

CALENDAR / FEBRUARY & MARCH 2025

FEB. 17 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass	3 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass
18 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass	4 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass
19 Wed	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass	5 Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting & Abstinence) PROJECT COMPASSION BEGINS HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass 5:30pm Mass
20 Thurs	HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass	6 Thurs	HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass 7:00pm Lent Reflections
21 Fri	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition	7 Fri	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross 9:00am Lent Reflections HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
22 Sat	The Chair of St. Peter (Apostle) HOLY SPIRIT: 8:00am Mass & Novena 8:30am Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass HOLY TRINITY: 5:00pm Mass HOLY FAMILY: 6:15pm Mass	8 Sat	HOLY SPIRIT: 8:00am Mass & Novena 8:30am Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass HOLY TRINITY: 5:00pm Mass HOLY FAMILY: 6:15pm Mass
23 Sun	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass & Cuppa 5:30pm Mass HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa	9 Sun	1st Sunday of Lent HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass, Wedding Anniversary Celebrations & Cuppa 5:30pm Mass HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa 10:30am Baptism
24 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass	10 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass
25 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Anointing Mass	11 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass (CWL) 10:00am CWL Meeting
26 Wed	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass 7:00pm Baptism Preparation	12 Wed	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass 5:30pm Mass
27 Thurs	HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass	13 Thurs	HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass 7:00pm Lent Reflections
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St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish
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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

February 15 & 16, 2025

"Happy are they who hope in the Lord."

USUAL MASS TIMES

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY : 9:00am
MONDAY :
TUESDAY :
WEDNESDAY : 8:00am
THURSDAY :
FRIDAY : 8:00am
SATURDAY : 6:15pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUNDAY : 7:30am
MONDAY :
TUESDAY :
WEDNESDAY : 7:00am
THURSDAY :
FRIDAY : 7:00am
SATURDAY : 5:00pm

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

SUNDAY : 8:30am / 5:30pm
MONDAY : 9:00am
TUESDAY : 9:00am
WEDNESDAY : 5:30pm
THURSDAY : 7:00am
FRIDAY : 9:00am
SATURDAY : 8:00am / 6:00pm

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FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of
Ecclesiasticus
Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians **(Col 3:12-21)**

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his
message live within you.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on
the earth, and
lived among us.



Why were you looking for me? he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' Luke 2:49

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ROSTERS - 22nd & 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

February 22nd (Sat), 6:00pm - Margaret Bull & Dodette Bernaldez 4728 5446

WELCOMER: Alan Cooke, Robyn Giacomantonio **R1:** Evaan Joseph **R2:** Alan Cooke **COM:** Angelo Cocco **GIFTS:** Patricia Pearce & Diane Whelan **A/SERV:** Evaan & Evonne Joseph, David O'Connor **COMMUNION:** Livia Bader, Dodette Bernaldez, Tom & Margaret Bull, Blanche Crisp, Franco Giacomantonio, Sr. Sesilia Ria **COLLECT:** Tom Bull, Herman Choo, Jim Neil, Iona Thomas, Errol Wiseman **MUSIC:** Elaine Gunn, Dondon Dulalia, Florinda Battistel, Margaret Ledster, Rita Molloy, Germaine Rupp, Pamelah Sales, Ellie Sales, Michaela Tantillo and Donna Parison

February 23rd (Sun), 8:30am - Thez Hamilton 0410 588 219

WELCOMER: Mick Bishop, Sandra Fratus, Jana Mazierska **R1:** Antony Jacob **R2:** Sarmil Janea **C:** Cosmas Nenguke **SET-UP:** Cathy Noye **GIFTS:** Maria Jones & Sr. Bernice McDonnell **A/SERV:** Harry Curtis, Nehal Kadavil, Brandon Stockham **COMMUNION:** Molly Britto, Cristina Garcia, Ruby Guerra de Corkill, Thez Hamilton, Maria Jones, Sr. Maite Konmawi, John Manchupalil, Jana Mazierska, Peter Timoti **COLLECT:** Molly Britto, Len Dowd, Ron & Thez Hamilton, Leslie Hauff **MUSIC:** Elaine Gunn, Dondon Dulalia, Rhemie Barley, Ryan George, Nevah Kadavil, Peter Loteki, Delia Mendoza, Fred Taudigani, Francis Teofilo, Leo Torreverde and Donna Parison.

