

3rd October / 4th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh 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

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This Sunday's readings: R1: Is 5:1-7 | R2: Phil 4:6-9 | G: Mt 21:33-43

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Vineyard of Grace and Responsibility

The Word of God today brings us face-to-face with one of the most vivid images in all of Scripture: the vineyard. In our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we hear the heartbreaking song of a landowner who did everything right. He cleared the stones, planted the choicest vines, built a watchtower, and hewed out a winepress. He invested his labour, his resources, and his heart into this vineyard, expecting a harvest of sweet grapes. Yet, despite all his tender care, it yielded only wild, sour grapes.

When we move to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus takes this familiar imagery from Isaiah and pushes it even further. In His parable, the problem is no longer just the quality of the fruit; it is the corruption of the caretakers. The landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and goes on a journey. But when harvest time arrives and he sends his servants to collect his rightful share, the tenants react with stunning violence. They beat one, kill another, and stone a third. Finally, in an act of profound patience and vulnerability, the landowner sends his own son, thinking, "They will respect my son." Instead, driven by greed and a desire to seize the inheritance for themselves, they cast him out of the vineyard and kill him.

Jesus directed this parable at the religious leaders of His day, who had come to see God's people not as a sacred trust to be nurtured for God's glory, but as a possession to be exploited for their own status and power. They rejected the prophets, and ultimately, they would reject and crucify Jesus, the Son cast outside the vineyard walls. Jesus warns them that because of this betrayal, the kingdom of God will be taken away from them and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

But this scripture is not just historical reporting; it is a living mirror held up to our own hearts today. We are the new tenants of God's vineyard. The vineyard represents many things: it is the Church, it is our families, it is our local communities, and it is the individual soul clothed in dignity that God has given to each of us. God has fenced us around with His love, protected us, and showered us with every grace necessary to live holy, meaningful lives. He has given us our talents, our time, our relationships, and our faith. The haunting question this Sunday asks us is simple: What kind of fruit are we producing? If the Landowner comes today to harvest the fruits of our lives, would He find the sweet grapes of charity, justice, humility, and peace? Or would He find the sour grapes of bitterness, selfishness, gossip, and division?

Too often, we fall into the same trap as the wicked tenants. We begin to live as if our lives belong entirely to us. We treat our blessings as entitlements rather than gifts on loan from the Creator. When we refuse to forgive, when we ignore the poor, or when we abuse the gifts of nature and grace for our own selfish gain, we are essentially trying to cast the Landowner out of His own property. We act as if we are the masters of our own destiny, forgetting that we are merely stewards who will one day have to give an account.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 5th October to 11th October 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday	9.30 Anointing Mass
Wednesday	5.30pm Mass
Thursday	8am Mass
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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Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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 Ruttiman, Marie Fowles, Lisa Wong-Kam, Noel Phillips, Maree Van Lierop

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, Nigel Cairns, Sue Cavanagh, Robert Devine, Kevin Clinton Coolie

ANNIVERSARY: Augusta Yting, Rose Kirkwood, Sylvia Bedford, Tony Cavanagh, Ophelia Lamban, Alf Petersen, Kathleen Scotton, Jennie Carthew

WE CELEBRATE:

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

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

To mark the **Season of Creation**, our parish will hold a Recycling Drive this week. From **5–11 October**, please bring your recyclable containers (**those marked "10c"**) and place them in the allocated bins outside the parish office. These will be taken to Containers for Change, and all proceeds will support our parish maintenance fund.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PIETY STALL. If you are looking for a unique gift or cards for loved ones, or something for yourself, come support our Parish Piety Stall. New stocks available. We also have catalogue for you to browse. Open each weekend before and after Mass. *EFTPOS available!*

SUNDAY AFTER MASS CUPPA

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9 am Mass this Sunday, 4 October, hosted by El Shaddai.

Next Sunday, 11 October, will be hosted by the Family Group who will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary.

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.

KNOW YOUR CATECHISM

Q. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, "I believe in God"?

A. The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation "I believe in God" is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God. (*Compendium of the CCC #36*)

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>Tuesday, 6th October</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>Tommasi Room</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>

When did you last spend time really investing in your relationship?



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RSVP Before Tuesday 6 October via the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/5Ldatenight to register.



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.



THANK YOU! ... A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to last Sunday's Multicultural Mass, helping make it such a beautiful and joy-filled celebration.

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Next weekend (**11 October 2026**) during the 9 am Mass, our parish will joyfully celebrate 20 years of Family Groups, followed by a special morning tea hosted by the Family Groups. Since launching in September 2006, Family Groups have been a place where parishioners and families can gather, share life, and find support in both the highs and lows. Their motto beautifully captures their mission: "A family for all." All are welcome to join us for Mass and morning tea as we honour this meaningful milestone in our parish's life.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS - ArcheLearn Training

If you volunteer in the following ministries, please log onto ArcheLearn to complete your training.

Click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4xheb2kn>

- Sacramental Program/RCIA/High School Students Educator/Adults working with the Children's Liturgy
- Home/Aged Care Visitor including Special Ministers
- Finance Council Member/Counter
- Parish Pastoral Council

N.B. A Blue Card and/or a Police Check are of no value without training being completed.

If you have difficulty completing online / would prefer to do it in person, please contact the Parish Office.



God's Word 2027

God's Word for year 2027 is now ready for order. The Order sheets is available at the entrance of the Church for you to add your name and contact number. Cost \$15/book to be paid on collection.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

"The only thing death cannot touch is everything we have loved."



The Ministry of Consolation is offering support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Reach out to Gary Varley on 0497 970 365.



2026 PUBLIC ROSARY

JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN!

WHERE: SCARNESS PARK SHELTER

(Near the Beach House on the Esplanade near the small jetty)

WHEN: Saturday 10 Oct, 9.00 am

Please bring a chair, Rosary beads



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.

Our parish now offers **EFTPOS** for added convenience. Parishioners can use this option for **donations** as well as for purchases at the Piety Stall.

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