

# The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:  
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

## September 19th and 20th Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Bishop**

Most Rev. Michael McCarthy DD

Fr Bill Senn

**Parish Priest and Dean of  
St Joseph's Cathedral**

Very Rev. Fr Bryan Hanifin V.G.

**Associate Pastors**

Fr Matthias Ogwo

### Today's Liturgy - Year A

Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah preaches to the people, urging them to return to the Lord who is rich in forgiving.

Responsorial Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18



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Philippians 1:20-24. 27

The apostle call us to avoid anything in our everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel.

Matthew 20:1-16

Even at the eleventh hour the Lord calls people to work in his vineyard.

**Next Weekend's Readings:**

1st: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd: Philippians 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 24:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

**Parish  
Schools**



4994 8230



4994 8225



4994 8235



4999 1300

### **Parish Mass Times for this coming week**

**Monday 21st September**  
*St Matthew, apostle, evangelist*  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

**Tuesday 22nd September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

**Wednesday 23rd September**  
*St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest*  
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

**Thursday 24th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

**Friday 25th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

**Saturday 26th September**  
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

**Vigil Masses**  
Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan  
4:00pm  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

**Sunday 27th September**  
**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am  
St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am  
St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

**Livestreamed Mass**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton/featured>  
St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

**To avoid disappointment, book  
for weekend mass at the  
following link:**

[https://  
www.trybooking.com/  
BKBZJ](https://www.trybooking.com/BKBZJ)

**Ordinariate Masses**

St Peter's Church, Allentown  
Sunday 9.30am

Check out our new  
website!  
[www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com)

# DIOCESAN AND REGIONAL NOTICES

## FOCUS by Fr Bill Senn

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call to Him while he is near ... "

These words friends from our first reading today are significant as they invite us to a deeper level of belief in the reality that God is always present in our lives .. just waiting for us to discover and rediscover him again & again.

It is with these words that God, through the prophet Isaiah, comforted and consoled his people as they were making the return journey to the land of Israel, from which they had been exiled many years previously. It was an invitation to them to experience God's presence in the present stage of their life's journey. An opportunity to not only return to their homeland of Israel, but also to return to the homeland of their life: faith in God's love & abiding presence.

May we too rediscover the Lord's love, light & presence in the present of our own life; may we joyfully share this Good News with the whole world! AMEN!

### Spotlight: Celebrating the communities within The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

#### Altar Servers

Altar servers are not the focus of the rite but, in their ministry, they enable the rite to proclaim the mystery of Christ through Word and Sacrament.

Altar servers participate in the liturgy. While they fulfil important functions, they are present with all members of the assembly as full and active participants. They model active participation for people.

Altar server assists the priest through holding the Missal, or carrying the bread and wine, or other tasks at the altar, in the broader context they assist the whole assembly. They indicate the important parts of the Mass by carrying candles during processions and before the book of the gospels, and they make sure all that is needed for the celebration is brought, carried or moved into place at the right time. This assists not only the priest and other ministers, but the entire assembly through careful attention to detail and allowing the rite to run smoothly.

#### Understand the Ministry

Altar serving is one of a variety of liturgical ministries that contribute to the celebration of the Eucharist. Each role or ministry has its part to play. Servers offer themselves – their faith, time, and talent

#### Guidance, Training, Review

Those who ask to be involved in this ministry should be received with encouragement, especially the young, as this is not only a first personal experience of participating in a ministry but also a key moment in their growing appreciation of the liturgy. The church building opens a new world of sacred space which the server will experience in a more intimate encounter, and introduces many new and unusual names of places, furniture, and objects. Learning a new language is part of the server's preparation for this ministry.