February 23rd (Sun), 5:30pm - Loida Pioc 0408 070 905

WELCOMER: Anisha Biju, Veronica Brown **R1:** Volunteer **R2:** Anitna John **C:** Helma Antony **GIFTS:** Andrea Jacobson & Sheila Odinya **A/SERV:** Esther & Lucy Duiker **COMMUNION:** Joseph Antony, Zoe Brown, Mel Gonzales, Andrea Jacobson, Meggie Jones, Wayne Macdonald, Jose Pioc, Joshua Smith, Thomas Thomachan **COLLECT:** Mina Alonzo, Rion Antony, Jincy Biju, Mel Gonzales, Ricky Ty **MUSIC:** John Duiker & family, Donna Parison

GROUPS MAINTENANCE

March 2025 – Errol & Anne Wiseman

GROTTO WATERING & MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS

March 2025 – Selly Kemei

PURIFIERS – 17th Feb. '25

Flocy Isnard

SERVER ROBES – March '25

Theresa Joseph

ALTAR LINEN – March '25

Mary Pilla

CHURCH CLEANING

15th February – Gerry Bolton, Benignus Eze, Rose McSherry & Rita Molloy

1st March – George Joseph, Emenike Okonkwo & Binu Vadakkedath

BAPTISMS

16th February (Holy Spirit) –

Aida David & Jenny Reddy

23rd February – NO BAPTISMS

BAPTISM PREP. (26th Feb. 2025)

Tony & Jenny Reddy

MONEY COUNTING

16th February – Col & Kate Davey, Meggie & Alexander Jones

23rd February – Mary Hoskins, Cecilia O'Donnell, Patricia Soper & Kerry Vance

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

16th February – Holy Trinity Church within the 7:30am mass

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MASS ROSTERS**February 8th (Sat)****WELCOMERS:**

Volunteer
Jenny Dominguez

READERS:

Sr. Marion Firth SGS
Michael Yewdall

COMMUNION**MINISTER:**

Janette Power

COLLECTORS:

Cec Dominguez
Erin Robino

February 9th (Sun)**SET-UP**

Anna Zirkzee

READERS:

Ashley Morgan
Joyce Pankhurst

COMMUNION**MINISTER:**

Gail Gannon

COLLECTOR:

Ray Pavey

February 15th (Sat)**WELCOMERS:**

Janette Power
Vicky Winter

READERS:

Grace Cockrell
Jenny Dominguez

COMMUNION**MINISTER:**

Margaret Squire

COLLECTORS:

John Edward McMillan
Michael Yewdall

February 16th (Sun)**SET-UP**

Laila Ewart

READERS:

Carmel Cannon
Michael Cannon

COMMUNION**MINISTER:**

Beth Wells

COLLECTOR:

Henry Galang

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MASS ROSTERS**February 8th (Sat)****WELCOMER:**

Nadia Pereira

READER:

Clare Plant

COMMUNION MINISTER:

Lorraine Abel

COLLECTOR:

Frank D'Souza

February 9th (Sun)**WELCOMERS –****FRONT DOOR:**

Gisha George

WELCOMER – LECTERN:

Lauren Fone

ALTAR SERVER:

Alphonsa Sino

READER:

Geraldine Feaver

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Giordano Laguna

Richard Kennedy

Volunteer

COLLECTORS:

Paul Christopherson

Ryan Laguna

February 15th (Sat)**WELCOMER:**

Clare Plant

READER:

Sr. Carmel Ruddick

COMMUNION MINISTER:

Frank D'Souza

COLLECTOR:

Volunteer

February 16th (Sun)**WELCOMERS –****FRONT DOOR:**

Justine Lyons

WELCOMER – LECTERN:

Gisha George

ALTAR SERVER:

Alphonsa Sino

READER:

Chris Mushaya

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Vina Cacopardo

Anne English

Volunteer

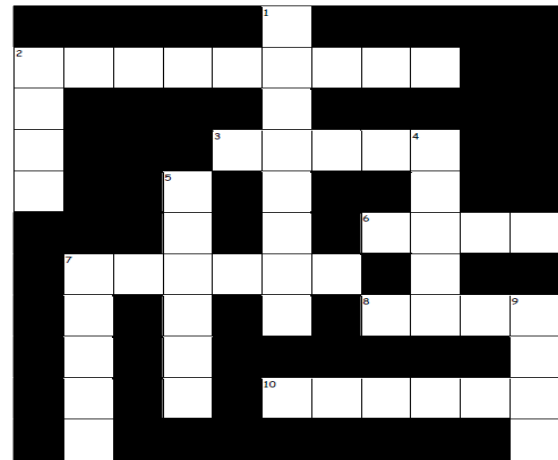
COLLECTORS:

Paul Christopherson

Richard Kennedy

CROSSWORD

Happy are we who trust in the Lord



Across

- 2: people who go fishing
3: the apostle whose brother was John
6: a dark earthy rock used as a fuel
7: placed in the ground
8: used to catch fish
10: something that is seen

Down

- 1: gave a sermon
2: not able to hold more
4: land along the edge of water
5: the seat where a king sits
7: vessels for transport on water
9: to become submerged

Jer 17:7-8
Ps 40:1 and 2de. 3, 17 R.v.5a
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-23

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C [N06ORSUC_2004_CW3.rtf]

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Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

--- **HAPPY**

WEAK ---

--- **FULL**

ASLEEP ---

HEAVY ---

LITTLE ---

--- **OPEN**

Heaven is God's ---



Next week's Readings:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
22nd & 23rd Feb., 2025

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38



Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift. (1 Cor 15:12, 16-20)



PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE:
Our Parish' Facebook page name:

St. Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Parish Townsville
Here is the address:
[www.Facebook.com/mackillopparish](https://www.facebook.com/mackillopparish)
and QR code.

