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31st October / 1st November 2026

The Solemnity of All Saints

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

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PH: 4197 1177

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Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:

21 Liuzzi St Pialba

4338 5850

Centacare:

3324 3800

This Sunday's readings: R1: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 | R2: 1 John 3:1-3 | G: Mt 5:1-12

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

The Solemnity of All Saints invites us to lift our gaze from the immediate anxieties of our world and contemplate a breathtaking reality in the article of the Creed we recite as the "communion of saints." Today we look beyond the visible boundaries of earth to recognize that we belong to a massive, eternal family. This feast celebrates not only the famous figures whose names grace our churches, but the uncounted multitude; our grandparents, quiet neighbours, and hidden heroes, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and now stand in the fullness of God's light. They are from every nation, race, people, and tongue who have completed their earthly journey and now look upon the face of God.

The Multiplicity of the Multitude: In our first reading, St. John receives a vision of heaven. It is not a uniform, sterile place. He describes a "great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." This tells us something vital about holiness: it does not destroy our individuality; it perfects it. In the kingdom of God, there is room for the fiery intellect of Augustine, the absolute poverty of Francis of Assisi, the radical social activism of Dorothy Day, and the quiet, hidden faithfulness of an ordinary mother or father. God does not make copies; He only makes originals. The saints prove that Christ's holy life of love and mercy can be lived by ordinary people from all walks of life, in any era.

The Counter-Cultural Roadmap: If we ask how they got there, Jesus gives us the exact roadmap in today's Gospel: The Beatitudes. To our modern culture, the Beatitudes sound completely upside down. The world yells: "Blessed are the aggressive, for they win." "Blessed are the wealthy, for they have security." "Blessed are those who avoid suffering at all costs." But Jesus stands on the mountain and counters: "Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are the meek... Blessed are the peacemakers." The Beatitudes are Jesus' self-portrait, and they describe a holy rebellion. To live them is to refuse to let the cynicism, greed, and divisiveness of the world dictate how we treat others. The saints are those who looked at Jesus' radical vision of love, mercy, and unconditional forgiveness and dared to believe it was possible.

The Universal Call to Holiness: The greatest danger of All Saints Day is that we push the saints up onto pedestals so high that they become irrelevant to our daily struggles. We think, "I am too broken, too anxious, or too compromised to ever be holy." But holiness is not sinlessness; it is the persistent desire to let God love us and transform us. St. Benedict Joseph Labre was a filthy, homeless wanderer who struggled to find his place in society, yet his pure devotion inspired an entire city. St. Margaret of Cortona lived a deeply messy, fractured early life before transforming her heart through grace. As St. Augustine famously muttered when looking at the lives of those who went before him: "If they can become saints, why can't I?" We are already children of God, but what we will be, has not yet been fully revealed. As we journey through the uncertainties of life, the saints stand as an encouraging cloud of witnesses, cheering us on and interceding for us.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 2nd November to 8th November 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass All Souls' Day
5.30pm Mass All Souls' Day
Wednesday 5.30pm Mass
Thursday 8am Mass
Friday 8am Mass & Benediction
Saturday 9am Mass of Commemoration
6pm Mass
Sunday 7am Mass
9am Mass

***Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 3 November as staff are attending Deanery Meeting.**

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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, John Wilson, Tony & Janette Davies, Linda Sharpe, Joy Smith, Sr Layola, Marilyn Baldwin, Ruby Magrata, Jennifer Burrow, Maria Ruttiman, Marie Fowles, Lisa Wong-Kam, Maree Van Lierop, Benji Fisher, Karl Jackson, Ron Trevillion, Geoff Lorne

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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, Terry Murphy, Alan Peart, Alceste Odorico, Petrus van der Lierop, Estelle Renard

ANNIVERSARY: Tony Cavanagh, Ophelia Lamban, Alf Petersen, Kathleen Scotton, Jennie Carthew, Bob Cavanagh, Claire White, Abigail Frivaldo, Bob Bischof.

WE CELEBRATE:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: (Send in names so we can pray for you!)