### Weekly Prayer

*A prayer for these uncertain times*

**Loving Father,**

*who created us for and from love,  
in this time of social distancing,  
hold us close in your arms.*

*Comfort those who are afraid,  
enliven those who are bored,*

*give courage to those who are distressed,  
and warm those who feel the cold touch of loneliness.*

*Breathe in, with and through us*

*as we walk through uncertainty into a new future*

*knowing that you are with us now and await us there.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord

*Amen.*

### Elevate Youth & Rocky Northside Youth

**When:** Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September

**Time:** 5pm – 9pm

**Where:** Our Lady's Hall

**What:** Games, Mass, Pizza, Live Stream Rally

**Cost:** \$2

**RSVP:** <https://forms.gle/QoV4XwxAhfP4oU62A>



# PARISH NOTICES

## Recently Deceased

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Joan Macey, Sarah-Jane Christie, John Black, Shirley Allen, Adam Jenkins, Eugenie Hargraves (sister of Sr Mary Wilde), Coralie Tonti-Filippini (Fr Peter Tonti's Mother), Les Thompson (Brisbane) & Philippa Anderson (England)

## Anniversaries

Lawrie Dowling & Moya Napper

## Rockhampton Churches Together

This week we pray for Park Avenue Catholic Parish.

## Cathedral Website Bookings

Thank you to all our parishioners who are using our brand new website to book for mass.

Please continue to use the website ([www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com)) as Trybooking will **no longer** be available from the **3rd– 4th October**. Website bookings are applicable for The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph.

*Please note: Trybooking is still available for the Northside Parish and Sacred Heart Yeppoon.*

## Missed the Bulletin?

Our weekly Bulletin is available on the website each week, check out the publication area!

## Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith—Sacramental Program 2020—2021

All families with children who have reached seven years of age are invited to join the preparation journey 2020-2021 towards the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2021. We are mindful that in planning it is necessary to adhere to the COVID social distancing advice regarding gatherings and that this may continue into 2021. This will impact on the design and presentation of the face to face workshops to keep everyone safe. We are prepared for this and will plan accordingly, however it is necessary to have accurate numbers regarding children who are considering this preparation in order to move forward with COVID safe planning. Please call the parish office (4927 6744) with your child's name, parent's name, and contact details. Your prompt consideration and action of this request is truly appreciated.

God bless and keep safe,  
Margaret Hallinan,  
Sacraments Team Co-Ordinator

## Work Begins on the Cathedral Close

Due to essential safety works commencing on the revised date of 21 September, the Cathedral Close will be unavailable until December. Please note that parking at the rear of the Cathedral is for Cathedral staff and clergy only. We apologise for this inconvenience however these works were urgently needed in the interest of parishioner safety.

## Holy Hour for Life

Sunday the 4th of October is our Diocesan Sanctity of Life Sunday. Join us as we gather to pray for the sanctity of human life in front of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm, at St Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday the 4th of October. No need to register, please just sign in on arrival.

## The Cathedral Centre Parish Office

Find us on 

**Office Hours:**

**Monday–Friday 9.00am–4.00pm**

Cnr William & Murray Streets,  
Rockhampton

**PO Box 8446, Allenstown Q 4700**

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**Email: [rockhampton-south@cdor.org.au](mailto:rockhampton-south@cdor.org.au)**

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[www.cposj.com](http://www.cposj.com)

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Gerard Hogan

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Matthew Pettett & Jody Murphy

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Cliff & Debbie Broom

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Representative:**  
Noela Walls

St Vincent de Paul  
Assistance & Welfare  
4927 6026

Call between 9.00am - 9.30am to  
avoid disappointment.

**In a medical emergency (after  
hours) to contact a priest, phone  
1300 555 555, ask for pager no 26933**

## ***Baptisms & Marriages***

Bookings are made through the Parish  
Office.

Advance notice and preparation are  
required.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd &  
4th Sunday of each month after 9.30am  
Mass.

## **St Joseph's Cathedral Gift and Bookstore**

Open 9am–4pm Monday to Friday

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[www.cathedralbooks.com.au](http://www.cathedralbooks.com.au)

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*A quote from Mother Teresa*

*Peace begins with a smile*