

Catholic Parish of the Valleys Region

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St Joseph's, Biloela

Mass Times

Wednesday 8.00am
Friday 8.00am
Sunday 8.00am

St Therese's, Monto

Mass Time

Sunday 6.00pm

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Sacred Heart Church, Theodore

Mass Times

Saturday (1st & 3rd)
6.00pm
Lay-Led Liturgy (2nd & 4th)
6.00pm

St Michael's, Moura

Mass Times

Saturday (2nd & 4th)
6.00pm

St Patrick's, Baralaba

Mass Times

Friday
(3rd - by arrangement)
6.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

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St. Joseph's Catholic
School
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Monto

St Therese's Catholic
School
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Principal: Monica White

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 19th May 2019

"There is no freedom greater than letting yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit and allowing him to lead you wherever he wishes."

Pope Francis

**"NO
GREATER
LOVE"**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Pope Francis sends a letter to Young Economists and Entrepreneurs Worldwide who have been invited to participate in an event scheduled for March 2020.

I am writing, Pope Francis says in his letter, "to invite you to take part in an initiative very close to my heart", an event he says, that will allow him to meet young economists who are interested in "a different kind of economy: one that brings life not death, one that is inclusive and not exclusive, humane and not dehumanizing, one that cares for the environment and does not despoil it."

The event he is referring to is a conference to be held in Assisi from 26th to 28th March, 2020 entitled "*Economy of Francis*".

Expressing his belief that there is a need to "re-animate" global economy, the Pope says Assisi, a city that symbolizes a humanism of fraternity, is the right place. "Saint John Paul II chose Assisi as the icon of a culture of peace. For me, it is also a fitting place to inspire a new economy" he writes. The Pope goes on to note that the life and vision of St Francis are so timely they can "give hope to our future and benefit not only the poorest of the poor, but our entire human family".

He says that as emphasized in his encyclical 'Laudato Si', protection of the planet and social justice are profoundly inter connected and solutions must be found to the structural problems of the economy.

"We need to correct models of growth incapable of guaranteeing respect for the environment, openness to life, concern for the family, social equality, the dignity of workers and the rights of future generations" he writes. The appeal Saint Francis received from the Crucifix to go and 'repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin', Pope Francis continues, "increasingly concerns the environment, which urgently demands a sound economy and a sustainable development that can heal its wounds and assure us of a worthy future". The Pope makes it clear that his message is addressed above all to young people who "can hear in [their] hearts the ever more anguished plea of the earth and its poor, who cry out for help and for responsibility, for people who will respond and not turn away".

Young people, he continues, are the protagonists of necessary change: "your universities, your businesses and your organizations are workshops of hope for creating new ways of understanding the economy and progress, for combating the culture of waste, for giving voice to those who have none and for proposing new styles of life. Only when our economic and social system no longer produces even a single victim, a single person cast aside, will we be able to celebrate the feast of universal fraternity".

In his letter Pope Francis also underscores the need for a communion of intentions that goes beyond "differences of creed and nationality" and is inspired by "an ideal of fraternity attentive above all to the poor and excluded". Francis of Assisi, the Pope concludes, "offers us an ideal and, in some sense, a programme. For me, who took his name, he is a constant source of inspiration. With you, and through you, I will appeal to some of our best economists and entrepreneurs who are already working on the global level to create an economy consistent with these ideals. I am confident that they will respond. And I am confident above all in you young people, who are capable of dreaming and who are prepared to build, with the help of God, a more just and beautiful world".

Linda Bordoni © Vatican News

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

6th Sunday of Easter
26th May 2019
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Prayers for the sick: Rose Ryan, Frank Vogels, Henny Hay, Katryn Hay, Coleman family, John de Git, Chris Barron, Mark Lonsdale, Shirley Matheson, Brian Sharpe, Michael Stoddart, Anna Becker, Gail Harrison, Lorraine Stockley, Maria Davis (Durkin)

VALLEYS REGION PARISH NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to the parishioners who contribute to our parish finances through planned giving or collections.
Last week's contributions amounted to:

Biloela: envelopes \$448.00 loose \$233.05
Dawson Valley: envelopes \$400.00 loose \$9.00
Monto: envelopes \$145.00 loose \$58.70

*If anyone wishes to use the credit card facility for your giving, this can easily be arranged.
Contact Kim at the Parish Office.*

VALLEYS' MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY/JUNE

19th Parish Finance Committee meeting
19th St Therese's Anointing Mass - 6.00pm - Monto
28th Sacramental Program Family Preparation - 3.00pm
31st St Joseph's School Mass - 9.00am
31st Golden Jubilee Celebration for Sr Anne - Monto

June:

1st Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council meeting
2nd Confirmation/Communion Mass - Theodore - 6.00pm
2nd Confirmation/Communion Mass - Biloela - 8.00am
2nd Confirmation Mass - Monto - 5.00pm
14th St Joseph's School Mass - 9.00am

St Vincent de Paul meets fortnightly
Biloela 5.30pm on Monday 27th May
Monto 11.30am on Monday 27th May

ST THERESE'S CELEBRATION

The **Golden Jubilee** of Sr. Anne Baxter SMSM will be celebrated at St Therese's Church, Monto on Friday, 31st May with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4.00pm. The Mass will be followed by a BBQ in the Parish Hall. Parishioners and families are invited to attend. For catering purposes, please see the lists at the front of church. Please add your name and what you would like to cook to the list by next weekend, 26th May.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to dietary requirements do not add Capsicum/Paprika to any dishes.

On Sunday 2nd June Mass will start at 5.00pm.

Following Mass we shall be going to dinner at the Indian Restaurant. If you wish to attend the dinner, please see Marian and choose your meal and advise the numbers in your family by **no later than Sunday 26th May**.

Bishop Michael has asked that a special collection be taken up at Masses throughout the Diocese next Weekend in aid of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka.

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY GOODS SHOP: Cards and gifts for Confirmation and First Eucharist are available from the Holy Goods Shop.

Open every Sunday before and after Mass.

Baptism - St Joseph's Church

Today we welcome into our Church community

AMERA ELIZABETH CHARLOTTE NAYLOR
Daughter of Eliza-Jayne Naylor



DIOCESAN NOTICES

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 Professional Standards and Safeguarding office: **Response Line on m: 1800 830 113** (free call) or email: **pssso@rok.catholic.net.au**

Diocesan Website for more information:
w.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/

DRAKES Fundraiser for St Joseph's Cathedral

Remember to use your keytag - our next donation is due early June! Are you claiming the 4c per litre on your fuel? Thank you for your continued support.

Diocesan Vocations Prayer

God of creation and mercy, bless men and women to respond to your call with courage. May the Holy Spirit kindle their hearts and Jesus be their role model to discern priesthood and consecrated life. Henceforth, they can use their given talents to lead a life of holiness, make Jesus real to all people, bring hope to despair, safeguard the mother earth and proclaim the gospel with precision. Amen

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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PRAYER FOR RAIN

Lord God, creator of the world with all its seasons.
We thank you for your answer to our prayers for rain.
We once again ask you, according to your will, to send us rain.