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are ---
His --- will belong to you.



God will bless you --- people.
You will have --- to eat.

God will bless you people who are ---
You will ---!



Dear Parishioners.

I hope the past week has been kind to you and that you are feeling positive. Please know that you remain in my prayers, especially as many continue to recover from the recent weather event. I pray that all those affected receive the necessary assistance and support.

As I mentioned last week, our parish also sustained significant damage due to the severe weather. Roof leaks, mould, and other weather-related issues have affected all our churches. During the week, insurance assessors conducted evaluations of our properties, and we remain hopeful that we will receive some assistance to undertake the much-needed repair work, which is unavoidable. Unfortunately, our parish funds alone will not be sufficient to cover all necessary restorations. However, as Saint Mary of the Cross often reminded us, *God will provide*—perhaps through the generosity of parishioners like you! We will keep you informed about the outcome of the assessments and our plans moving forward.

Last weekend, we held Ministry Sunday in our parish. If you still have the forms or are considering joining a parish ministry, I encourage you to complete and return them. Your involvement is invaluable to the life and mission of our parish.

During the week, we also celebrated the Beginning of the Academic Year Mass at Marian Catholic School and a liturgy at Ignatius Park College. Let us continue to pray for our young people and educational institutions, that the Almighty may bless them abundantly throughout this academic year.

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family at Gulliver. Although this feast traditionally falls immediately after Christmas, we were unable to celebrate it earlier due to various reasons. As part of our celebrations, we will have Mass as usual, and following the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, there will be a special morning tea. I warmly invite all parishioners to join in this joyous occasion.

May God continue to bless our parish and each of you abundantly.

FR. JOSHY

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SUPERVISION FORMATION: The House of Prayer is hosting a supervision formation program run by **Sue Dunbar and Liz Anne Smith from the 29th of July to the 2nd of August 2025.** This program is designed as professional development for those who are supervisors, formation for those in leadership and supervisory roles or interested in pastoral supervision as well as those in supervision who may wish to get more out of their experience of supervision. More information is available on our [website](http://houseofprayertownsville.org.au) - houseofprayertownsville.org.au

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FORMATION: The program offers two streams, those called to the ministry of Spiritual Direction and for those seeking to deepen their own contemplative prayer life and listening skills through spiritual formation. The program will run part time over three years with three intensives each year. Please visit our [website](http://houseofprayertownsville.org.au) - houseofprayertownsville.org.au for more information and application information. **Applications close 31st March 2025**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Calling all young adults! We'd love for you to join our group. Each first Sunday of the month, we gather for a faith discussion at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Townsville and share a meal together. Plus, we meet every Sunday! If you want to stay in the loop and be added to our WhatsApp group chat, **contact 0459 471 552 or email youth@tsv.catholic.org.au.** You can also check out our **Facebook page: Townsville Catholic Young Adults Group.** We can't wait to see you!

The Diocese of Townsville holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with a fundamental right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer
Craig Brereton
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HOSPITALIZATION: If you or any of your family or friends are admitted to the General hospital (TUH), please make sure to mark your denomination as Catholic on the admission form. If you'd like pastoral care or a visit from a Catholic priest/chaplain, just let the nurses, social workers, or any hospital staff looking after you know. We do not want to miss anyone who might need us! **Contact Fr Mobin Sebastian on 0475 580 721 or msebastian@tsv.catholic.org.au**

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for our recently deceased brothers and sisters: **David Coles, Katherine Gedling, Elligio DeBona & David Jebreen**

We also remember anniversaries of our deceased relatives and friends: **Anthony Kambouris, Pothan MC, Eileen Williams, Catherina Tantalo, Mario Zannotto & Romeo Roque**

