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18th / 19th January 2025

2nd 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

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Star of the Sea School

33-35 Hughes Rd
Wondunna, Hervey Bay
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Principal: Nathan Wilson

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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:

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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Today we begin the Sundays in Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. This year, generally we would listen to the gospel readings from the Gospel of Luke. However, this Sunday we read from John as is the case on the second Sundays every year. And the gospel text narrates to us a wonderful and dramatic story of a wedding. What a way to begin this season of the year! And what an amazing way in which Jesus himself begins his public ministry! In the gospel text of today we can see two distinct parts, in a sense: one, Before Christ; and another, After Christ. The first scene that John paints for us is one of emptiness, and the second, on the contrary, is marked by abundance. And what brings about the difference between two phases is the intervention of Jesus.

“And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the feast had all been used...” The marriage feast had ground to a halt! Wine is a symbol of celebration, happiness and mirth. They ran out of wine: they had no joy. There was gloom! The mother of Jesus discerns this situation. “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3), she informs her son. Back in Cana, “There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons” (Jn 2:6). The stone jars had tremendous capacity, but they stood empty. The number of stone water jars was six – one short of seven. Six is a symbol of chaos, imperfection and evil (Rev 13:18). Such was the situation at the wedding feast in Cana. Fortunately, for them and for us, Jesus is also there (Jn 2:2) and his mother discerns that his hour had come (Jn 2:4-5). She recognises him as the Son the God!

Jesus asks the stewards to fill the empty jars with what they have – water. “And they filled them to the brim” (Jn 2:7). There are signs of fullness, but the miracle is not yet. They drew some out and offered it to the president of the feast, “he tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.” In a sense, the transformation takes place as the president drinks the liquid. And it was the best wine! The celebration can resume! There is abundance, order and celebration. Remember, wine is a symbol of joy, mirth and celebration. And there was plenty of it.

When Jesus would multiply bread on the shores of Galilee, there would be a similar situation (Jn 6). They begin with a situation of scarcity: Philip is realistic, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough to give them a little piece each” (Jn 6:5). Andrew is able to identify five loaves and two fish (that adds up to seven) and the miracle happens. And they gather 12 baskets full of left-overs!! Elsewhere, Jesus declares: “I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full” (Jn 10:10).

Yes, the presence of Jesus makes all the difference: at the wedding in Cana, at the shores of Galilee, in our own lives! The word of God on this Sunday, at the beginning of the year, invites us to recognise the presence of Jesus in our lives. It invites us to recognise him as the Son of God! Then we will be able to share in the fullness of life.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 20th January 2025 to 26th January 2025

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
 Wednesday 5.30pm Communion Service
 Thursday 8am Mass
 Friday 8am Communion Service
 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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5
2nd Reading: 1st Letter to the Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

WE PRAY FOR:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Trofimo Abao, Billy Dowling, Aldrin Leander, Esme Fay, Lasela Hunkin, Harrish Kumar, Kolotita (Kika) Neville, Trevor Allan Russell, David Stevens, Juliet Vergara

ANNIVERSARY: Keith Berecny, Charles Boston, Fernando & Pascuala Cabigon, Daniel Cefai, Ophelia Lamban, Magdalina Mugot, Kevin Panzram, Richard Rivett

WE CELEBRATE:

JANUARY BIRTHDAY: Conor Ryan

JANUARY WEDDING ANN.:

Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, or someone in need of prayers? Send the names to herveybay@bne.catholic.net.au, or use the pink card available at the newsstand & parish office.

NOTICE

Please check the notice board at the main entrance of the church and also on our website www.herveybaycatholic.com.au each week. Keeps you informed about upcoming Masses and Liturgical celebrations, changes and other upcoming events in our Parish and our Diocese. The weekly parish newsletters can also be downloaded from the website.

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

PIETY STALL. Looking for a gift for loved ones or for yourself? Come in, have a browse and support our Parish Piety Stall. New stocks available. Open each weekend before and after Mass.

Sorry no EFTPOS.

As the weather is warming up, please remember to stay hydrated. Please feel free to bring a water bottle along to church. We also request that no food to be brought into the church.

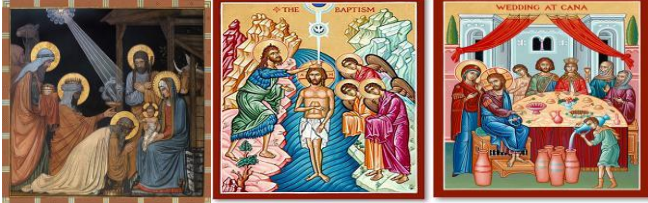
| GROUPS | Meeting: | Time | Place |
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| Legion of Mary | <i>Mondays (Resumes 3rd February 2025)</i> | 8.45am | Sr Scholly Hall |
| St Vincent de Paul | <i>Monday 27th January 2025</i> | 3pm | Sr Scholly Hall |
| Ministry of Consolation | <i>1st Tuesday of each month</i> | 2pm | Sr Scholly Hall |
| Parish Craft Group | <i>1st Wednesday of each month</i> | 9am | John Paul Centre |
| Charismatic Praise & Worship | TBA | | |
| Cenacle "Divine Mercy" | <i>Thursdays (Resumes 6th February 2025)</i> | 9am | Sr Scholly Hall |
| Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i> | <i>Fridays (Resumes 7th February 2025)</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i> | 8.30am | MacKillop Library |
| El Shaddai | <i>Saturdays</i> | 1pm | John Paul Centre |
| Health Care with Christ | <i>4th Sunday of the month</i> | 10.30am | Sr Scholly Hall |
| Kids Club - grades 1-8 | <i>Sunday 19th January</i> | 10.30am | Sr Scholly Hall |

DID YOU KNOW?

There are three biblical events traditionally commemorated on the feast of Epiphany. This weekend we celebrate the third biblical event.

These three events are:

1. The visitation of the Magi.
2. The Baptism of the Lord.
3. The Wedding at Cana



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HERVEY BAY - Please support the needy of this City by placing any non-perishable food items in the baskets at the front doors of the Church. Envelopes are also available inside the church on the newsstand & from the Parish Office. Thank you, Hervey Bay Parishioners, for your generosity.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION



As Australia Day falls on Sunday 26th January (which is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time), it will be celebrated at the three weekend Masses. The Australia Day readings and prayers will be used. There will be a Morning Tea at John Paul Centre after the Sunday 9 am Mass. Everyone is invited! If you wish to bring a plate to share, please inform the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving Envelopes for the period of 2nd February to 27th July 2025 are ready for collection from the Newsstand in the church.



AWAKEN IN CHRIST

*'Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things,
which you do not know.'*
Jeremiah 33:3

Join us for
Miracle Night

WORSHIP, PRAYER & HEALING
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& the Awaken Team

January 25 2025
6:30pm - 10.00pm
Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish
58 Opperman Drive
Springfield Lakes 4300

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"I could not walk properly but after the pray over by Steff the pain in my back disappeared and I was able to walk normally."
Danny

"Felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in a massive way. Overwhelming sense of peace and love."
Emily

admin@awaken.org.au Ellen 0488 220 606 Lana 0412 421 247

AWAKEN IN CHRIST - Event information

The Awaken night will be held on Saturday 25th January at 6.30pm. This will be a night of worship, prayer and fellowship as we seek to ignite our faith and draw closer to God together.

Awaken has been a source of spiritual revival and deep personal growth for many where prayers are answered, hearts healed and lives transformed. Come expecting an unforgettable encounter with God and a night of Miracles.

Date: 25th January 2025

Time: 6:30pm - 10pm

Location:

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish
58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes 4300

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




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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