



21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

25<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

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**Chaplain – OzCare**

## Schools

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**Principal:** Nathan Wilson

**Outside School Hours Care**  
Star of the Sea School  
Wondunna, Hervey Bay  
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**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,**

Last week's Gospel told us that no disciple, beginning with the foremost, Peter was ready to accept a seemingly powerless and suffering Messiah. Today, when Jesus speaks about his passion and death again, we are told that the disciples "did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him." But, like any of us, today, they did understand that it pays to hold posts and possess power. The disciples' debate must have been like that of people fighting for top positions; will the Master choose Peter for his temperament? John, for his qualities of heart? Matthew for his mastery over money-matters? Judas Iscariot or Simon the zealot for their political prowess? Indeed, everybody wanted to be the greatest.

When Jesus asks his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road," the passage tells us, "They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest." Are they silent because they are caught discussing something inconsistent with Jesus' teachings? We will never know fully. What we do know is that Jesus goes out, picks up a playful child and sets it in their midst. Look at that child: bubbling with life and devoid of ego. In Jesus' world, a child counted for nothing. Children were meant to be seen, not heard. Jesus tells his disciples that their ambition should be to be as insignificant as a little child. Moreover, he exhorts them to care for little children and all the 'least' for, in so doing, they would be caring for him, and welcoming God, his Father.

Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom describes the 'virtuous man' whose uprightness becomes a reproach for the ungodly. The psalm (54), with "The Lord upholds my life" refrain, is a fitting response of the righteous person who depends totally on God – not on the self for help and protection. Just as the first reading describes the integrity of the righteous person, the second reading locates "wars and battles between yourselves" not in external enemies, but "in the desires fighting inside yourselves."

Battles are fought, worldwide, because of the 'I,' the Ego: be it in individuals or among nations. Former American world heavyweight boxing champion's boast, "I'm the greatest!" echoes the disease of our times and stands in sharp contrast to Jesus' exhortation: "You must be the last, the servant of all!" Are we ready for this as Christians? This is because we modern people sometimes seem to be myopic and cannot see beyond our own comforts and convenience. We seem eternally engaged in making more money in a bid to beautify ourselves and ensure a long life packed with pleasure. The focus is inevitably I, me, myself, for me, and so on.

A man once asked his little son, "Can you mention something of importance that did not exist twenty years ago?" "Me" was the reply. The boy seemed to echo what he had inherited from our society; a shortsightedness that begins and ends with "Me." Let us look again at Jesus and the little child he places in our midst. The journey from self-gratification to self-giving is difficult, but it is the only antidote to 'I' syndrome and 'me myopia,' equipping us with a broader, deeper vision of Life.

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

## MASS Times: 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> September 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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**Hervey Bay Catholic Parish**

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

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Saint James 3:16 – 4:3

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

### WE PRAY FOR:

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

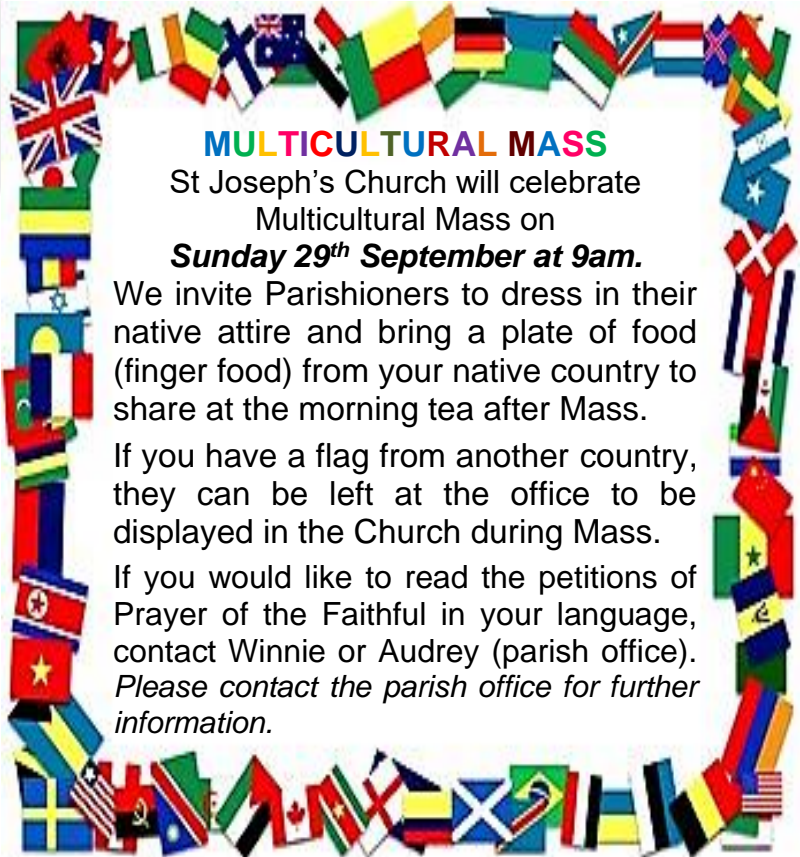
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joseph Darmanin, Harry Maxwell Cave, Betty McLune, Agnes Moore, Frank Rejman

