



# Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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20<sup>th</sup> June / 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

*Twelfth 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

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## Parish Staff

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**Pastoral Ministry Coordinator**

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## Schools

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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

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**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  
4338 5850

**Centacare:**  
3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1: Jer 20:10-13 | R2: Rom 5:12-15 | G: Mt 10:26-33

## **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

The core message of this Twelfth Sunday is a powerful command from Jesus Christ: "Do not be afraid." In a world frequently gripped by anxiety, peer pressure, and the fear of rejection, the scriptures invite us to trade our crippling human fears for a radical, freeing trust in God's loving providence. "Do not be afraid." are the most frequent words spoken by Jesus to his disciples, and, in today's gospel reading from Matthew, they occur three times. But we need to pay attention to the text and the context to understand his words properly.

Jesus is not giving his disciples the false assurance that they have nothing to be afraid of. In last Sunday's gospel, we heard how Jesus selected twelve of his disciples to collaborate with him in his revolutionary mission. He told them that he was sending them out 'as sheep in the midst of wolves' (Mt 10:16). Hence, they must be prepared to meet with opposition and persecution: 'You will be dragged before governors and kings because... and you will be hated by all because of my name' (Mt 10:18,22). So, the disciples of Jesus had genuine reasons to be fearful. Indeed, it would be superhuman of them not to be afraid. What Jesus is saying to them, as he is saying to us today, is they must not be overcome or paralysed by fear but continue to carry out the mission he has entrusted to them, trusting in the power of the Spirit to sustain them.

Our first reading sets before us the example of the prophet Jeremiah. A timid and sensitive youth, afraid to speak, Jeremiah was nevertheless chosen by the Lord to be 'a prophet to the nations' (Jer 1:5). It was only with reluctance that he accepted this mission. Indeed, Jeremiah was constantly derided, opposed and physically threatened, as the first words of our reading make clear. There were times when he was sorely afraid and tempted to give up being a prophet. However, he does not succumb to his fears. He remained faithful to his difficult calling to the end of his life. And the foundation for this fidelity was his trust in the Lord's promise to be with him always: 'The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion' (Jer 20: 10).

Like Jeremiah, those called to continue the mission of Jesus must be prepared to meet with opposition, rejection and persecution. They cannot expect to be treated differently from their master. Indeed, the absence of persecution may be a sign that the Church has diluted the gospel to suit the spirit of the times. The message and mission of Jesus were radical, indeed revolutionary. His words and actions represented a complete reversal of the value system that marked the society of his time.

In face of such opposition and persecution, Jesus urges his disciples not to allow their genuine fears to cripple them, but to continue to proclaim the truth of the gospel and to witness to him publicly. He assures them that the truth that the powerful elites try to cover up will eventually be revealed. He reassures them of the Father's love and care for them: 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted' (Mt 10:30).

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

## MASS Times: 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass  
 Wednesday 10am Sts Peter & Paul Mass  
 At Burrum Heads  
 5.30pm The Nativity of St John  
 The Baptist 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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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**

### 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 & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Merilyn 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, Cecil Porter, Norma Arboiz

### 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.

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### PARISH MORNING TEA



Please join us for Morning Tea at **Poppies** located at the **RSL** on **Thursday 25 June 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, 21 June, hosted by Health Care with Christ. Next Sunday, 21 June, will be hosted by The Bikkie Bunch.

*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, 29<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>

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Thursday 2 July

St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

12.30 PM – Mass

1-4 PM – Talk & Veneration

10 AM–4 PM – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Stella Maris, Maroochydore

7.30 PM – Talk & Veneration

Friday 3 July

Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra

9 AM – Mass

9.30 AM-3 PM – Talk, Veneration, Exhibition, more.

Mary Immaculate (Oratory) Annerley

7.30 PM – Talk & Veneration

Saturday 4 July

Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills

7 AM – Mass

7.30-9.30 AM – Talk, Veneration, more.

Little Flower, Kedron

5 PM – Mass

10 AM-7 PM – Talk, Veneration, Exhibition, more.

Sunday 5 July

Church of the Twelve Apostles, Jindalee

8 AM & 5.30 PM – Mass

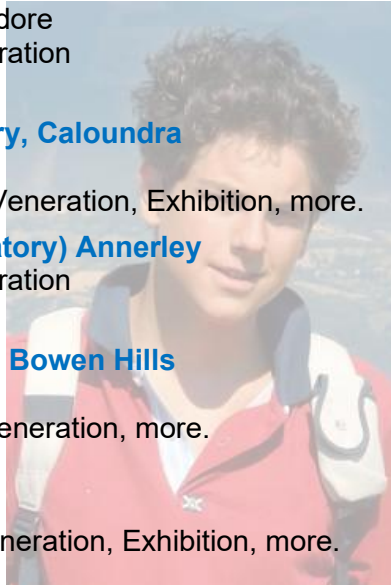
9 AM-5.30 PM – Talk, Veneration, Exhibition, more.

Monday 6 July

Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters

9 AM - Mass

9.30 AM-4 PM – Talk, Veneration, Exhibition, more.



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

### CONGRATULATIONS!



A total of 34 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday 18 June. Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by sealing the children with the Holy Spirit, strengthening their faith and commitment to follow Christ. We thank their parents and teachers who nurtured their faith and prepared them for this Sacrament.

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7. Press [YES] to print the customer copy or [NO] if the customer copy is not required.

#### We have an EFTPOS Machine!

We are pleased to announce that our parish now offers EFTPOS for added convenience. Parishioners can use this option for donations and for purchases at the Piety Stall.

#### Formation Schedule for June & July

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 only.
2. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is open to all parishioners. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend the first session on 20 June. When you purchase the workbook (which is strongly recommended), the *Bible Timeline Chart* that comes with it help to make the complex simple – giving you a way to read the Bible and understand it.



### 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.

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.

**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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