

MACKAY SOUTHERN CLUSTER

Parish of St Patrick, Mackay (est. 1865)
Parish of St Michael, Sarina (est. 1923)
Parish of St Mary, South Mackay (est. 1936)
Parish of St Francis Xavier, West Mackay (est. 1947)

WALKERSTON & PIONEER VALLEY

Parish of St John, Walkerston (est. 1906)
Parish of Holy Rosary Marian
Parish of St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton

5th Sunday of Easter 19th May, 2019



Saint Paul: our witness to the Resurrection

There are many important figures that emerge from the Scripture readings during Easter. So far, we have encountered Mary of Magdala and the women disciples; Peter, John, Phillip and Thomas, all with their own experience of the Risen Lord and their Easter witness. Over these weeks, the readings especially take us to Saul, who became Paul after his encounter with and conversion to the Risen Christ. St. Paul became the "apostle to the Gentiles" and we hear how a momentous decision is taken, to take the proclamation of the Gospel beyond the world of the Jewish faith to people and cultures of the so called "pagan" world. This is the Gospel going out to all people and St. Paul had a huge role in ensuring that happened. Through his missionary journeys he became one of the great saints of the Church. Known as the author of the celebrated letters which are included among the Scriptures, it is easy to lose sight of how astonishing his story and proclamation of the Gospel truly is. What Paul experienced may seem so far from the experience of ourselves; but to think that would be to miss an important point. Paul brought the reality of the Risen Lord into the lives of the people of his time, and when we recall his apostolic work in this Easter season, his proclamation of the Resurrection continues in this present age through our faith. As Catholics, we believe that we encounter the Risen Christ in the Sacraments, in our neighbour and in our prayers. What happened to Paul tells us something of the beauty and the wonder of what it is to be a follower of the Risen Christ; to be immersed in the great hope our Easter faith bring to us.....Fr. Don.

WEEKDAY MASS & LITURGY TIMES

Monday 20th May:

12.10pm St Patrick's Church

Tuesday 21st May:

6.30am Francis of Assisi chapel

9.00am St Mary's church

Wednesday 22nd May:

6.30am St Francis Xavier church

4.00pm Francis of Assisi chapel

Thursday 23rd May:

6.30am Francis of Assisi chapel

8.00am Immaculate Concept., Mirani

9.00am St Michael's church, Sarina

5.30pm St Mary's church

Friday 24th May:

6.30am St Francis Xavier church

9.00am St John's church, Walkerston

9.00am Holy Rosary, Marian

12.10pm St Patrick's church

Saturday 25th May:

7.00am Francis of Assisi chapel

MASS TIMES FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS

6th Sunday of Easter - Year C (4th Sunday of the Month)

Saturday 25th May: (Sunday liturgy)

6.00pm St Mary's church

6.00pm St Francis Xavier church

5.15pm St John's church, Walkerston

6.30pm Holy Rosary church, Marian

Sunday 26th May:

7.00am St Patrick's church

7.30am Holy Cross church, Eton

7.30am Immaculate Conception, Mirani

9.00am St Francis Xavier church

9.00am St Michael's church, Sarina

9.30am Francis of Assisi chapel

6.00pm St Patrick's church

(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

Ascension of Our Lord (1st Sunday of the Month)

Saturday 1st June:

6.00pm St Mary's church

6.00pm St Francis Xavier church

5.15pm St John's church, Walkerston

6.30pm Holy Rosary church, Marian

Sunday 2nd June:

7.00am St Patrick's church

7.00am St Therese's church, Alligator Creek

7.30am St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton

9.00am St Francis Xavier church

9.00am St Michael's church, Sarina

9.30am Francis of Assisi chapel

6.00pm St Patrick's church

(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

Penance: First Rite for Reconciliation

Friday: 5.30pm St Patrick's church

Saturday:

10.30am - 11.00am St Francis Xavier church

11.30am - 12.30pm St Patrick's church

Sarina & Walkerston Parish: Before Mass

Mirani: After Mass

PARISH PASTORS

Fr Don White,

Parish Priest of the Catholic Parishes of the Mackay
Southern Cluster & Administrator of Marian/Mirani, Walkerston/
Eton and Finch Hatton Parishes

Fr Sathish Peddakotla HGN

Associate Pastor

Fr Alex Kannikattu Varghese

Associate Pastor

Fr Pat Mooney

Assisting Priest

Emergency contact: anointing of the sick 0400 874 807

PARISH OFFICES

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Office Hours 11.00am-1pm Mon & Fri
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St Patrick's Parish: p:4951 2434; f: 4957 8774

River Street, Mackay Office Hours 9am-12pm Mon-Thurs

St Francis Xavier Parish:

p: 0460 423 603; email: cluster@smky.catholics.org.au
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St Michael's Parish: p: 4956 1653;

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Email: hrpmarian1@bigpond.com
Office Hours 9am-12pm Tues-Friday

St John's Parish: p: 4959 2241

Email: saintjohnswalkerston@mcs.net.au
Office Hours: 9am-2.30pm Tuesday and Friday.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing.