**ANNIVERSARY:** Graham Allison, Potenciano Baculio, Beatrice Berecny, Neville Garner, John Hinchcliffe, Lilly Jerome, Josefita Magtolis, Edward O'Donnell, Cecil Porter, Bienvenido Olaivar, Diosdado & Soledad Parcon, Corazon Quijano, Leo Russell, John Tracey, Emily Vassallo, Augusta Yting

### WE CELEBRATE:

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY:** Hugh Mclaughlin & Tony Monsour

**SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**



### MULTICULTURAL MASS

St Joseph's Church will celebrate  
 Multicultural Mass on

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.**

We invite Parishioners to dress in their native attire and bring a plate of food (finger food) from your native country to share at the morning tea after Mass.

If you have a flag from another country, they can be left at the office to be displayed in the Church during Mass.

If you would like to read the petitions of Prayer of the Faithful in your language, contact Winnie or Audrey (parish office).  
*Please contact the parish office for further information.*

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

**This Sunday 22/09 hosted by El Shaddai.** Next Sunday 29/09 hosted by Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>8.45am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<i>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Ministry of Consolation</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Parish Craft Group</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Charismatic Praise &amp; Worship</b>	<i>TBA</i>		
<b>Cenacle "Divine Mercy"</b>	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Mother Mary's Playgroup</b>	<i>TBA</i>		
<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>	<i>8.30am</i>	<i>MacKillop Library</i>
<b>El Shaddai</b>	<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>1pm</i>	<i>John Paul Centre</i>
<b>Health Care with Christ</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>
<b>Kids Club - grades 1-8</b>	<i>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Sr Scholly Hall</i>

## PIETY STALL

Located inside the Church and is open before and after each Mass every weekend. Come in for that perfect gift or just something special for yourself. We have a large range of stock available.

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## PARISH MORNING TEA

We gather at **Poppies Cafe inside the RSL at table 89 at 9.30am Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

*Everyone is welcome to join us.*

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults)

Prepares adults for initiation into the Catholic Church (with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), and will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil 2025.

For those wishing to become a Catholic, register your name and details at the Parish Office. Our program is about to start.

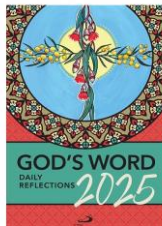
## RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiations of Children)

For children over 8 years old who want to join the Catholic Church. RCIC allows the children to receive a better understanding of what it means to know and love God. During this program the children will receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

**Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office.**

## GODS WORD 2025

The 2025 edition of God's Word is available and ready to be collected at the entrance of the church. Books cost \$15 each.



## NURSING HOME VISITS

*Alone we can do so little;  
Together we can do so much.*

*Helen Keller*

Do you have a family member or friend who is in a nursing home and would like to receive communion or receive a visit from our parish?

The nursing home may be aware that they are Catholic but haven't updated their list to us.

Please let the office know so we can arrange one of our ministers or the Priest to visit with them.

## MASS INTENTIONS

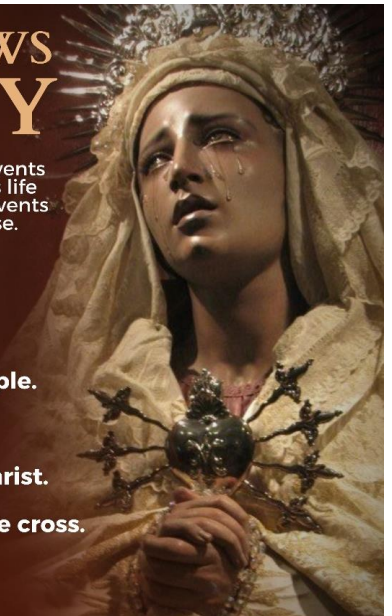
Mass envelopes are available in the church & the office. Please note that the Mass Intention envelopes only state the Mass Date & if you would like the name announced.

If you wish the name to be added to the newsletter, please let the office know. If you can't get into the office, please call on phone number: 4124 3334 or you can email details to: [herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au)

## THE 7 SORROWS OF MARY

The 7 sorrows identify the seven events or periods in the Blessed Mother's life when her suffering prompted by events in her Son's life was most intense.

- ✓ The prophecy of Simeon.
- ✓ The flight into Egypt.
- ✓ The 3 days loss in the temple.
- ✓ Jesus carrying the cross.
- ✓ The crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Jesus taken down from the cross.
- ✓ Jesus laid in the tomb.



**STAY HYDRATED!** Now it is starting to warm up and we move into summer, we ask you to please feel free to bring a water bottle with you to Church. Please remember to take all your belongings & any rubbish with you. We also ask that no food be brought into the church.

## Sign up to FLOCKNOTE! flocknote

This month, the whole archdiocese is promoting a **September Signup** to Flocknote. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link below:

[herveybayparish.flocknote.com/register](http://herveybayparish.flocknote.com/register) or the QR code on the right to sign up and register with the parish. If you have any questions or need help, feel free to speak with the Parish office.




## 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: [www.herveybaycatholic.com.au](http://www.herveybaycatholic.com.au)



## STOPline

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