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5th September / 6th September 2026

Twenty-Third 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:

21 Liuzzi St Pialba

4338 5850

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3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1: Ezek 33:7-9 | R2: Rom 13:8-10 | G: Mt 18:15-20

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Hardest Duty of Love. Today's readings present us with one of the most practical, necessary, and challenging aspects of living as a Christian community: how we deal with one another when things go wrong. We live in a culture that often bounces between two extreme reactions to wrong behaviour: outrage and cancellation, where we publicly expose, condemn, and discard people the moment they fail, and indifference: where we hide behind the modern shield of "Live and let live," claiming it is none of our business how someone else lives their life. Neither of these attitudes belongs to the Gospel. Today, God calls us to a third way—the way of fraternal correction rooted in love. Fraternal correction is not about judgment or power; it is the holy duty of love to restore communion.

The Watchman's Duty (Ezekiel 33:7–9). In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel receives a sober commission from God: "Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel." A watchman standing on the wall of an ancient city had one job: watch for incoming danger and blow the trumpet to warn the people. If the watchman saw danger and stayed silent, he was held responsible for the destruction that followed. God tells Ezekiel that as members of a spiritual family, we share responsibility for one another's spiritual safety. Silence in the face of a brother or sister's self-destruction isn't tolerance—it's negligence. When we see someone, we care about walking down a path of sin, addiction, bitter hatred, or spiritual erosion, looking the other way isn't charity. True love has the courage to speak up.

Love is the Law (Romans 13:8–10). Lest we turn Ezekiel's warning into a license to become harsh, self-righteous critics, St. Paul gives us the context and guardrails in the Second Reading: "Owe no debt to anyone, except the debt of mutual love." Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilment of the entire law. Any warning or correction we offer must spring strictly from love, never from a desire to feel superior, win an argument, or vent frustration. If love is not the engine behind our words, our "correction" is just judgment. But when love leads, our goal is never to destroy the person, it is always to save them.

Jesus' Three Steps of Reconciliation (Matthew 18:15–20). In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a concrete, step-by-step roadmap for resolving conflict in the Church and in our families: Go to them alone first: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Where we fail: When someone hurts us, our human instinct is usually to tell everyone else except the person involved—gossiping, posting on social media, or seeking allies. Jesus demands discreet, private, face-to-face dialogue. This protects the person's dignity and leaves room for repentance without public shame.

Bring one or two witnesses: If direct conversation fails, bring trusted, wise, and neutral peacemakers. Their role isn't an ambush, but to help bring clarity, truth, and perspective.

Involve the broader community: If all else fails, bring the matter to the Church. And if someone stubbornly refuses to listen even to the community, Jesus says to "treat him like a pagan or a tax collector." Notice how Jesus treated pagans and tax collectors: He didn't hate or mistreat them; He continued to pray for them, love them from a distance, and invite them back to conversion.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 7th September to 13th September 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday	9.30am Anointing Mass
Tuesday	8am Mass The Birthday of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
Wednesday	5.30pm Mass
Thursday	8am Mass
Friday	8am Mass & Benediction/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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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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 Burrow, Maria Ruttman, Marie Fowles, Lisa Wong-Kam, Noel Phillips

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Andrews (Tully), Di London, Ron Telford, John Welch, Ross Tapsall, Gerald Schrama, Gerry Sharpe, Patricia Mary Eekelschot, Frank Bedford, Samuel Boston, Christine Adams, Daniel (Dan) Gleeson

ANNIVERSARY Augusta Yting, Rose Kirkland, Sylvia Bedford, Tony Cavanagh

WE CELEBRATE:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 6 September, hosted by El Shaddai. Next Sunday, 13 September, will be hosted by Legion of Mary / Divine Mercy.

We welcome any groups interested in helping to host our Sunday Morning Tea or just bring a plate to share. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAMA MARY

On **Tuesday, 11 September**, the Mass will be celebrated at **8AM** for the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. There will be Morning Tea after Mass. Please bring a plate to share.



KNOW YOUR CATECHISM

Q. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?

A. Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith. (*Compendium of the CCC #29*)

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, 7th September 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</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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**The month of September is dedicated to
The Seven Sorrows of Mary.**



Women of The Way Retreat
9th – 11th October 2026

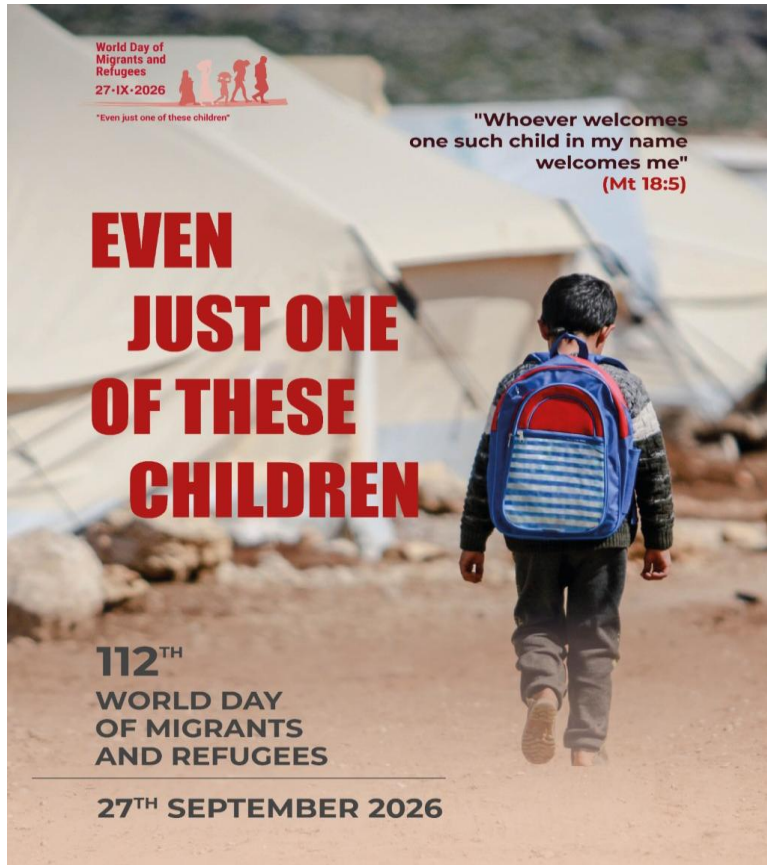
Redemption Calling - Rejoice!

*"I have called you by name.
You are mine."*

Isaiah 43 : 1

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337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin QLD

Contact: Rosa Montegrando 0400 755 516
Women of The Way: wowqld@gmail.com



World Day of Migrants and Refugees
27-IX-2026

"Even just one of these children"

**EVEN
JUST ONE
OF THESE
CHILDREN**

*"Whoever welcomes
one such child in my name
welcomes me"
(Mt 18:5)*

**112TH
WORLD DAY
OF MIGRANTS
AND REFUGEES**

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Registration Closing Date: Friday 25th September

For tickets and more information:
<https://app.tickets.org.au/WOW/WOW>

Multicultural Mass

Our parish family is blessed with a rich mix of cultures and backgrounds! On **Sunday, 27 September at 9:00 AM**, we will celebrate our annual Multicultural Mass to coincide with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

We invite you and your family to take part in this special celebration:

- Display your flag:** Bring the flag of your native country to be displayed during Mass (*Please pass the flag to the parish office before 25 September*).
- Proclaim the Word:** Represent your culture by reading the First Reading, Second Reading, or a petition for the Prayers of the Faithful in your native language. (*Please contact the parish office in advance*).
- Celebrate through culture & food:** Wear your traditional attire to Mass and **bring a dish** from your home country to share at Morning Tea immediately following the Mass.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the vibrant unity of our community!

St Joseph's Youth Group
Next Youth Group gathering:
Saturday, 19 September 2026, 4 PM
(For High Schoolers Years 7-12)



EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6 - 12 September 2026

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.

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