

# Catholic Parishes Of North Mackay and Farleigh

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St Joseph's Church, North Mackay  
St Brendan's Church, Bucasia



St Brigid's Church, Farleigh  
St Helen's Church, Calen  
St Peter's Church, Midge Point  
Star of the Sea Church, Seaforth

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P A R I S H   O F F I C E S   A N D   S T A F F

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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## MASS TIMES

### St Joseph's Church North Mackay

Monday: 6:30am Celebration Word/Holy Communion  
Tuesday: ..... 6:30am Mass  
Wednesday: ..... 9:30am Mass  
Thursday: 6:30am Celebration Word/Holy Communion  
Friday: ..... Emmanuel/HSC Chapel 8am Mass  
Saturday: ..... 12noon Mass  
Sunday: ..... 6:00pm Mass  
Sunday: ..... 9:00am Mass

### Reconciliation:

St Joseph's: ..... Saturday 5:00pm—5:30pm

### St Brendan's Church Bucasia

Wednesday: ..... 12:20pm Mass  
Sunday: ..... 7:30am Mass

### St Brigid's Church Farleigh

Monday: ..... Farleigh 6:00pm Mass  
Wednesday: ..... Farleigh 9.30am Mass  
Thursday: ..... Farleigh 6:00pm Mass  
Saturday: ..... Farleigh 6:00pm Mass  
Sunday: ..... Seaforth 7:00am Mass  
Sunday: ..... Calen 9:00am  
Celebration Word/Holy Communion  
Sunday: ..... Midge Point 9:15am Mass

### Reconciliation:

St Brigid's ..... Saturday 5:00pm—5:30pm  
Seaforth ..... ½ hour before Sunday Mass  
Midge Point ..... ½ hour before Sunday Mass  
Calen ..... ½ hour before Sunday Mass

### Mater Hospital Chapel

Wednesday: ..... Celebration of Word/Communion 9:30am



## ST BRIGID'S PARISH

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Office Hours: Wednesday: 8am - 11:00am  
Thursday: 9am - 12:00pm

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

Sunday, 19 May 2019

During these Sundays of Easter, the liturgy has led us to reflect upon how the disciples came to faith in the Risen Lord, and how they came to terms with the future it opened up for them. Clarifying the message of faith they must bring to the Church of all ages, must have involved looking back upon the frightful drama that led to the Saviour's resurrection, and coming to understand how a 'crucified Christ' could be proclaimed as 'both the power and the wisdom of God' (1 Cor 2). In today's gospel reading we hear how the community inspired by the beloved disciple remembered the words of Jesus at the Last Supper as pointing the way towards understanding.

The drama of the passion had begun – Judas had left to carry through his decision to betray his Master – and Jesus makes an astounding declaration: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified'. Jesus declares himself to be the 'Son of Man' foretold in the Book of Daniel – the one who will establish God's 'everlasting rule' (Daniel 7). We are helped to understand what the declaration of Jesus means, if we consider the basic meaning of 'glory' in the Scriptures. We instinctively associate the word with fame and acclaim; but the original meaning of the term is associated with weight or heaviness. God's 'glory' is the incomparable density of God's being. Jesus is saying that his passion is an expression of the divine mystery itself, in the depths of a lost world – through what he is now undertaking, he is giving expression to the incomparable greatness that is the life he shares with the Father. The Father's response, Jesus continues, will be the Resurrection – the Father will 'glorify' him by taking him, in the humanity he shares with us, into the incomparable greatness of the Father 'himself'. Paul expresses this Paschal Mystery in simpler terms: 'he emptied himself even to accepting death on a cross. And for this God raised him high and gave him a name which is above all names' (Philippians 2). But in what follows our gospel reading leads us deeper into the mystery of God's 'glory'.

'I give you a new commandment', Jesus continues, 'Love one another, just as I have loved you'. In the love that led him to lay down his life for us, Jesus gives expression to the 'glory', the incomparable mystery of all that he shares with the Father. God's 'glory' is shown to the world - not in power and display - but in an act of selfless love that is the expression in our midst of a decision made from all eternity in the depths of the divine freedom. Making our own the ways of God, and making this 'new commandment' our rule of life, we must lead the world to a meeting with the mystery of God and all the blessings this meeting can bring. The vision of the second reading from the Apocalypse tells of what may be hoped for, when the whole of creation is caught up in the 'glory' the Saviour has brought into the world. Meanwhile, the reading from Acts reminds us, the cross is the way to a sharing in God's 'glory': the 'hardships' of life should not surprise us, as we make our way towards 'the kingdom of God.

