



# Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

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27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

17<sup>th</sup> 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

## Parish Priest

Fr. Jacob Kalu  
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## Parish Staff

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## Schools

**Star of the Sea School**  
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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

**Outside School Hours Care**  
Star of the Sea School  
Wondunna, Hervey Bay  
PH: 4125 6051

**Childcare (6wks – 5yrs)**  
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  
4194 0861

**Centacare:**  
3324 3800

## **Dear Parishioners & Visitors,**

The seventeenth Sunday of ordinary time, offers us the opportunity to celebrate Christ who feeds and unites us. Our first reading and the gospel are similar in the sense that they narrate the miracles of the multiplication of bread motivated by compassion and generosity.

In our first reading, Elisha got a gift of food. However, noticing that the people were hungry and moved by compassion, he generously offered it them. Through him God miraculously multiplied the food thus, fulfilling his prophecy: *"They will eat and have left over."* In the second reading, Paul reminds us of the virtues that we need to live and survive together as a body of Christ; a community and family united by one faith, one baptism and one spirit. These virtues include: *"Charity, generosity, gentility, complete selflessness and patience towards one another."* Moved by compassion for his flock, Jesus in the gospel replicated the miracle of Elisha. He fed more than five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. He was sensitive to their situation and need. Christ cares both for our physical and spiritual needs. He feeds us with both His word, and the Holy Eucharist.

There are many important lessons we can learn from today's readings and especially from the miracles performed out of the compassion and generosity of both Elisha and Jesus for their flocks. Compassion moved them to generously feed their people. Compassion is the basis of empathy and sympathy. All we need is it to understand what it means for others to be hungry, thirsty, sick, homeless, jobless, and lonely. Another lesson is that God can transform something little into something great, because our God is a God of impossibilities. As Christ tells us: *"With God all things are possible"* (Mt 19: 26), and Paul affirms: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* (Phil 4: 13). We can also learn some lessons from the generosity of the little boy. He is a hero in Jesus' miracle. He generously offered what he had and his generosity became the motivation of a great miracle for his community. From two fish and five loaves, the community was blessed with twelve baskets of food. This shows that at times, God works with what we have.

To be compassionate is to be like Christ. To be generous is to cooperate with Christ in his ministry. Christ sought the cooperation of his disciples and community, and the little boy cooperated with what he had. He exhibited a fraternal spirit and so, changed the destiny of his community. How do we respond to the needs of our community in times of need? The goods we have, our talents, time, knowledge, experience, including our faith are values that we must place at the service of others.

A generous and compassionate attitude towards others can enrich the life of many, as well as our own life. When compassion and generosity embrace, great miracles happen for a community united by one faith, one spirit and one baptism. Through his generosity and compassion, Christ continues to work miracles in our midst. He continues to feed and nourish us physically and spiritually at every Eucharistic celebration. So, with the psalmist let us praise Christ: *"You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires."*

**Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob**

## MASS Times: 29<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass  
 Wednesday 5.30pm Mass  
 Thursday 8am Mass  
 Friday 8am Mass  
 Saturday 8am Mass  
 6pm Vigil  
 Sunday 7am Mass  
 9am Mass

### St Patrick's Church Howard

Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month @ 4pm

### St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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

#### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: St Paul to Ephesians 4: 1-6**  
**Gospel: John 6: 1-15**

#### WE PRAY FOR:

**THE SICK:** Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Stuart Beilby, Roman Braczkowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Martin Curtis, Joseph Darmanin, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Kevin Hopkins, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrock, David Stevens, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paul Azzopardi, Betty McLune, Agnes Moore, Merle Smithers

**ANNIVERSARY:** Graham Allison, Nena Baculio, Potenciano Baculio, Tony Baldwin, Beatrice Berecny, Janice Dullaway, Pexie Ernst, Neville Garner, Lilly Jerome, Edward O'Donnell, Cecil Porter, Bienvenido Olaivar, Diosdado & Soledad Parcon, Corazon Quijano, Shannon Reardon, Leo Russell, Ben & Colleen Thatcher, John Tracey, Emily Vassallo, Augusta Yting

#### WE CELEBRATE:

**JULY BIRTHDAY:** Monica Dwarika

#### HOLY COMMUNION 2024

This weekend we will celebrate Rite of Enrolment for the children celebrating Holy Communion in September. The date for First Holy Communion is

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September &  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

In the Year when children turn 9 (Year 4), they are welcomed to the Lord's Table and receive Holy Communion for the First Time.

For further information contact the Parish Office during the week on phone 4124 3334 or email [herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au).