The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

Contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response Line on m: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email:

psso@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: www.rok.catholic.net.au

To view the Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy: <http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

Queensland Professional Standards Office:

www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Web site for Parishes of Mackay Southern and Walkerston / Pioneer Valley Clusters: www.mackaycatholics.net

Diocesan website: www.rok.catholic.net.au

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY:

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Southern Cluster Diary

Tuesday 21st May

7.00pm Novena, St Patrick's church

Friday 24th May

11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer & Adoration, St Patrick's church

5.30pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Prayer & Adoration, St Patrick's church

6.15pm Benediction

We remember in prayer

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Bern Comerford, Pat Holdsworth, John Bugeja jnr, Maureen Cash, Heather Leonard, Ty Smith, Jim Scriha, Scarlett Jeffs, Mark Crispin Rulona, Carmel Byrne, Natalie Valmadre, Kevin O'Driscoll, Dorothy Robinson, Pat Connor, Hugo Fricke, Michael & Debbie Hagger, Anecita Nayler, Mary Walsh, Gavin Carter, Alfina McClanahan (*permission of people needed for names to be printed*)

THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Di Bartolo (Ayr), Mary Camilleri, Josephina (Fien) de Git, Neil Rogers, Eileen Welch, Bianca Anderson, Raymond Siganto, Daphne Tabulo, Noel Chisler, Ben Faa, Joseph Camilleri, Rosaleen Noonan, Antonio Germanotta, George Denton, Maureen Campbell, John Farry, Rena Ladley, Ted Butterworth, Margaret Bella, Edward Hanrahan, Amber Magauran, Luke Phimister, James Lucas, Joseph Mifsud, Ken Shield, Warrick Stuart (Bundaberg), James Galea, Luigi Surian, Denise Stevens

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Pat Shepherd 8/5, Dennis O'Riely 16/5, Annaleis O'Riely 29/5, Michael Kurylko 24/4, Joseph Bartolo 8/5, Joseph Grech 19/5, Josephine Cristaldi 24/5, Mary Camilleri 10/5, Joe Camilleri 1/5, Fely Valencia 2/5, Therese Fletcher 10/5, Albert Sleight 28/4, Janet Valencia 29/4, Mario Cruz 24/4, Carlito Cruz 24/4, Peter Corby 5/5, Peter Landers 7/5

WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED

Emmanuela (Lily) Grima, Cyril Power, Bernadette Gibbs, Cyril Patton, Jim-Maria Bartolo, Casey Zarb, Bill Daley, Carlo, Giovanna & Bruno Brignone, Maxine Volker, Patrick Sant, Michelle Powell, John Fletcher, Brendan Fletcher, Mary & Jack Mulherin, Margaret Hand, Neville Hand, Mick Mifsud, Rita Bugeja, Martin Ellul, Glen Cuttriss, Carrie Borg, Georgina Scriha, Joseph Ahern, Barry Waddington, Gavin Brand, Ferdinand (Randy) Galea, Gloria Rover, David Falzon, Jeffrey Old, Charlie Azzopardi, Gerald (Digger) Canning, Lois Clark, The Mason Family, Michael Patrick Ryan, Frank & George Vella, Jim Vella, Joy Bonehill, Beryl Rutland, Charlie Bugeja, Joe Mifsud, Ray Patroni, Patroni & Forzatti Families, Anne Thompson, Valma Casey, Joe Bartolo, Bradley Micallef, Vince Guinea, Quinn & Noonan Families, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Albert Deguara, Roy Andrew, Marleen Comin, Merle Grech, Pat Leahy, Diane Shore, D'dcd members of the Hackett & DeBrincat Families, Susan Hackett, Joan Lanigan, Lanigan family, Frank Camilleri, Jack & Mary Camilleri, Gerard Hill, Pat Phelan, Mary Vella, Fred & Peter John Andrew, Judy Vella, Brian Hill, Charlie Galea, Stephen Camilleri, James Borg, Kathleen McGuire, Francis & Nora McGuire, Leila Dawson, Mary Ann Deguara, Noel Searle, D'ecd members of Sorbello, Muscat, Galea & Bonanno Families, D'ecd members of Mirabella Families, Dec'd members of Leslie Germans' Family, Dean Hibble, Rob Carter, Vicki Keogh, Angelo Sorbello, Dec'd members of the Sorbello Family, Dec'd members of the Bugeja Families, Dec'd members of the Ahern Family, Irma & Charlie Forzatte, Ron Ahern, Giuseppe & Maria Sorbello

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The attack on Catholic churches and civilian buildings in Sri Lanka has brought tragedy to the lives of so many of our fellow human beings and those of our Catholic family. A special collection will be taken up at Masses throughout the Diocese on the weekend of **25th & 26th May** in aid of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN:

Abigail Faith Ross, Isla Maree Stranks & Heath Edward Bailey

will be Baptised at different Churches within our Parish this weekend

Please pray for ***Abigail, Isla, Heath and their families*** as we welcome them into our Faith Community.