John Thornhill sm The Emmaus Series @ www.theemmausseries.com

SECOND COLLECTION 25 /26 MAY  
IN AID OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN SRI LANKA

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

iDiane Deguara, Dorothy Fordyce, Grace Sealy, Ben Faa, Rosaleen Noonan, Cara O'Rielly, Terry Maloney, Henry Roche.

**REMEMBRANCE MASS:**

Terry Cawte, John Bezzina, Charlie Grima, Carla Bezzina, Joseph Grima, Charlie Zuofa, Victoria Grima, Sam & Liza Sant, Samuel Grech, Danny Comerford, Ronald George Elgey,, Ronald Joseph Elgey Charlie Borg, Iris Vella, Diane Deguara, Ben Faa, Veronica (Vera) Chetcuti, Salvatore Zammit, Teresa Zammit, Mary Zammit, Josephine Thurgood, Sam & Doris Sciberras.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Josephine Blasels, Matthew Smith (Penrith), Tess Uriarte, Helen Popp, Cheryl Neyland, Father Karl, Emerick OP, John Mifsud, Nikki Acton Lazzari, Charlie Curmi (Malta), Jim Scriha, Hope Aquilina, Claude Akpokvie, Tass Kelliher, Susan Rosenblatt, Hugo Fricke, Lalla Scarpelli, Maria Spiteri, Pat Curtin, Margaret Agius (Malta), Wally Lenicka, Mary Stark, Julie Rowan, Gail Fallis, Andrew Murray, Marg Murray, Jim Hanks, and all the sick of the Parish.

**PARISH DATE CLAIMERS**

**ANointing MASS**

9.30am Wednesday 19th June, held at St Joseph's Church

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

**Saturday 1st June 2019, 7:00am Mass** followed with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**CWL MEETING** To be advised

To Fr Stephen, Fr James, Sr Lila and our extended parish family, Thank you all for the prayers and good wishes I have received over the period of my recent hospitalisation. I am very grateful for your thoughts and I am sure that they got me through some pretty dark times. I am continuing to recover at home and look forward to getting back into parish life in coming months.  
My heartfelt thanks. God bless you all.  
Tess Uriarte



Seek forgiveness when you hurt anyone either in word or action and do little acts of kindness to other members of your family and those you encounter at school or at work.

**Collection 12/05/2019**

Number of Givers

Direct Debits: \$640.00  
Envelopes: \$1,089.50  
Loose: \$1,134.25  
Total: \$2,863.75



St Ursula's Past Students Toowoomba is being reformed. All Past Students are invited to rejoin the Association.

The first function will be a dinner evening at the College on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Please contact the College on 46327611 or email on :-

[stursulaspsaa@gmail.com](mailto:stursulaspsaa@gmail.com)

Also check out St Ursula's College Toowoomba Past Students & Associates on Facebook

**HOLY WATER BOTTLES**

Available on the side of the entrance of the church, at Mary MacKillop's and Divine Mercy table. A tradition to bless every home at Easter time.

**GENERAL**

**DATE CLAIMER**

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph's will be hosting the Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 26th May at 2.30pm. Bishop Michael will be the presider at this Service. All are invited.

**MACKAY MATER HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

is hosting their one and only Fashion Parade for 2019. Enjoy Afternoon Tea; Entertainment and Multi-draw Raffles at MAGPIES SPORTING CLUB, GLENELLA on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 1.00pm. Fashions by Courtesy of W.Lane, Mt. Pleasant.

**Tickets: \$25.00 (Non-refundable.) Available at Mater Hospital Foyer Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.00noon. or contact Anne 49540979; Ivy 49555112; Therese 49421188.**

Catholic Mens' Dinner for May is on Magic Monday 27th at Boomerang Bistro Nebo Rd Mackay, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Our guest Speaker is: Shaneen O'Brien from "Life in Motion "Exercise Physiology Clinic. Remember gentlemen, exercise is good for you and bring 2 friends. Please RSVP Kevin 49593464 or 0487747412 ring or text by pm Sunday 26th May. Visitors are always welcome.

**DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER**

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**A NIGHT IN NIGERIA**

All are invited to come along to the Parish Centre as Fr James shares with us about life in Nigeria.

This will be held on **Sunday 19th May at 6:00pm.**

Please bring a plate to share for supper. Let us continue to support Fr James as he ministers to us.

