



6th June / 7th June 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

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St Vincent De Paul:

21 Liuzzi St Pialba

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This Sunday's readings: R1: Deu 8:2-3, 14-16 | R2: 1 Cor 10:16-17 | G: Jn 6:51-58

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Today we celebrate the Gift of Eternal Nourishment; the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known as *Corpus Christi*. This feast directs our hearts to the absolute centre of our faith: the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Our Liturgy of the Word presents a powerful narrative of memory, sustenance, and divine life. From the wandering Israelites in the desert to the ultimate fulfilment in the Bread of Life Discourse, God reveals Himself as the One who provides the food that truly satisfies.

In our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses gives a passionate warning to the Israelites: *"Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt."* He reminds them of the wilderness, a place of terrifying thirst and hunger, where God miraculously fed them with manna. The manna was not just physical food; it was a daily lesson in trust. It taught the people that humans do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. How quickly we, too, forget God's interventions in our lives when things go well. We become consumed by the material anxieties of our world, seeking to satisfy our deepest hungers with things that cannot last. We are called to look back at the "deserts" of our own lives and remember that God has never abandoned us.

Our Gospel passage from Saint John takes this theme of nourishment to a radical, staggering level. Jesus boldly proclaims: *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* The text notes that the crowds argued sharply among themselves, asking, *"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"* They looked at Jesus through a purely earthly lens. They expected a metaphor, a symbol, or a poetic turn of phrase. Instead of softening His words to appease them, Jesus doubles down: *"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."*

This is the core of our Catholic faith. When we step up to the altar, we are not participating in a mere theatrical performance or a symbolic memorial service. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration, the bread and wine substantially become the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. ***It is the ultimate expression of intimacy.*** The Creator of the universe humbles Himself to become our food, transforming us from within so that we might share in His eternal life.

What happens to us when we consume this Living Bread? Saint Paul answers this beautifully in our second reading to the Corinthians: *"Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."* The Eucharist is the source of our Christian unity. It breaks down the walls of division, social status, and prejudice that the world builds up. When we receive Communion, we are not just entering into a private, individualistic relationship with Jesus. We are woven tightly into His Mystical Body, the Church.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 8th June to 14th June 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Mass Solemnity 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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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-6
2nd Reading: Romans 5:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10.8

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.

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, 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 Burrow, Maria Ruttman

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

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

WE CELEBRATE:

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

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

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. A total of 33 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 Monday, 8 June at 4PM during the rehearsal, and 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, 7 June, hosted by El Shaddai. Next Sunday, 14 June, will be hosted by Indian Community.

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

*SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Next Friday 12 June, the Church celebrates the feast of the Sacred Heart. Read this short, beautiful commentary: [The devotion to the Sacred Heart put Jesus' love at the Centre of Faith.](#)

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, 15th 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>

REMINDER: Bible Study Introductory Session

The introductory session for **Bible Study: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** will be held on **Saturday, 6 June at 9AM** in St Joseph's Church.

We invite those who would like to find out more about this study to attend. Thank you.

Formation Schedule for June & July

- 6 June, 9AM** – Introduction to Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
- 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

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



A group photo with *Mama Mary*. In the evening of Friday 29 May, the parish community celebrated the Flores De Mayo festival by honouring Our Lady of Fatima with the Rosary, floral offerings, hymns and the Mass, and ended with a sumptuous dinner prepared by the Filipino community. A big thank you to everyone who joined and helped make the celebration such a beautiful one.

Our parish community raised \$3,049!

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The 2026 Annual Catholic Campaign will be held the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of August.

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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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.*



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 the 27/28 June.** Please give generously.

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection around of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world.

Archbishop's
VOCATIONS DINNER 2026
for MEN 11 JUNE

The Archbishop's Dinner for Men is an evening that provides space for men discerning their vocation to gather and connect. This year's dinner will be held on Thursday, **11 June**.

This event is a great opportunity for men (18-35) to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey.

Limited seats available.

Please email your expression of interest to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.

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