therefore, we are called to activate the gifts within as many Christians live like spiritual beggars, unaware that they carry a treasure of infinite worth inside their hearts. Through our Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit has made us His living temples. We are called to be the "gloves" that allow the hand of the Holy Spirit to move and work in the world.

As we celebrate this New Pentecost, let us step out from behind our locked doors. Let us allow the fire of God's love to turn our fears into a mission of kindness, patience, and bold witness.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 25th May to 31st May 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
Our Lady, Help of Christians

Wednesday 5.30pm Liturgy of the Word

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

The Most Holy TRINITY

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: John: 3:16-18

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Carmen Hoolihan, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Doris Sutton, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Merilyn Baldwin, Ruby Magrata, Jennifer Burow, Maria Ruttman

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, Gerald Schrama, Gerry Sharpe, Spera Scriha, Elizabeth Mendoza

ANNIVERSARY: Ian Franks, Mary Cefai, Carmen Cefai, Ireneo Baculio, Corazon Quijano, Zenaida Capitalo, Ivon & Connie Lociano, Alan Baird, Gerardo Capitalo.

WE CELEBRATE:

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

MAY WEDDING ANN.: Terry & Paula Hewett (45th anniversary),
 Ronald & Cecily Trevillion (59th anniversary)
 William & Anita Byrne (62th anniversary)

The Catholic Leader – the Catholic newspaper for the Archdiocese of Brisbane – is available for purchase for \$4 per copy, on the Newsstand inside the church.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for the Parish Morning Tea at **RSL at the Poppies**, on **Thursday 28 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, 24 May, hosted by Parish Pastoral Council.
 Next Sunday, 31 May, will be hosted by Legion of Mary and Divine Mercy.

We welcome any group who would like to help hosting our Sunday Morning Tea. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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, 1st June 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>1st & 3rd Mondays of the month</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
Cenacle of Prayer (Immaculate Heart of Mary)	<i>Fridays</i> (No meeting on the 1 st Friday of the month)	<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> (school term only)	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>



Well attended
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Mass and Dinner
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20 May.
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**The month of May is dedicated to
The Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY OF
OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS –
PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA**

Date: Monday, 25 May

Time: 7.15AM

Venue: St Joseph's Church



The event, originally scheduled for Saturday, 23 May, will now be held on **Monday, 25 May**.

The **Rosary** will begin at **7.15AM** with the First Joyful Mystery. At **8AM**, **Fr Jacob** will celebrate the Mass for the Solemnity. Following the Mass, the Rosary will continue with the remaining three Mysteries. Refreshments will be served after the Rosary.

The Feast Day of **Mary, Help of Christians** has been celebrated in Australia since 1844, though its origins reach back to the early 1800s. It was this deep devotion to Mary and the Rosary that sustained the faith of Catholics during those challenging times.

We invite everyone to join us in prayer, seeking the intercession of Mary for Australia, that all Christians may remain steadfast in their faith in Christ, her Son.

FLORES
de *Mayo*

IN HONOR OF
Our Lady of Fatima

29 MAY 2026

- HOLY ROSARY THEN PROCESSION**
4:45 PM
- HOLY MASS**
5:30 PM
- FELLOWSHIP & FOOD SHARING AFTER MASS**

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

Every year in the month of May, an annual Mass attendance count is conducted across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. On this **weekend of 23-24 May**, our parish will be conducting the attendance count by *age groups*. You may be asked to **stand or raise your hand** when your age group is called. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us complete this important count.



Pentecost Praise and Worship

Charismatic Prayer & Praise Group and Music Ministry will lead Praise and Worship before Masses this weekend. All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join.

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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