#### **PIETY STALL**

**Located inside the Church - open before and after Mass on the weekends and during the week by contacting the Parish Office. Sorry No EFTPOS**

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday.

**This Sunday 28/07 Family Group (5)**

Next Sunday 04/08 hosted by Indian Community

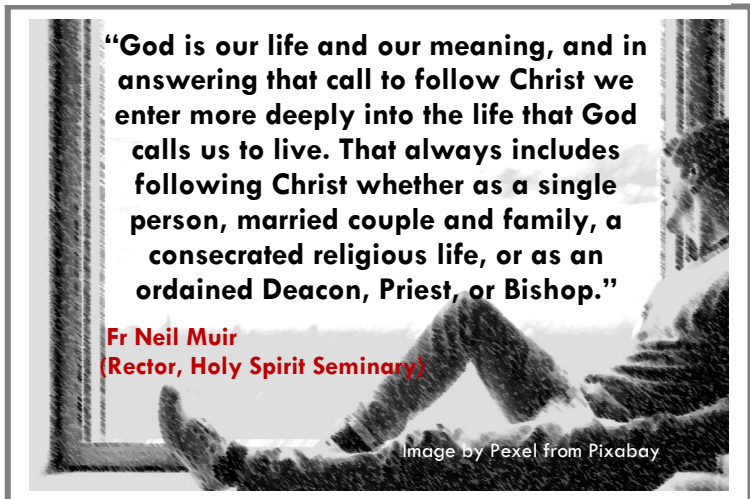
GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<i>Mondays</i>	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<i>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July</i>	3pm	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Ministry of Consolation</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month</i>	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Parish Craft Group</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month</i>	9am	John Paul Centre
<b>Charismatic Praise &amp; Worship</b>	TBA		
<b>Cenacle "Divine Mercy"</b>	<i>Thursdays</i>	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Mother Mary's Playgroup</b>	TBA	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Cenacle of Prayer</b> <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)</i>	8.30am	MacKillop Library
<b>Cenacle of the Divine Will</b>	<i>Saturdays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month)</i>	8.30am	MacKillop Library
<b>El Shaddai</b>	<i>Saturdays</i>	1pm	John Paul Centre
<b>Health Care with Christ</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
<b>Kids Club - grades 1-8</b>	<i>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</i>	3.30pm	Sr Scholly Hall



**HERVEY BAY CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**KIDS CLUB**  
 BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS, STRENGTHENING FAITH

<b>Details</b>	<b>Structure</b>
Sunday afternoons (school terms) 3.30 – 5.00 pm Sr Scholly's Hall Children in Grade 1-8 (Teens in Grade 9-12 could be invited to help as Junior Leaders)	3.15 pm Doors open 3.30 pm Welcome 3.35 pm Games (1 hour) 4.45 pm Devotion & small group 4.55 pm Wrap up & goodbye
<b>Game Hour</b> Themed nights Mixture of indoor and outdoor games Crafts	
<b>Devotional</b> 5 mins talk by David/James, 10 mins small groups Term themes based on Catechism, Sunday readings, lives of the saints, Book of the Bible...	

St Joseph's Church welcomes a new Kids Club in our Parish. The program starts at **3.30pm** in the Sr Scholly Hall. Please come along with your child for an afternoon of games and devotion based on catechism, Sunday readings, lives of the saints and the Bible. Contact the Parish office on 4124 3334 for further information.



**"God is our life and our meaning, and in answering that call to follow Christ we enter more deeply into the life that God calls us to live. That always includes following Christ whether as a single person, married couple and family, a consecrated religious life, or as an ordained Deacon, Priest, or Bishop."**

**Fr Neil Muir**  
(Rector, Holy Spirit Seminary)


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**ANOINTING MASS**  
 We celebrate an Anointing Mass on **Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am** followed by morning tea in the John Paul Centre. Please bring a plate to share. *NO 8am Mass on Monday 05/08*



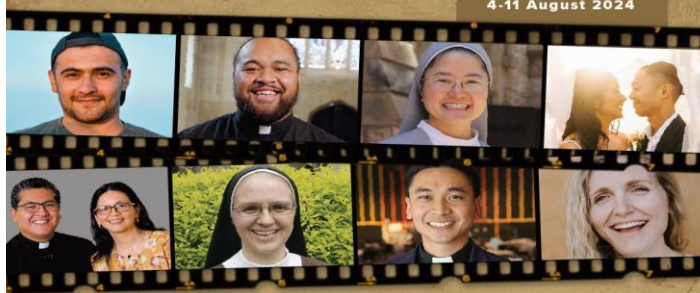
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