



27th June / 28th June 2026

Thirteenth 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

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Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
4338 5850

Centacare:
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This Sunday's readings: R1: 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16 | R2: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 | G: Mt 10:37-42

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

In today's Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus presents us with some of His most challenging words within the context of radical love: "*Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.*" At first glance, this sounds incredibly harsh. How can the Lord, who explicitly commands us to love and honour our families, ask us to place them second? Jesus is not telling us to love our families less; He is calling us to love Him more. When we put God at the absolute centre of our lives, our earthly relationships are not diminished, they are transformed. By filtering our love through Christ, we learn to love our spouses, children, parents, and friends with a deeper, purer, and more selfless devotion. True discipleship requires total allegiance to God first, which then empowers us to love everyone else better. Does your dedication to Christ shape your daily decisions and relationships?

This radical love is put into action through the beautiful virtue of hospitality, which takes centre stage in our First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16). The Shunammite woman goes far out of her way to provide a permanent room and regular meals for the prophet Elisha. She asks for absolutely nothing in return, seeking no praise or payment. Yet, God sees her hidden generosity and rewards her selflessness with the miraculous gift of a son. Jesus mirrors this theme beautifully in the Gospel, promising that even the smallest act of kindness, giving a simple "cup of cold water" to one of His disciples, will never go unrewarded by the Father. God is never outdone in generosity.

St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11) that our capability to love and serve so selflessly flows directly from our Baptism. Through the waters of Baptism, we have spiritually died to sin and have been raised to a completely new life in Christ. This new life is not a passive gift to be hidden away; it is an active daily calling. Because we are already "alive to God," we are fully equipped with the supernatural grace needed to carry our daily crosses and follow Him faithfully. As a parish community, we are called to be tangible, living signs of this baptismal renewal. Every time we welcome a stranger at our church doors, comfort a parishioner who is grieving, or offer a helping hand to a needy neighbour, we are welcoming Christ Himself. Genuine Christian hospitality is the marketplace where our deep inner faith meets the reality of the world.

This week, let us take these readings to heart. Let us honestly evaluate where Jesus truly ranks in our busy daily schedules and priorities. Is He the true centre of our lives, or is He merely an afterthought? Let us seek out at least one practical, concrete opportunity this week to share His warmth with someone in need of comfort, attention, or material assistance. In doing so, we answer the radical call of discipleship, confident that no act of kindness done in His name is ever wasted.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 29th June to 5th July 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Mass with Adoration
 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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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 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, Marilyn Baldwin, Ruby Magrata, Jennifer Burow, Maria Ruttman, Marie Fowles, Lisa Wong-Kam

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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, Cecil Porter, Norma Arboiz, Neville Entriken, Pexie Ernest

WE CELEBRATE:

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

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

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – For children (9 years old and above, or in Year 4) who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Parent Information Night will be held on **Monday, 20 July at 6.30 PM, at St Joseph's Church.**

SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 28 June, hosted by The Bikkie Bunch. Next Sunday, 5 July, will be hosted by The El Shaddai.

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

THE HOLY HOUR:

AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Every first Friday of the month, there is Holy Hour at St Joseph's Church – after Morning Mass until noon. Everyone is invited to drop in – even for a short few minutes – to be present with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

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, 29th 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>

Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

5th July 2026

We gather as one in Christ — celebrating the deep faith, culture, and gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. Find resources for your Parish at www.natsicc.org.au

In November 1986, Saint John Paul II became the first Pope to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on their own Country.

Speaking at Blatherskite Park in Alice Springs, he recognised the ancient spiritual richness of First Nations cultures, named the injustice of dispossession plainly, and called the Church to stand alongside Indigenous peoples — not just in words, but in action.

It was a turning point: for the first time, the Catholic Church in Australia was formally challenged to listen before it spoke.

Almost four decades later, we are still being called into the fullness of what he envisioned. ([Source](#))

Formation Schedule for June & July

- 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY HERVEY BAY

Please support the needy of this City this winter by placing any non-perishable food items in the baskets at the front doors of the Church. Envelopes are also available inside the church on the newsstand & from the Parish Office. *Thank you, Hervey Bay Parishioners, for your generosity and continued support!*

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.*

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



Students from Star of the Sea Primary School and Xavier's Catholic College joined the Solemnity Mass for Saints Peter and Paul at St Peter the Fisherman Church, Burrum Heads on 24 June — with some even assisting in the celebration.

Thank you, children!

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 this weekend on 27 - 28 June.** Please give generously.

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

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6. Remove the card when prompted and verify the signature if applicable. Press [YES] to approve or [NO] to decline (signature transaction only).
7. Press [YES] to print the customer copy or [NO] if the customer copy is not required.

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