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MASS TIMES		
St Mary's - Bowen		
Tuesday 4 August	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday 5 August	Mass	8.00am
Saturday 1 August	Reconciliation Vigil Mass	10.00am 6.00pm
Sunday 9 August	Liturgy with Communion	8.00am
Our Lady of Lourdes – Collinsville		
Sunday 9 August		
DATE CLAIMERS		
Friday 16 October	Parish Day	
Saturday 5 December	Cent Sale	



Bowen Parish Bulletin

St Mary's Church Bowen &
Our Lady of Lourdes Church Collinsville

Email: stmarysbowen@tsv.catholic.org.au

Mission Statement: **"St Mary's Parish walks with Jesus, serves others
and shares his message of love"**

2nd August, 2026 –Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ST MARY'S CHURCH
BOWEN

+

CONFIRMATION
&
FIRST COMMUNION
Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

8:00 AM

"I am the living bread
that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread
will live forever."
JOHN 6:51

Priest's Roster (below) is subject to change. Please look for the 'Priest's Roster' each week to know in advance about the weekend Mass. Fr Sibi will be available in Proserpine whenever there is a weekday Mass in Proserpine.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	8.am Mass Bowen	8.am Mass Bowen	8.am Mass Proserpine	8.am Mass Proserpine	10.00am Reconciliation Bowen	8.00am Mass Proserpine
					6.00pm Vigil Mass Bowen	6.00pm Mass Cannonvale

HELP THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION

If you would like to contribute to help the Parish to continue its mission please scan the QR Code to make a donation.

Weekly Collection

Bowen Sunday 26/07/2026

Envelopes \$315.00
Loose \$426.80
2nd Collection \$186.30
Total \$928.10
Bishop's Appeal \$100.00

Collinsville 19/07/26

Total \$250.00
Bishop's Appeal \$20.00



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Gustavson, Cathleen Herlihy, Margaret Brown, Ernest Dreger, Garvan Duffy, John Price, Keith Baylis, Alfonso Landa, Cedric McCarthy, Annie Parker, George Bellinger, George Boulter, Ernest Maltby, Eileen Miles, Maude Murray, Adele Paulsen, Aidan Byrne, Ernest Bidgood, George Dunn, Johanna Krafft, John Martin, John West

BOWEN AND COLLINSVILLE NOTICES

Parish Day

A date has been set for the Parish Day which will be held on Friday 16th October commencing at 6pm and concluding around 8pm in the school covered area. All parishioners are invited to attend and to enjoy the company of parishioners we know or have not yet met. Many of our parishioners are from countries all over the world and this is a good opportunity to make all feel part of our parish. The evening will consist of various items presented by parishioners and we are all invited to share our talents. A form has been placed at the front of the church for you to indicate that you are happy to perform an item (about 2 mins is adequate). Please bring a meal to share, preferable a dish particular to your own culture. Mass will be held at 5pm for those who are able to attend prior to the festivities.

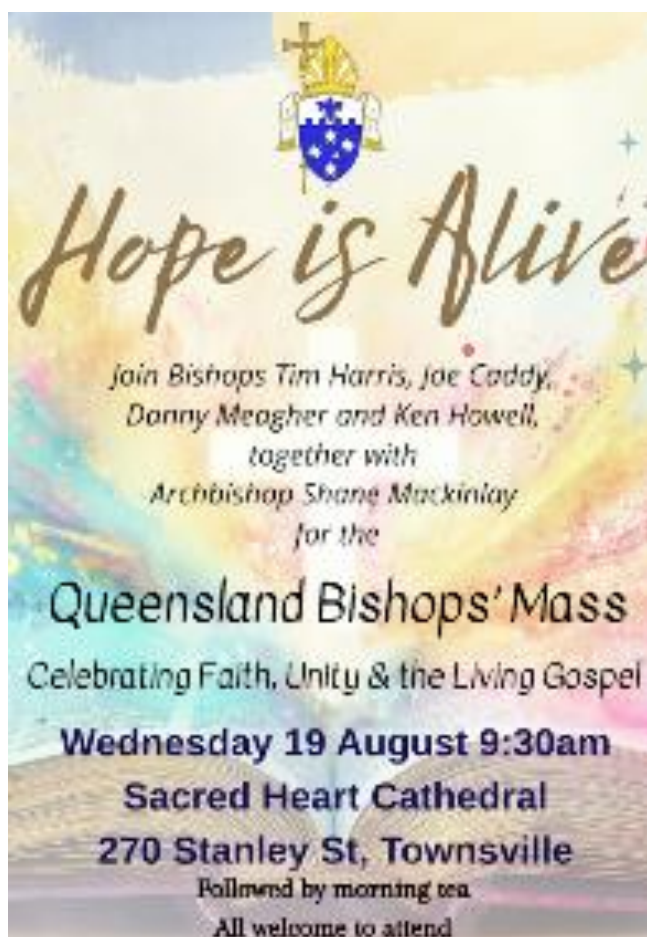
ROSTER	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN
	01/08/2026	02/08/2026 Confirmation	08/08/2026	09/08/2026	15/08/2026	16/08/2026
Commentator	Margaret Darwen	Rachael Young	Mikki Menzies	Angela Gonzales	John Butera	Terry Pilcher
Communion Minister 1	Clare Brazil		Margaret Darwen	Jenny Brazil	Maria Lloyd	Peter Tawse
Reader 1	Katy Ward	Peter Tawse	Kerrie-Ann Wilson	Sarah Romano	Steve Malone	Craig Ninnes
Reader 2	Krystal Land	Bev Lowcock	Maria Lloyd	Karl Recklies	Mikki Menzies	Alicia Ninnes
Altar Server 1	Colten Ward	Joel Young				
Altar Server 2		Zhian Andes	Kendal Malone			Andrea Firth
Children's Liturgy		Melanie Menzies				Maria Firth
Church Cleaner 1	Helen Jacobsen		Helen Jacobsen		Helen Jacobsen	
Church Cleaner 2						

