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21st November / 22nd November 2026 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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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Principal: Nathan Wilson

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Star of the Sea School
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4194 6155

Xavier Catholic College
Eli Waters, Hervey Bay
PH: 4197 1177
Principal: Simon Dash

Welfare Groups

St Vincent De Paul:
21 Liuzzi St Pialba
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Centacare:
3324 3800

This Sunday's readings:
R1: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17 | R2: 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 | G: Mt 25:31-46

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Today we stand at the very end of the Church's liturgical year. Next Sunday, Advent begins, and we will start the cycle of waiting and preparation all over again. Before we turn that page, the Church pauses to ask us one final, overarching question: *Who oversees your life, and what kind of King do you serve?* When we hear the word "King," our minds naturally drift to images of gold crowns, marble palaces, royal decrees, and overwhelming power. Earthly kings demand to be served. They build walls to protect themselves from the masses, and they measure their greatness by how many people bow before them. Yet, the readings today completely shatter that worldly image.

In our first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, God rejects the corrupt, self-serving rulers of Israel and makes a stunning promise: "*I myself will look after and tend my sheep... The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.*" Our King is not a distant monarch sitting untouchable on a throne. He is a Shepherd who gets down into the mud, smells like the flock, and searches tirelessly for the ones who have wandered off.

When Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925, the world was watching the terrifying rise of totalitarian dictators — men who demanded absolute loyalty and treated human lives as disposable tools for state power. Pope Pius XI established this solemnity as a bold counter-proclamation. He wanted to remind the world that no dictator, no political party, no ideology, and no bank account holds ultimate authority over the human soul. Only Christ is King of the Universe. And His power does not crush or humiliate; it frees, heals, and restores.

This brings us directly to the Gospel of Matthew — one of the most sobering and unmistakable passages in all of Scripture. Jesus paints a vivid picture of the end of time, when the Son of Man comes in glory and gathers all nations before Him, separating people as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Notice what the final exam for eternal life actually looks like. When we stand before the King of the Universe, He will not ask us how loudly we sang in church, how prestigious our job titles were, or how much wealth we accumulated. Instead, the King looks at how we treated the vulnerable: "*For I was hungry and you gave me food*" … What is truly remarkable about this scene is the surprise on both sides. The righteous ask, "*Lord, when did we see you?*" They didn't feed the hungry just to earn points or because they recognized Jesus in disguise. They did it simply because compassion had become their second nature. Meanwhile, those on the left were equally shocked. They didn't necessarily commit dramatic, headline-making crimes; their sin was the sin of omission. They simply walked past the suffering person right in front of them, too busy or too indifferent to notice.

Jesus reveals a profound mystery today: Christ has chosen to hide Himself in the distressing disguise of the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten. If we want to honour Christ as our King, we have to enthrone Him in two places this week: First, we must enthrone Him in our own hearts, and second, we must recognize and serve Him in our neighbour.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 23rd November to 29th November 2026

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday	8am 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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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturdays @ 5pm or by appointment

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

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.

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Melinda Audesho, Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Braczkowski, 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, Merilyn Baldwin, Ruby Magrata, Jennifer Burow, 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, Carmen Xerri

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

WE CELEBRATE:

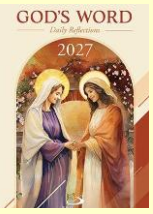
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: *(Send in names so we can pray for you!)*

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANN.:

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, 22 November, hosted by Family Group 5. Next Sunday, 29 November will be hosted by Health Care with Christ.



God's Word 2027

For those who had placed an order, the 2027 edition of God's Word is available and ready to be collected from the parish office during the week.
Cost: $15.00 per copy.

Know Your Catechism

Q. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist?

A. To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the *whole* of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way – directly or indirectly – the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.

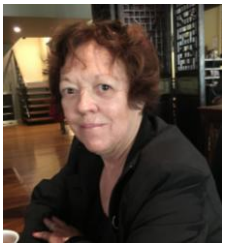
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PARISH GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	*Mondays*	*8.45am*	*Sr Scholly Hall*
St Vincent de Paul	*Monday 16th November*	*3pm*	*Sr Scholly Hall*
Ministry of Consolation	*1st Tuesday of each month*	*2pm*	*Sr Scholly Hall*
Parish Craft Group	*1st Wednesday of each month*	*9am*	*John Paul Centre*
Charismatic *Prayer & Praise*	*1st & 3rd Mondays*	*6pm*	*Sr Scholly Hall*
Cenacle *"Divine Mercy"*	*Thursdays*	*9am*	*Sr Scholly Hall*
Cenacle of Prayer *(Immaculate Heart of Mary)*	*Fridays (No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)*	*8.30am*	*MacKillop Library*
El Shaddai	*Saturdays*	*1pm*	*John Paul Centre*
Health Care with Christ	*4th Sunday of the month*	*10.30am*	*Sr Scholly Hall*
Kids Club - grades 1-8	*1st & 3rd Sundays of the month* ***(school term only)***	*10.30am*	*Sr Scholly Hall*

FUNERAL NOTICES

A Requiem Mass will be held at St Joseph's Church on ***Monday, 23 November 2026 at 11.00 AM*** *for our dear sister*

Mary Colbran



A Funeral Service will be held at St Joseph's Church on ***Thursday, 26 November 2026 at 11.00 AM*** *for our dear sister*

Kathleen Rita Sempf



All are invited to gather in prayer and commend their souls to God's loving mercy.

Hervey Bay RSL

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday, 12 December

Volunteers Wanted

Scan QR code on the right to register

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.



Celebrating a Century of Grace: Pat Turns 100!



We joyfully congratulate Pat, a dedicated and cherished parishioner of St Joseph's Church, as she marks this incredible milestone of reaching her 100th birthday this month. We thank God for the gift of Pat's life and her enduring presence in our community. Please join us in wishing her continued good health, deep joy, and God's abundant blessings in the year ahead.

Star of the Sea Primary School's latest newsletter can be accessed via the link below:

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/vkwGwADbs9JOV285?ref=Link



PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for Morning Tea at **Poppies** located at the **RSL** on **Thursday 27 November** at **9.30 am.** All are welcome!

HAVE YOUR SAY: SAFEGUARING SURVEY

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting parishioners to complete a short Safeguarding Survey. It takes only 2-3 minutes and will help us strengthen safety, respect and wellbeing across our parish communities. Scan the QR code on the right to participate.

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.

PLANTS FOR SALE | Stop by the **Parish Office** to purchase lovingly tended plants grown by our parishioners. All proceeds directly support the church maintenance fund. Come take a look and find your next favourite plant!

REMINDER:
Pre-Mass time is meant for silent prayer

"When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us… [but] it is not a moment for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus … silence is so important." – Pope Francis (15 Nov 2017)

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.

STOPline To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: aob@stopline.com.au or Phone: 1300 30 45 50

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