



27th June / 28th June 2026

Fourteenth 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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Xavier Catholic College
Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
4338 5850

Centacare:
3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1: Zech 9:9-10 | R2: Rom 8:9 11-13 | G: Mt 11:25-30

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Rest for the Weary Soul: How heavy is the pack you are carrying today? If we are completely honest with ourselves, most of us arrived at Mass this weekend carrying some form of exhausting, invisible baggage. For some, it is the weight of an unresolved family conflict, a broken relationship, or the heavy strain of financial anxiety. For others, it is a quiet, internal battle; the exhaustion of keeping up appearances, the crushing pressure of social perfectionism, or the deep fatigue that comes from trying to manage every single aspect of life entirely on our own limited human strength. In this weekend's Gospel passage for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus looks directly at our hidden exhaustion and offers a beautiful, life-changing invitation: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

This divine invitation is profoundly liberating, but it requires something from us that goes entirely against our modern culture: true humility. Jesus praises the Heavenly Father because the deepest, most beautiful truths of the Kingdom are hidden from the "wise and the learned" and revealed instead to the "little ones." In a worldly culture that constantly demands absolute self-reliance, intellectual pride, and relentless personal achievement, Christ calls us to a radically different path. He invites us to adopt the simple heart of a child—vulnerable, completely trusting, and fully aware of our daily need for God's grace and mercy.

Jesus goes on to say, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." To the ancient listener, a yoke was a heavy wooden beam custom-fitted across the shoulders of oxen to pull massive loads through fields. It was an unmistakable symbol of hard labour, burden, and submission. Yet, Jesus boldly proclaims, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

How can a yoke possibly be light? It becomes light because when we intentionally take on the yoke of Christ, we are no longer pulling the crushing weight of life by ourselves. We are harnessed together with Him. He walks right beside us in the fields of life, matching our steps, and carrying the heaviest part of the load. The yoke of Jesus is the liberating law of love, forgiveness, and surrender to the Father's perfect will. It does not crush our spirit; rather, it sets us free from the exhausting, unspiritual burdens of this world.

As St. Paul reminds us in our Second Reading from the Letter to the Romans, we are not governed by the flesh but by the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. We do not have to live as helpless slaves to fear, worry, or worldly expectations.

This week, let us take Jesus at His word. When you approach the altar for Holy Communion today, intentionally name the specific burden that is wearing you down. Visually and spiritually hand it over to Him. Allow His meek and humble heart to reshape yours during adoration and prayer. Let us step out of the church doors today with lighter shoulders, deeply renewed spirits, and the lasting peace that only Christ can give. Have a blessed, joyful, and truly restful week!

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 6th July to 12th July 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Anointing 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: 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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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, 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, Janice Dullaway, Shannon Reardon.

WE CELEBRATE:

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

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

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. - Psalm 116:15

The members of the Ministry of Consolation are available for any bereavement support.

Please contact: Gary Varley 0497 970 365

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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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, 5 July, hosted by The El Shaddai. Next Sunday, 12 July, will be hosted by Family Group 5.

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
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Monday, 13th July 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 <i>(Immaculate Heart of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	<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> <i>(school term only)</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Walking Together in Christ:
A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Quo Vadis for Men 2026



Vocation Brisbane invites young men to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience. Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you.

When: Friday 31 July - Sunday 2 August
4:30pm - 2:00pm

Where: Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane

Find out more here: [tinyurl.com /QuoVadisMen2026](https://tinyurl.com/QuoVadisMen2026)

Formation Schedule for July & August

- 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 (Final session)
- 1 August, 9AM – Unlocking the Mystery: Session 4
- 15 August – No class; Feast of the Assumption

KNOW YOUR CATECHISM

Q. Why must human life be respected?

A. Human life must be respected because it is *sacred*. From its beginning human life involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. It is not lawful for anyone directly to destroy an innocent human being. This is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator. "Do not slay the innocent and the righteous" (Exodus 23:7)

(Compendium of the CCC #466)

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 July is dedicated to
The Precious Blood of Jesus.**

Brisbane Archbishop receives pallium from Pope Leo in Rome



Brisbane Archbishop Shane Mackinlay has been invested with the pallium from Pope Leo XIV during a Mass at St Peter's Basilica on 29 June.

"I was deeply honoured to receive a pallium from Pope Leo XIV during the annual Mass for Saints Peter and Paul, the patron saints of the city of Rome," Archbishop Mackinlay said.

He was one of 35 metropolitan archbishops from countries around the world, including Brazil, the Philippines, United States, South Africa, United Kingdom, India and Pakistan. - [Catholic Leader](#)



SOUP NIGHT - On **Saturday, 18 July** after the 7pm Mass, the Family Groups will be hosting a Soup Night.

Come and enjoy a great variety of soups, buns, etc in the John Paul Centre. Enjoy a chat, meet some members of our Church Family Groups. Maybe you would like to join one of our friendly groups.

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5. The transaction is approved, and the merchant receipt is printed.
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.

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.

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