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28th / 29th December 2024. The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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Schools

Star of the Sea School
33-35 Hughes Rd
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Nathan Wilson

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Star of the Sea School
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
PH: 4125 6051

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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
4194 0861

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3324 3800

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

It has become customary or a tradition in most countries of the world that between Christmas and New Year, families gather to spend some quality time together with their beloved family members. At the same time, the Church as the family of God in her wisdom captures this opportunity to help us think about what family means. For many, it is a challenge to juggle the various family commitments. We do our best, and trust that everyone will understand the difficult choices that sometimes have to be made.

This Feast also brings our attention to the Synod on the Family in Rome some year past. I truth, so much has happened globally since then that we are in danger of letting this significant event pass into history without giving it the ongoing attention it deserves. The Pope's concluding words of concern for "difficult cases and wounded families" merit our attention. For Pope Francis, the Synod was "about bearing witness to everyone that, for the Church, the Gospel continues to be a vital source of eternal newness, against all those who would 'indoctrinate' it in dead stones to be hurled at others." The pope reasserted his constant message that the Church's "first duty is not to hand down condemnations or anathemas, but to proclaim God's mercy."

Today's readings invite us to focus on family relationships. At a very basic level, we are all "children of God" (1 John 3:1), invited to remember the love that God has "lavished on us". In the gospel reading, Luke presents the young Jesus coming with his parents from Nazareth to Jerusalem "as usual" for the great feast of Passover. He is twelve years of age, capable in that culture of making quite serious decisions for himself. He does just that, much to the consternation of his parents, who only become aware after a day's journey that he has remained in Jerusalem and has not joined the extended family group for the return journey to Nazareth.

Mary and Joseph are not well pleased. They express their concern but fail to understand his response: he is primarily God's child and must follow God's call first and foremost. This does not preclude obedience to his parents. It does, however, foreshadow the pain involved in parenting this young man whose mission will take him along paths they would never have chosen for him. I expect this will sound familiar to parents of young adults. As Luke's story unfolds, Joseph fades from the picture. Mary lives in the reflective way we are all called to live, "storing all these things in her heart." Sometimes God's call to children is in tension with parents' wishes or hopes. Children are first of all "children of God". Much as we might want to, we cannot hold on to them. We try to understand their choices, we do everything we can to nurture their uniqueness, and we pray that they too will grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God as responsible members of the whole Earth community.

The Feast teaches us about love and unity within the family. Colossians 3:14 speaks of love as the bond of perfection. Love is what holds a family together and fosters unity. It helps family members support each other through good times and bad. In a loving family, each member feels valued and understood. This love creates a strong sense of unity and belonging. It helps families overcome difficulties and grow stronger together.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 30th December 2024 to 5th January 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday	8am Mass
Wednesday	10.30am New year's Mass
Thursday	8am Liturgy
Friday	8am Liturgy
Saturday	8am Mass 6pm Vigil
Sunday	7am Mass 9am Mass

St Patrick's Church Howard

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Holy Family

1st Reading: Book of Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Roman Brackowski, June Bearsley, Tony Cavanagh, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Pat Deeley, Bernie Gick, Robin Goodwin, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour, Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrocks, Pam Truscott, Len van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stuart Beilby, Esme Fay, Lasela Hunkin, Harrish Kumar, Juliet Vergara

ANNIVERSARY: Nev Drury, Hazel Berecny, Mathew Berecny Sr, Charles Boston, Kevin Panzram, Soledad Parcon, Errol Pierce, Ian Pitcher, Margaret Rose Ryan, Alfredo Quijano Jr, Lourdes Quijano.

WE CELEBRATE:

JANUARY BIRTHDAY: Con Ryan

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

PRAYERS: Birthday or Wedding Anniversary

If you have a Birthday or Wedding Anniversary and would like it to be added to our prayer list in the newsletter, you can email names & dates to herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au

THANK YOU

To all our volunteers and the Office Staff for all your hard work throughout 2024. We do appreciate your continued dedication to our parish family.

As we move into 2025, we welcome back all previous volunteers and would love to welcome any new volunteers who wish to join the team. Please contact the office from 6th January with your details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please check the notice board at the main entrance of the church and also on our website www.herveybaycatholic.com.au each week, especially over the Christmas period. Keeps you informed about upcoming Masses and Liturgical celebrations, changes and other upcoming events in our Parish and our Diocese.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

The festive season can be an especially trying time for the bereaved. Our members continue to be available for any bereavement support.

Please contact:

Gary Varley – 0497 970 365

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

PARISH GROUPS

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Legion of Mary

Craft Group

Charismatic Prayer Group

Cenacle – Divine Mercy

Catholic Women's League

Cenacle of Prayer – Immaculate of Mary

El Shaddai

Parish Youth Ministry Team

Family Groups

*Happy New Year from
all our Parish Groups.*

*Thank you for all
your support
throughout 2024.*

**All groups will meet again in 2025. Dates will be
announced early in the New Year**

FRIDAY BENEDICTION

Benediction will be held at the end of 8am Mass each Friday. Adoration will be held after Mass on the first Friday of each month from 8.30am to 12pm.

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ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Jacob will be on his annual leave from next week January and will be returning at the start of February.

Fr. John Grace a former rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, will be here for the month to take care of our parish.

Please take time over the coming week to welcome Fr. John Grace.

As the weather is warming up, please remember to stay hydrated. Please feel free to bring a water bottle along to church.

"Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man...I tell you again: for your sake, God became man." – St Augustine of Hippo

PIETY STALL - Come in, have a browse and support our Parish Stall. Open each weekend before & after Mass. *Sorry no EFTPOS.*

PLANNED GIVING AND DONATIONS

Planned giving donations can be made via the following:

1. Placing envelopes in the mailbox located inside the entrance of the front door of the church or on the collection plate at weekend Mass.
2. Direct Debit or Credit Card payment to our Parish Account
3. Parish Giving App. Download via Google Play or the App Store



Please contact the parish office for further information

ANOINTING MASS

We will celebrate our first Anointing Mass for 2025 on **Monday the 10th February at 9.30am**. This year we will also be requiring groups to assist with the setup, supply and serving of the morning tea following the Mass. *There will be no 8am Mass no Monday 10/2/2025*

We will also use this opportunity to thank in a special way all those who have in one way or the other contributed their time and resources in organising and catering, not only at Anointing Masses but with other church events for many years in our Parish.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



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good works

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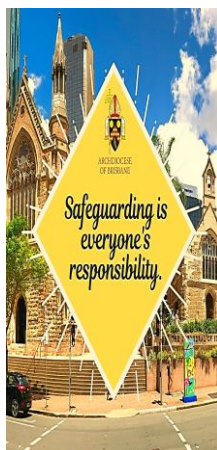


Are you new to our Parish?

If you are new to our Parish and our community or your information has changed, please contact the Parish Office with your details either by phoning 4124 3334, email the office on: herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au, or register yourself and your family via Flocknote:

herveybayparish.flocknote.com/register

We will then collate your details and can include you on our weekly newsletter mailing list.



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:

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
SYNOD24
ACTION PLANS
Implementing the Plenary Council Decrees

Promulgation of the SYNOD24 Action Plans

In response to the two highly successful SYNOD24 sessions in September and October 2024, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has promulgated the SYNOD24 Action Plans. Honouring the journey we have all been on since 2019, these 50 actions give clear guidance on how we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, can implement the Australian Plenary Council Decrees. This is a significant milestone for us all to celebrate. The Archbishop urged everyone to read “and reflect upon the action plans and to be as creative as possible in implementing them.” **Download the SYNOD24 action plan: www.aobsynod2024.com**