

*13<sup>th</sup> June / 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **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  
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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**  
Star of the Sea School  
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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: Ex 19:2-6 | R2: Rom 5:6-11 | G: Mt 9:36

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

God's tender love and compassion for his creatures is the dominant theme of our Mass readings this Sunday. In our first reading from the book of Exodus, God's loving care for the people of Israel is conveyed in a beautiful image: 'I bore you up on eagle's wings and brought you to myself' (Ex 19:4). When the Israelites became discouraged as they wandered through the wilderness of Sinai, following their miraculous escape from Egypt, they needed to be reminded that God, who had intervened to facilitate their escape, would never desert them, but would accompany them always and make his people, 'a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation' (Ex 19:6). We, too, need to hear those same words of encouragement, especially when we feel overwhelmed by the burdens of life.

In our second reading, St Paul underlines the unconditional quality of God's loving care for us. God's love, says Paul, is not like that of people who only love those who deserve it, and who might be prepared to give their lives for those they consider worthy of such a gesture. Just how different, and infinitely greater, is the love of God shown by the fact that he sent his Son to die for us while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8). Paul encourages us not to let ourselves become slaves to our fears and doubts, but to be filled with 'joyful trust in God' (Rom 5:11). Just imagine, he says, that if God loved us when we were estranged from him, how much more will he love us now that we have been made citizens of his Kingdom? Our weaknesses and sins can never be stronger than his love. While we may be tempted to give up on him, he will never abandon us.

Our gospel reading from Matthew, gives us a lovely picture of the compassion of Jesus for the people he encountered in his ministry. The English expression 'he felt sorry for them' (Mt 9:36) does not even come close to capturing the depth of his feeling for the pain and suffering of the poor and oppressed people whose lives he wanted to transform. Far from observing the pitiable conditions of the people, 'harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd' (Mt 9:36) with detachment or disinterest, he was moved from the depth of his heart to respond to their plight. He knows that the political leaders and the religious authorities of his time have no real concern for them. Their focus is on maintaining their privileged positions and feathering their own nests, while neglecting the hungry, the sick, and the oppressed of the land. Jesus, in contrast, identifies with his people's sufferings. His compassion leads him, not only to embark on a personal ministry of healing and hope, but also to choose and select his disciples to collaborate with him in this mission.

The mission on which Jesus sends his twelve chosen disciples, is clearly an extension of his own ministry: 'Go and proclaim the message: The kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, cleanse the lepers, and drive out demons' (Mt7-8). The authority that Jesus confers on the twelve is an authority, not over people, but over evil. It is the liberating power of his word, which can overcome evil and create a new world. As disciples of Jesus, we, too, are called and sent to continue his mission of healing and hope in the world of our time.

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

## MASS Times: 15<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> June 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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-15**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33**

#### 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 & Janelle Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Marilyn Baldwin, Ruby Magrata, Jennifer Burow, Maria Ruttman, Marie Fowles.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** 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, Julie Cantar, Gerald Schrama, Gerry Sharpe, Spera Scriha, Elizabeth Mendoza, Patricia Mary Eekelschot, Frank Bedford

**ANNIVERSARY:** Ivon Connie Lociano, Nena Baculio, Roger Yting, Juanito Yting, Uldarico Magtolis

#### WE CELEBRATE:

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

**JUNE WEDDING ANN.:** (Send in names so we can pray for you!)

The Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul falls on 29 June every year, but this year the celebration will be moved forward to **24 June** to allow school children to attend as well. The Mass will be celebrated at **St Peter the Fisherman Church, Burrum Heads at 10AM**. All are welcome.

#### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for June**

**For the values of sports:** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**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. We also have catalogue for you to browse. Open each weekend before and after Mass. [Sorry, cash only, no EFTPOS.]

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.** A total of 34 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 18 June at 6PM. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Piety Stall will be open on Thursday 18 June during the rite of Confirmation for friends and family to purchase gifts for the children.

#### **SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA**

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 14 June, hosted by Indian Community. Next Sunday, 21 June, will be hosted by Health Care with Christ

*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
<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, 15<sup>th</sup> June 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>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Cenacle "Divine Mercy"</b>	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Cenacle of Prayer</b> (Immaculate Heart of Mary)	<i>Fridays</i> (No meeting on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)	<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> (school term only)	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

## Pope Leo XIV's 'Magnifica Humanitas': AI must serve humanity not concentrate power

"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together."



Photo: VaticanMedia

The opening words of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, [Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence](#), summarise its underlying reasons and purpose.

Published on Monday, 25 May, the Pope signed the encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum*.

Read the summary of the encyclical on [VaticanNews](#), while the full text can be found via the first link above.

### Formation Schedule for June & July

- 13 June, 9AM – Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist Session 1
- 20 June, 9AM – Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: Session 1
- 27 June, 9AM – Presence: Session 2
- 4 July, 9AM – Unlocking the Mystery: Session 2
- 11 July, 9AM – Presence: Session 3
- 18 July, 9AM – Unlocking the Mystery: Session 3
- 25 July, 9AM – Presence: Session 4

Please note that:

1. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** is open for everyone involved in parish ministries.
2. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is open to all parishioners. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend the first session on 20 June.

### Live-Out Marriage Encounter Weekend

The Live Out ME weekend is a daytime retreat over two days with no accommodation provided at the venue. It offers married couples a "time-out" to be with one another.

**Dates: Saturday 4 July to Sunday 5 July**

**Venue: Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Springfield Lakes.**

Bookings & Enquiries:

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## The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### KNOW YOUR CATECHISM

#### Q. How is Sacred Scripture to be read?

A. Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria:

1. it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture;
2. it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church;
3. it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of faith themselves.

(Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church #19)

The latest newsletter for Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/L1zSyojs0gYPgIWJ?ref=Link>



### ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection, around the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul. **This year's collection will be taken up on 27 - 28 June.** Please give generously.

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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.*

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