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 25th 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.

The Mackay Maltese Club Lunch will be held on the 26th of

May commencing 11.30am at the Metropolitan Hotel. There will be a raffle, luck door and a \$60 members draw.

Please RSVP to Rose Borg on 0418 788 363 by Friday 17th May.

The Catholic Mens Dinner

for **May** is on Magic Monday **27th** at the **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 on 49593464 or 0487747412 ring or text by pm **Sunday 26th May.**

Visitors are **always** welcome.

Mackay Churches Together Pentecost Service

St Joseph's Catholic Church, North Mackay
7.00pm Sunday 9 June 2019

followed by supper in the Parish Centre

All welcome to attend

Annual Habana Harvest Mass 2.30pm Sunday 9th June at the old Habana Church Grounds, 1091 Mackay-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 phone Peter 0427 598 715.

St Vincent de Paul – St Peter's Prison Aid Conference are

looking for Volunteer Bus Drivers.

Must have a LR Licence and be available 3 – 4 Sundays a year.

Please Contact the St Vincent de Paul Regional Office on 4957 3955 for further information.

Please note – from the 25th of May, **The Catholic Leader** will no longer be available in our Churches. If you would like to subscribe to home delivered or digital publications of The Catholic Leader, please contact their office on (07) 3324 3223.

Heart Women's Conference

Date: 25th May 2019 Venue: Mt Gravatt Bowls Club
1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2019?

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Email:

heart@TheCatholicGuy.com Phone: 1300 734 880

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.

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 26th July 2019. Please contact the College on 46327611 or email on : - stursulaspsaa@gmail.com. Also check out St Ursula's College Toowoomba Past Students & Associates on Facebook

Help Palms Achieve a World Free of Poverty



Share your skills with a community organisation in Asia or the Pacific to contribute to **sustainable solutions to poverty**. Our community partners have requested **teachers, nurses, tradies and more** to work alongside a local counterpart in 2020. We welcome all those who envision **volunteering their skills overseas** in the next few years to **join our next training course, starting in Sydney on July 6th. Visit palms.org.au or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 for more details**

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019.

Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand).

Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp.

For a brochure, application form or further information please

email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123,

or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

NEXT WEEK (6th Sunday of Easter, Year C): Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

New way of belonging

In today’s gospel we return to the upper room, before the death and resurrection of Jesus, seeking to understand what has happened over the past few weeks. It’s a reminder that these events are all a piece of a puzzle and, in speaking of them, John’s gospel seeks to bring love into a more intense focus.

Amidst talk of betrayal, the washing of the feet has occurred, revealing the pattern of our lives. After Jesus has handed him a ‘morsel’, Judas has left the gathering, at which point we hear these words. They’re the beginning of Jesus’ last words to his disciples before they step into the night together.

Now, Jesus declares, is the moment – but for what? For the glory of God to be revealed, in Jesus. In this, both God and Jesus are to be glorified. Then, addressing them affectionately as, “my little children,” he lets them know his time is short and continues to speak the meaning of his life.

He gives them a new word to live by, a new commandment: “love one another; just as I have loved you.” It can seem so familiar that we hardly hear it. But how has Jesus loved us? Unto death, on a cross – dying so we might live. There’s the catch. It’s not a sentimentality, it’s a daily challenge for us all. What does it mean to say, dying we live? To live in this way?

You probably won’t find it being spoken about in the self-help books, nor in the mission statements in our workplaces and elsewhere, and you can see a similar dynamic at work in what was once said to a parish: “downplay the cross and stress community,” thereby denying the basis of our community.

For his part, Jesus declares this love to be who we are -- it’s our identity – which we acknowledge every time we make the sign of the cross and each time we celebrate the Eucharist. It’s by this love we have for one another that we’ll be known as his disciples, not by any other criteria. This is to be the sign of those who belong to the new family, the Body of Christ, that is being formed through the shared meal and his death and his resurrection.

It’s a new way of belonging to one another, so that the empty tomb becomes a womb out of which we’re born this Easter. The sign of this new birth is our loving one another, ‘as I have loved you’. Thus is the glory of God revealed, made real in our lives.

This is what’s happening in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and, when it happens, then, as in the second reading from the Apocalypse, the whole of creation is made new and God’s name is indeed, ‘God-with-them’, with us.

Damian Coleridge
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Sunday Readings Prayer & Reflection Group
meet each Wednesday morning at 9.30am. Please contact the
Cluster Office on 4957 4807 for more details.

CONTACT FORM:

Family Name: _____
Other Names: _____
Address: _____

Home Phone: _____
Mobile: _____
Email: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

- REGISTERING IN PARISH SACRAMENT ENQUIRY
- YOUTH PRAYER REQUEST ROSTER AVAILABILITY
- OTHER: _____
- to commence Parish Planned Giving Program

Please place this completed form on the collection plate, or contact the Cluster Office on 49574807 for further information.