# NOTICES

## Oz Rosary# 53 A Virtual Rosary around Australia. 24-26 May, 2019

The weekend of the feast of the patroness of Australia  
 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
 PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA  
 ITS PROTECTION, FUTURE, Youth, families  
 This Year we are praying in particular also for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of the church.  
 We will be praying the Rosary for these intentions on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, at St. Joseph's Church, North Mackay commencing at 5.30pm.  
 Please encourage others to join in praying the Rosary for these intentions and unite with others as one voice, praying throughout Australia, for this Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.



Mackay Churches Together  
**PENTECOST SERVICE**  
 Sunday 9th June 7pm St Joseph's Church.  
 Followed by supper in the Parish Centre.  
 All welcome to attend.

### HARVEST MASS

Annual Habana Harvest Mass 2.30pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at the old Habana Church Grounds, 1091 Mky-Habana Rd. All welcome. Come and join us to ask for God's blessing on a safe and successful Harvest. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea with free tea and coffee please bring a plate for a shared smoko. More info ph Peter 0427 598 715.

**Recently Deceased:** Rose Noonan  
**Deceased:** Timothy Curtin, Azzopardi and Borg Family, Jim Attard, John Borg, Francis Vella  
**Anniversary:** David Curtin, Joe Vella, Pat McGowan,  
**Sick:** Baby Yana Borg (Malta), Antoine Debono (Malta), Maria Axiak, Mary Borg, Frances Agius, Marcia Dunn, Diane Vella, Erin Le Masorier, Eric Jackson, Karen Banning, Mary Armstrong, and all the sick in the Parish.

### MOWER REPLACEMENT APPEAL

The ride-on mower at St Brigid's is reaching the end of it's operational life. The cost of a suitable replacement is about \$6,000. If a Parishioner would like to contribute towards a new mower, please contact Brian Hicks or Ken at the Parish Office. Any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

The person who has undertaken to read the Prayers of the Faithful is advised to leave their seat when "I believe in the Holy Spirit" is quoted in the Creed. As there are two copies of the Prayers in the folder on the Lectern, one can be taken to their seat, the other, remains in the folder. The folder is to remain on the Lectern, and the person approaches the Lectern empty handed. When one approaches the Altar of God they come with humility, and with empty hands.

### Holy Spirit College

**In One Spirit... we welcome · we nurture · we excel**

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- \* Year 11 students are looking forward to the **Year 11 Camp** which gets underway at Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre next week. Students will participate in outdoor activities, individual and group challenges which provide students with many opportunities to develop and enhance their personal development and leadership skills.
- \* Next Tuesday, Year 10 students will participate in TOPS (Tapping our Potential Sessions) and Pathways (Career Expo) at HSC. The workshops and information sessions are designed to assist students in self-reflection and goal setting in readiness and preparation for senior schooling and related course selections.
- \* Pathways through Senior @HSC Subject Expo and Parent Information Evening is being held from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Father Bucas Centre at the College. The purpose of this evening is to provide an opportunity for students (and families) to obtain information on future careers and the subjects they will need to undertake to reach their career goals. Representatives from tertiary educational institutions, industry, commerce, government sectors and employment agencies attend the Expo evening each year.
- \* Congratulations and Best Wishes to our HSC Students who will be presented to The Most Reverend Michael McCarthy, Bishop of Rockhampton, at the **Catholic Debutante Ball this Friday 24 May.**

Best Wishes! John Lyons, Principal.



### **Reflection by Artist**

This week's gospel reading contains two contrasting images. The first is an image of Judas walking out of the room where Jesus and the disciples are sharing their last meal together – we know that Judas is going to betray his friends. In Judas' absence, Jesus gives his disciples 'a new commandment' to 'love one another' – the second image. This love is a witness to discipleship, which entails commitment and constancy.  
*Jenny Close*

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic community of North Mackay and Farleigh called by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacraments and nourished by the Word, are committed to witness Christ's mission in the world.  
 We seek to be an active community that reaches out to the diverse peoples of this region.



**Come Lord Jesus,  
send us your Spirit,  
renew the face of the earth!**

# PENTECOST

**Mackay Churches Together**

## PENTECOST SERVICE

**Sunday 9th June | 7:00pm**

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH  
23 Grendon Street, North Mackay**

Followed by supper in the Parish Centre.  
All Welcome to attend.

### NEW PARISHIONER CONTACT FORM

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To commence Parish Planned Giving

Please place this completed form on the collection plate, or contact the Parish Office on St Joseph's 49574855, St Brigid's 49598213 for further information.

### Prayer

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it. Amen.

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### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C**



*Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2;  
Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. cf. v.4;  
Apocalypse 21: 10-14,22-23;  
John 14:23-29.*