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANN.:

Changes in Mass Times

As All Souls' Day falls on the first Monday of the month, 2 November, the **November Anointing Mass** will be celebrated on **Monday, 9 November at 9.30am.**

Please note that there will be **two Masses on All Souls': 8am and 5.30 pm.**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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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, 1 November, hosted by El Shaddai. Next Sunday, 8 November, will be hosted by the Legion of Mary and 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.

KNOW YOUR CATECHISM

Q. Who created the world?

A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the one and indivisible principle of creation even though the work of creating the world is particularly attributed to God the Father.

(Compendium of the CCC #52)

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 2nd November</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>Monday 2nd November</i>	<i>6.30pm</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>

NEWS: 'There is no such thing as a holy war', Pope Leo tells faith leaders



Photo: Catholic Leader

Pope Leo XIV denounced all religious wars in a video [message](#) on Tuesday, marking the 40th anniversary of the International Meeting for Peace in Assisi, Italy.

"There is no such thing as a holy war: Only peace is holy," Pope Leo said in his message.

"War can never be waged in the name of God."

Since his election in 2025, the pope has often rejected all forms of religiously inspired violence. ([Read more](#))



The Way of the Heart - Daily Reflections for Advent 2026

The new Advent reflection resource is available for pre-order (costs \$5 per copy) next week. Written by Sr Theresa Maria Dao, SPC, the booklet offers daily weekday reflections for individual and small group.

The Spiritual Gifts Workshop

Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane Mission Team

- Held on: **21 November, 9am – 4.30pm**, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Pialba
- The program includes praise, worship and listening to the Holy Spirit.
- Presentations from Catholic teaching on each of the gifts.
- Workshop on some of the gifts.

Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring a plate to share during lunch. Enquiries: Martin Costigan (0402 821 959) and Anne Costigan (0412 348 090).

Pastoral Care in Hospitals

Centacare is seeking people interested in volunteering once each week to provide pastoral and spiritual care to Catholic patients in our public hospitals in our strongly established teams. The people we are seeking must have a qualification or significant background in a human service discipline with some level of formal theological training. If you are retired, or semi-retired from such a career, in very good health and have one morning per week available for a most rewarding volunteer role in the spirit of the Gospel, please talk further with me with no obligation.

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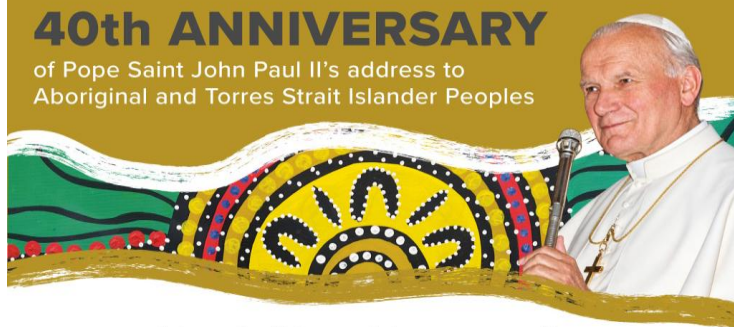
The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

November: Month for all Faithful Departed

The whole Church will be praying for all the faithful departed in November. Please submit the names of your departed loved ones so we can pray for them. Please use the **November Mass Offering envelopes**, which are available on the Church Newsstand and from the Parish Office.

40th ANNIVERSARY

of Pope Saint John Paul II's address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



Join us for this special commemoration

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026

Cathedral of St Stephen

- 11:30am** Commemorative liturgy and Smoking Ceremony
Reconciliation Garden, Cathedral Precinct
- 12 noon** Mass celebrated by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay
Cathedral of St Stephen
- 1:00pm** Light refreshments and commemorative videos
Hanly Room



RED

PRAY • SUPPORT • ACT

FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD



Our parish will participate in Red November during the **5.30 pm Mass on Wednesday, 11 November**. All parishioners are welcome to pray for the persecuted Christians, as well as to honour Australians who died or suffered wars, conflicts, and peace keeping operations.

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