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18th July / 19th July 2026

Sixteenth 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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St Vincent De Paul:

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This Sunday's readings: R1: Wis 12:13, 16-19 | R2: Rom 8:26-27 | G: Mt 13:24-43

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Urgent Impulse to Pull Weeds. If we are honest with ourselves, most of us like things sorted out quickly. We prefer neat categories: black and white, good and bad, friend and foe. When we look at the world around us, or even within our own communities and families, we often spot “weeds” — behaviours, attitudes, or people that seem to disrupt the goodness of the field. Our immediate, human impulse is exactly like that of the servants in today's Gospel from Matthew 13:24-43: “Do you want us to go and pull them up?” We want to act as judge and jury, rushing to cleanse the field right now. But the Master replies with a shocking command: “No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.”

The Divine Perspective: God's Radical Patience. This Sunday, the Liturgy of the Word challenges our hasty human judgments by revealing the breathtaking patience of God. Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God's sovereign power does not manifest as brutal force, but as leniency and clemency. Because He is the master of all, He can afford to be patient. He does not strike down the sinner instantly; instead, He gives His children “good ground for hope” by permitting repentance for sins.

The Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds (or darnel) illustrate this divine leniency. In the ancient world, darnel was a particularly deceptive weed. In its early stages of growth, it looked virtually identical to wheat. Only when both reached maturity and bore fruit could they be easily distinguished. If the Master allowed the servants to rip out the weeds early on, they would inevitably destroy much of the precious wheat by mistake. God looks at human hearts with that same deep awareness of our complexity. He knows that a person who acts like a weed today might, by the power of His grace, transform into wheat tomorrow. Think of St. Paul, St. Augustine, or King David; men whose lives looked like fields choked with weeds, but whom God patiently transformed into a rich harvest of holiness.

The Silent Work of the Kingdom. Jesus pairs this main parable with two shorter ones: the mustard seed and the yeast. Both reinforce the theme of waiting and trusting in hidden growth. The mustard seed is tiny and unimpressive, yet it grows into a massive bush that shelters others. The yeast is completely hidden inside three measures of flour, yet it quietly transforms the entire batch of dough from within. The Kingdom of God does not advance through aggressive crusades or instantaneous transformations. It works through the slow, quiet, and steady presence of grace. We often get discouraged because we do not see immediate spiritual fruit in our lives, our parishes, or our loved ones. We think nothing is happening. But Jesus assures us that God is always at work beneath the surface.

Let us leave this Mass with a renewed sense of peace and patience. The presence of evil or imperfection in our world does not mean God has lost control. It simply means His mercy is still wide open, giving everyone, including us, time to turn back to Him. Trust the Master of the harvest. Let the yeast of His love do its quiet work in your heart today, so that when the great harvest comes, we may all shine like the sun in the kingdom of our Father.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 20th July to 26th July 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Liturgy of the Word
 Thursday 8am Liturgy of the Word
 Friday 8am Mass & Benediction
 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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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczowski, 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: Nena Baculio, Roger Yting, Juanito Yting, Uldarico Magtolis, Cecil Porter, Norma Arboiz, Neville Entriiken, Pexie Ernest, Janice Dullaway, Shannon Reardon, Beatrice Berecny, Potenciano Baculio, Glenda & Des Govers, Tim Roker

WE CELEBRATE:

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

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

NOTICE As Fr Jacob will be away on Wednesday, 22 July and Thursday, 23 July, there will be **no Mass**. Instead, there will be a Liturgy of the Word without Communion on both days. Mass will resume as usual on Friday, 24 July.

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, 19 July, hosted by Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy. Next Sunday, 26 July, will be hosted by Parish Pastoral Council.

This Sunday, 19 July, our Parish community will be celebrating the 14th Priestly Anniversary of Fr Jacob. There will be breakfast after Mass. All parishioners are invited! Please bring a plate to share.

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, 27th 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 (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>

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Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be conducting a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** across 4 consecutive Saturday mornings beginning on **Saturday, 1 August**. Each session will go from 9 AM – 11 AM in the John Paul Centre. If you wish to attend, please write your details on the forms placed at the rear and side Church doors.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES READY TO BE COLLECTED

For parishioners who give by the envelope system, the Planned Giving Envelopes for **August 2026 to January 2027** are ready to be collected from the Newsstand in the church.

If you would like to start giving using Planned Giving Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Formation Schedule for July & August

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
29 August	– Unlocking the Mystery: Session 5

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.

HAPPY 14TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY!



Dear Fr Jacob, thank you for 14 beautiful years of saying “yes” to God and to us! Your dedication and loving care have made our community feel like a true family. We are so incredibly grateful for you. May God bless you today and always with strength, wisdom, and joy.

Ad multos annos!

Fr Jacob was ordained a priest on 16 July 2012.

One way to get involve in our
SPIRITUAL SOCIAL COMMUNITY

SOUP NIGHT

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SATURDAY, 18 JULY
AFTER THE 6PM MASS

JOHN PAUL CENTRE
All are welcome!

The Family Groups will be hosting a Soup Night. Come and enjoy a great variety of soups, buns, and more. Enjoy a chat, meet some members of our Church Family Groups. *Maybe you would like to join one of our friendly groups.* ♥

COME, Connect, & BELONG ✕

MEET NEW PEOPLE | SHARE AND BELONG | GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER | ENJOY A WARM AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY

All are welcome. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! ♥



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026 26 July

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – **“I will never forget you”** (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly.

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