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV first encyclical 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.'

113. In reality, elevating any single dimension of human existence to an absolute is always a mistake. Indeed, disorder does not arise only from scarcity; even unchecked growth can give rise to impoverishment. In an ecosystem, balance is disrupted when one species expands at the expense of others; in human life, something similar occurs when one faculty claims to be the measure of everything. Thus, intelligence, when absolutized, overshadows other essential dimensions of life, such as affection, the will, commitment and relationships. Similarly, technical power, if left unbalanced, does not make us more capable; it makes us more isolated and more vulnerable to being dominated and excluded. This critical point does not oppose intelligence, but serves as a reminder that when intelligence becomes self-referential, its true purpose of serving life and the human person is lost.

114. The quality of a civilization is measured not by the power of its means, but by the care it is able to offer, by its ability to recognize the other as a face not merely as a function. The ability to care for one another is a fundamental dimension of our humanity, one that is learned and mastered through lived experience. Reading stories to a child, offering company to an elderly person and arranging a home so that it is welcoming are simple gestures often rooted in family life. They teach us to value care at a societal level and train us to recognize others as persons worthy of attention. Technology can also support this mutual care between people, for example, by providing tools that help us anticipate and organize things, without undermining human freedom and judgment. After all, human beings are the subjects of relationships and responsible for their own decisions.

DIOCESAN NOTICES



Thank You for Supporting the Bishop's Appeal for Diocesan Ministries

Bishop Tim Harris extends his sincere thanks to everyone who has generously supported the Bishop's Appeal for Diocesan Ministries. Your kindness and generosity enables the Church to continue its mission of sharing Christ's love and serving people throughout the Diocese of Townsville.

Through your support, the Appeal helps sustain a wide range of important ministries, including outreach to youth and young adults, parish renewal and faith formation, social justice and cultural diversity initiatives, vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, chaplaincy in hospitals and prisons, ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, and marriage ministry and tribunal services. If you would still like to donate, please either take a donation brochure and envelope from your parish or use the QR code. .

"To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone."
Pope Francis



Explore Our New Diocesan Website

We're excited to announce the launch of our new Diocesan website. Designed to be easier to navigate, it's a great place to find the latest

news, events, parish information, resources, and much more. We invite you to explore everything it has to offer at tsv.catholic.org.au.

Eucharist28: This is My Body, Given for You

The International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Sydney in 2028. Known as Eucharist28, it will gather Catholics from around the world to pray, worship and reflect on the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

The theme is This is My Body, Given For You. These are the words we hear at every Mass, as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are also called to become the Body of Christ, carrying his presence into our homes, workplaces, schools and community.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event on 3–4 September 2026.

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for \$20.

Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

A Promise to Safeguard All

The Catholic Diocese of Townsville recognises that safeguarding is an ongoing journey of learning, improvement, and cultural change. Continuous efforts are made to enhance awareness, improve practices, take a zero-tolerance stance against any form of abuse, and create safer communities for all. Please visit tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding to access the safeguarding policy, its procedures and resource documents.

To report a concern about abuse or misconduct concerning church personnel: contact the Diocese of Townsville directly P: 4726 3264 or E: diocese@tsv.catholic.org.au; or make a disclosure to the Professional Standards Office Queensland (PSOQ) by downloading a disclosure form at psoid.catholic.net.au and send to PO Box 3264 Brisbane Q 4001 or E: psoid@catholic.net.au. Alternatively, contact PSOQ on 3324 3070 or 1800 337 928 (free call).

First Reading Is 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v.16

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:35, 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.
Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments); visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

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