



9<sup>th</sup> May / 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*Sixth 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**

Winnie Mujunen  
**Parish Secretary**

Nimal Abeywardena  
**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

**Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)**  
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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  
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**Centacare:**  
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This Sunday's readings: R1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | R2: 1 Pet 3:15-18 | G: Jn 14:15-21

## **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

That we need guidance and direction in everything we do is a statement of fact. That we are for the most part, not fully aware of the mysteries of God and the dynamics of the world is also a truism. We live in a world that can be perverse, corrupt and evil, and yet are expected to lead holy, blameless and exemplary lives. For we Christians therefore, thriving in a turbulent and free-for-all society where commandments are looked at as oppressive and suppressive, regulations and laws as burdensome and restrictive; we have a definite need of the Holy Spirit, the promised counsellor. However, for us to have this Counsellor, we must embrace love of Christ and fidelity to his commandments.

The commandments of God are all designed to make us happier than we can possibly be without them. Jesus categorically said that when we love him and keep his commandments, he will ask the Father to send us another Counsellor, the Spirit of Truth who will be with us forever (John 14:16-17). By our fidelity to God's law, the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Paraclete and Counsellor will be given us; with the Spirit of God in us, our safety will be sure and our happiness guaranteed. More so, He will give us the required strength to face those who abuse and revile us (1 Peter 3:16-17).

According to the apostle of love, John, there is only one test of love: obedience. Out of obedience to God's will, Jesus demonstrated his supreme love for Him; same obedience to the Father was what precipitated the greatest show of love the world has ever known – Jesus' self-sacrifice for sinful humanity. We too, can only show our love for Jesus when we obey his command. This obedient love is or should be practical. Jesus should see us working for him by leading good and holy lives even when we are slandered, abused and made to suffer like St. Peter says in the second reading. Christ should see us witnessing to him wherever we find ourselves like Philip did in Samaria today.

When we keep Jesus' law of love, we have a twofold advantage: God loves us eternally, and Jesus not only loves us, but will also manifest himself in us. Meaning our lives become worthy of acclaim both here on earth and in heaven. We have a further advantage too, we are assured of always being informed in the way of truth, for the Spirit of truth will be given to us.

People who profess 'lip-love' to themselves but through their inconsiderateness, irritability and thoughtless unkindness bring nothing but pain to one another are called to love like Christ loved God and humanity. Children and young people who say they love their parents yet cause them grief and anxiety, and leaders who profess their love and commitment to their followers yet inflict hardship, tyranny and dictatorial rule on them are exhorted to start loving like Christ did and still does. All those who profess their love in words but who, at the same time bring pain and heartbreak to those whom they claim to love are called to change.

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

## MASS Times: 11<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> May 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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**Hervey Bay Catholic Parish**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*The Ascension of the Lord*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

#### 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, Jo Shorrock, Doris Sutton, Pam Truscott, Petrus Van Lierop, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Marilyn 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

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

#### WE CELEBRATE:

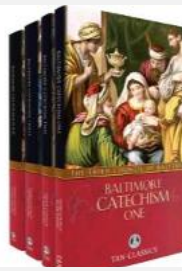
**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** (Send in names so we can pray for you!)

**MAY WEDDING ANN.:** Terry & Paula Hewett (45<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

#### 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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*First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima –  
 13 May 1917*

**SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA** | Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 10 May, hosted by The Bikkie Bunch. **The Bikkie Bunch is inviting anyone who is happy to assist by bringing a plate to share and to help with serving.**

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, 18<sup>th</sup> May 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> Mondays 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>

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

17 – 24 May 2026

*“There is one body  
and one Spirit, just  
as you were called  
to the one hope of  
your calling”*

(Ephesians 4:4)



**The month of May is dedicated to  
The Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**El Shaddai Hervey Bay celebrates  
31<sup>st</sup> year**



Photo: Members of El Shaddai Hervey Bay posing for a group photo with other El Shaddai communities from across Queensland.

The 31st anniversary of El Shaddai in Hervey Bay was joyfully celebrated last Saturday, 2 May, at St Joseph's Church. The Thanksgiving Mass was presided over by Fr Jacob and concelebrated by Fr Joseph Hien Van Vo from Sunshine Coast, drawing parishioners and visitors from across Queensland.

Following the Mass, a vibrant fellowship lunch was held at the John Paul Centre, where the community gathered to share food, stories, and gratitude.

The members of El Shaddai extend their heartfelt thanks to Fr Jacob and the parish community for their ongoing support.

The **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adult)** program to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church has already begun. The classes are held every **Wednesday at 6pm** (after 5.30pm daily Mass), 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.

## FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

Saturday 23 May 2026

9.30am to 4.30pm

Speakers: Fr Nev Yun, Pat Keady,  
Steffanie Le and Len Airey

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