

*This reflection from St Irenaeus reminds us that in the midst of the busyness and activity of life we are not only created by God but also live with the embrace of God:*

“It is not you that shapes God, it is God who shapes you.

If then, you are the work of God, await the hand of the artist who does all things in due season.

Offer God your heart, soft and tractable, and keep the form in which the artist has fashioned you.

Let your clay be moist lest you grow hard and lose the imprint of God's hand.”

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#### BRIEF HISTORY OF ST JOSEPH'S

The first Mass in Nambour was celebrated by Fr Fouhy in Carroll's Hotel, on Showground Hill in 1877.

At this time there was no priest stationed between Brisbane and Gympie and Mass was only celebrated three or four times a year, when Frs Canali and Kercher made visits to Nambour, travelling on horseback.

In the late 1800's came Fr M J McKiernan, whose zeal and enthusiasm prompted Mr. T Currie to donate five acres of land (the present site) for church purposes. The land was purchased for £30 and timber to build obtained from the property of Mr. Paddy King and cut at Lowes Sawmill. The church was 40ft by 20ft and cost £40 to build in 1890. At this time a much larger parish extended from Caboolture to Eumundi. In 1919 Fr Wright arrived to take charge of the new parish of Maroochy, but it was not until 1921 that Nambour was a separate parish from Caboolture.

Many priests were involved in the development of the Parish during its earliest years.

In 1949 the existing church in a state of disrepair was not able to accommodate the influx of parishioners. Plans were made for the building of the present church. The Foundation stone was blessed and laid by His Grace, Archbishop Duhig in April 1950 and later opened in July 1951. The cost of the building and furnishings was £24,000.

Fr Francis Hefferan was Parish Priest from the early 50's to 1995.

Separation of the Nambour and Maroochydoore Parish into two separate groups took place on January 1st, 1971.

Fr Dudley McMahon became Parish Priest in mid 1995 until mid 2000, when Parish Priest, Fr Graham Gatehouse was installed. Following Fr Graham's retirement in January 2021, Fr Odinaka Nwadike was installed as the present Parish Priest of St Joseph's Parish Nambour.

Renovations to the existing church were completed in 2000, the dedication ceremony being held on 4th June 2000 with Archbishop John A Bathersby.

The old Presbytery which was once used as the Priest's quarters and office, housekeepers quarters, and later as parish offices and meeting rooms was demolished in December 2007, to make way for a new Parish Community Centre. The new Community Centre was opened and blessed on Sunday August 17th, 2008 by Bishop Brian V Finnigan.

## St Joseph's Catholic Parish Nambour



## ***Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Parish***

St Joseph's Parish strives to be a community of the Lord's disciples in the Nambour area of the Sunshine Coast.

Ours is an energetic community which provides many opportunities for ministry within the Church for the building up of the Body of Christ. In this way we hope to equip ourselves and our Church to proclaim the Reign of God in our world.

### ***We Gather At These Times***

#### ***Weekend Mass Times at St Josephs***

Saturday Evening for Sunday - 6.00pm.  
Sunday Morning - 8:00am .

On the third Sunday of each month we celebrate Mass at Kenilworth at St John Bosco Church, Anne St, at 10:00am  
Also weekly on Thursdays @ 9:30 am  
Christian Meditation at St John Bosco Church, Kenilworth.

Also on the third Sunday of each month we celebrate Mass at Palmwoods in the Anglican Church, Hill St, at 5.30pm.

#### ***Weekday Mass Times***

Monday 8.00am.  
Wednesday 10.00am.  
Thursday 11.00am-various Nursing Homes.  
Friday 8:00am.

#### ***Sacrament of Reconciliation:***

Wednesday 9.30am.  
Saturday 4.30pm.

#### ***Other Sacraments:***

Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick please contact the Parish Office. Information is available on Parish website [www.nambourcatholics.net](http://www.nambourcatholics.net)

#### ***Parish Office Hours:***

8.30am – 2.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Closed Tuesday.

***Parish Priest:*** Rev Fr Odinaka Nwadike

***Deacon:*** Adrian Eldridge

#### ***Parish Office Staff:***

Secretary: Mrs. Cecilia Denny.  
Admin Assistant: Mrs. Julia Quinn.

#### ***Contact Details:***

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#### ***Emergency Contact:***

To contact a priest in an emergency please use the 24 hour answering service: **(07) 3836 3221** and leave a short message and contact number with the operator.

#### ***St John Bosco Church Kenilworth***

21 Anne St

Phone: (07) 5441 1034

#### ***St Joseph's Parish Primary School:***

Phone: (07) 5441 9222

Principal: Michelle Young (2019)

#### ***St John's College:***

The College is an Archdiocesan owned and run school.

Phone: (07) 5441 5666.

Principal: Mr. Martin Moloney

#### ***Good Samaritan Catholic College (Bli Bli)***

Phone: (07) 5374 8800

Principal: Mr. Greg Myers

#### ***Centacare Services:***

Contact Maroochydore on (07) 5430 9399

#### ***Parish Pastoral Council***

*The Council* meets monthly and provides support for the Parish Priest in setting pastoral priorities for the Parish.

Items for consideration by the Council can be sent to the Secretary through the Parish Office.