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Len Dowd, Mary & Jack Scholes, Sue Delahunty-D'Arcy, Shevindi de Motte, Colin Barron, Janelle Carter, Margaret McKenzie, Paz Rostrata, Debbie Armstrong, Marina Robinson, Maureen Hoare, John P., Sam Knight, Edgar dela Cruz, Jerry Estrada, Terry O'Donnell, Sue Bandaranaike, Max Vella, Gerri Perriman, Marianne Gomez, Chrissie Romeo, Jim Brooks, Raul Tabada Sr., Norma Condon, Sheerah Tait, David Airlie, Emmet Dollisson, Emma Aldridge, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Mylene Sheppard, Ken Brand, Dianna Foreman, Anna, Svetlana, Leonor, Sofia, Xi, Mother Pauline, Jorge, George Fock-Tave, Dorothy Newman, Fr. Bill Bussuttin, Fay Wenck, Fay Nolan, Janet Harris, Carmel Finnegan, Anita Barnes, Veronica Toy, Dianne Kempthore, Christine Burton, Patrick Cusack, Nanett Hauff, Indira Desa, Pathmaseeli Audrey Tobin, Jersey Ford, Kyle Spickler, Carmel West, Chane' Naude, Danilo Garcia, Elizalde Gomez-Abella, Maria Jones, Daniel Montaperto, Maddison Mead, Melanie Willis, Ursula O'Donnell, Carmel Hughes, Margaret Price, Gwyneth Cutler, Bill Whelan, Julie McIntyre, Ted Randall, Robert Carlous, Manning Philips, Neville Richard, Briana Dunn, Kiersten Dunn, Katarina Richardson, Warwick Bull, Glynnis Jones, Bella and Matilda Dunn, Leicia Pickering, Melanie Saltzer, Barbara Newman, Jacob Marsilio, David Goulding, Angelic Pickering, Stephen Casonati, Jack Kenny, John Fitzgerald, Rosa Maria Santos, Minundi Lisara, Carmen Gross, Bernadette Raabe, Simone Groves, Fiona Mountney, Ethan & Nate James



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Carmel Cannon
Cec Dominguez
Richard Kennedy
Loida Ploc
Biju Akkamparambil
Rachel Harrison

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES: Please consider joining our Parish Ministries and complete the Ministry Sunday forms that were distributed in the Churches last weekend.

ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP PARISH SENIORS GROUP: *The first get together for this year will be Lunch on Thursday, 20th February, 2025, 12 noon at the Vale Hotel, 222 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale.* Please contact **Lyn on 47 797689** if you can attend or for more information.

PARISH LIFT ASSISTANCE – HELP A FELLOW PARISHIONER: As part of our commitment to caring for one another, we are encouraging parishioners to offer a lift to those in our community who are unable to drive. If you are attending Mass and have space in your car, please consider reaching out to a fellow parishioner in need of transportation. If you are able to provide a lift or know of someone who needs assistance getting to Mass, please contact the parish office. Together, we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in our parish life. Thank you for your generosity and support.

STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Some of you may be aware that a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is available for parishioners to take to their homes for special devotion and prayers. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a few days, please contact the parish office to check its availability.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN? Our weekly bulletin reaches over 1,600 individuals, both through email distribution and printed copies available in our churches. Advertising in our bulletin provides a fantastic opportunity to connect with a broad and engaged community. You are also welcome to advertise or extend wishes for special events in your life or in the lives of your loved ones, such as birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, First Holy Communion, and so on for a nominal fee. For further details, please contact the Parish office at 4779 1404.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GROUNDS AREA: The Grounds area at the front of the Mundingburra church has been attended to by only a very small number of generous Parishioners, for which we are most grateful. Unfortunately, over the years this servicing has been operating on an 'ad hoc' basis. As a result, many times as you would have witnessed when attending services at this church, this area can become overgrown, unattractive and messy when it is not serviced. To overcome this eyesore, we would like to promptly compile an annual roster consisting of reliable Volunteers who are prepared to service this grounds area (watering, pruning, weed eating, tidy up) during the year. The more Volunteers from across the various Parish Communities we receive in 2025, the less frequency you will appear on this Grounds roster at Mundingburra for this year. Would you please consider if you are prepared to assist in this worthwhile Parish activity and if so, would you then please leave your name at the Parish Office (4779 1404). Hopefully, your charitable response and the resultant roster, will avoid the unfavourable option of removing all trees, shrubs and lawn from this beautiful area, originally created by fellow generous Parishioners many, many years ago. (Paul Hefferan, Finance Council – Chair Person).

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

Heavenly Father,

We come with hope-filled hearts, ready to serve as we begin our parish renewal. We seek Your wisdom and guidance.

Pour out Your Spirit of unity and love. Help us to see one another as You do, appreciating our diversity and gifts. Strengthen our faith and unite us as one parish. May our actions reflect Your grace, inspiring others to experience Your love.

Guide us in prayer and action as we build a welcoming, vibrant community, fully alive in Christ and filled with the zeal for His mission.

As we renew our parish, teach us to listen to Your voice and respond to the needs of our community.

We entrust this journey to You, trusting in Your unfailing love. May our renewed parish reflect the beauty of Your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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