Catholic Parishes Of North Mackay and Farleigh

Parish Priest and Administrator
Fr Stephen Hanly

Associate Pastor
Fr James Ezeocha

Retired Priest
Fr William Busuttin

SERVING THE CHURCH COMMUNITIES OF

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT: for anointing the sick 0400 874 807

PARISH OFFICES AND STAFF

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

21 Grendon Street North Mackay
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Parish Manager: .....Ken Kelly
Parish Secretary: .....Chris Haines
Secretary Assistant: .....Sr Lila Galvin
Finance Secretary: .....Kerry Dempsey
Parish Safeguarding Representative:...Chris Haines
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 12:00noon

ST BRIGID'S PARISH

961 Bruce Highway, Farleigh, QLD 4741
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Parish Secretary: .....Veronica Tolcher
Finance Secretary: .....Maria Axiak
Parish Safeguarding Representative:Veronica Tolcher
Office Hours: ..... Thursday 9am—12:00pm

MASS TIMES

Please be aware there are Health directives from Qld Government associated with those who are over the age of 70 or vulnerable or have underlying health issues. HOWEVER if you believe that you are of good health and are aware of these directives you are most welcome to join us.

St Joseph's Church North Mackay

Monday: .....**REGISTER AT DOOR** 6:30am Mass
Tuesday: .....**REGISTER AT DOOR** 6:30am Mass
Wednesday:.....**REGISTER AT DOOR** ☞**9:30am Mass**
Friday:.....**REGISTER AT DOOR** 6:30am Mass
Saturday:.....**REGISTER AT DOOR** 7:00am Mass followed by Holy Hour
Saturday: .....**BOOK ONLINE** 6:00pm Mass
Sunday: .....**BOOK ONLINE** 9:00am Mass

St Brendan's Church Bucasia

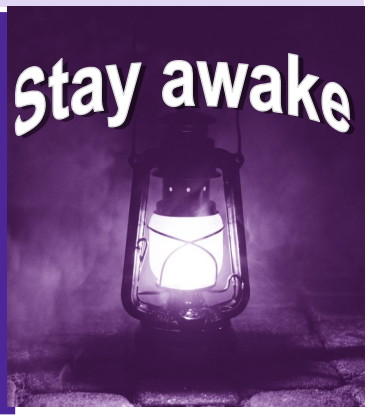
Sunday: .....**BOOK ONLINE** 7:30am Mass

St Brigid's Church Farleigh

Wednesday:.....**NO MASS** Farleigh
Thursday:.....**REGISTER AT DOOR** Farleigh 6:00pm Mass
Saturday: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** Farleigh 6:00pm Mass
Sunday:..... **REGISTER AT DOOR** Seaforth 7:00am Mass
Sunday: .....**REGISTER AT DOOR** Calen 9:00am Mass
Sunday: .....Midge Point **NO MASS**

Frist Sunday Of Advent

Sunday 29th November 2020



The links for weekend Masses
5th / 6th December

☞**Bookings open Friday 27th November 10am and will close THURSDAY 3rd December 10:00am.**

Saturday 5th December, 6:00pm Vigil Mass, St Brigid's Church Farleigh https://www.trybooking.com/BNDTM

Saturday 5th December, 6:00pm Vigil Mass, St Joseph's Church North Mackay https://www.trybooking.com/BNDTT

Sunday 6th December, 9:00am Mass, St Joseph's Church North Mackay https://www.trybooking.com/BNDTW

Sunday 6th December, 7:30am Mass, St Brendan's Church Bucasia https://www.trybooking.com/BNDTY

IMPORTANT!!!!!

- For those who aren't online, you may like to ask a family member to assist, or you can phone the parish office 49574855 and Chris will assist you with an online booking. This service is only available for those who are not online.
- Please note when making your booking online, to complete it you will need to click the button that says purchase (the ticket is free) by clicking purchase this will finalise your booking and you will receive confirmation your booking was successful. This confirmation will appear on the page at the end of your booking and also an email from Trybooking saying your booking was successful.
- **WE NEED YOUR HELP**—So our churches can stay open for Mass we need lots of assistance please. If you can help with checking people in, cleaning the pews after Mass will ensure we abide by the COVID Safe plan. The more people who help will lighten the load of those who have been regularly helping.

Please consider helping if you can.

PARISH CLUSTER MONSTER RAFFLE

In place of NORFAIR and the Farleigh Christmas Fair we are running a Monster Christmas Raffle.
A **very limited** number of Tickets **are still available** at Weekend Masses,
or at the Parish Office. Please support this major fund raiser.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:
Robert Sturgeon (Bob), James Attard, Mary Ivory (Ireland), Tim Mulherin, Darren Williams, George Camilleri.

ANNIVERSARY: Gordon Peacock, Daniel Edward Cooley.

REMEMBRANCE MASS: Emily Mary Cooley, Edward John Cooley, Veronica (Vera) Chetcuti, Salvatore Zammit, Teresa Zammit, Mary Zammit, Josephine Thurgood, Sam & Doris Sciberras, Rose Vasallo, Peter Checuti.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Jacinta Barton (Vella), Sr Lila Galvin, Mary Borg, Raylene Johnson, Adam Robertson, Helen Popp, John Mifsud, Lalla Scarpelli, Maria Spiteri, Margaret Agius (Malta), Julie Rowan, Gail Fallis, and all the sick of the Parish.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH
Weekly Collection 22/11/2020

No Givers 85

Direct Debits:.....$4424.00
Envelopes:……$799.50
Loose:……$662.30

Total:……..$5885.80

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
NOVEMBER MASSES

There is a special book "In Remembrance With"
set up in front of the altar.
All are invited to record your deceased family and friends
names in this book, to pray for them in a special way.

November Mass Offering Envelopes
are available at the back of the Church or Parish Office.

COLLECTION COUNTER NEEDED FOR ST JOSEPH'S

Blue card will be necessary
(no cost to you).
Please contact Parish Office
for further information.

Wanted small bottles eg Master food herbs bottles to use for Holy Water. Please leave at the Parish Office.

Stella Maris Seafarers Centre
Annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Stella Maris Seafarers Centre are once again conducting, what has now become, our Annual Shoe Box Appeal to bring a little joy to Seafarers visiting the ports of Hay Point and Mackay this Christmas. We thank you most sincerely for the wonderful gifts in past years and ask if you would be so kind as to support us again this year.

We are calling for donations of small gifts (Eg: toothpaste, toothbrushes, Toiletries, non aerosol antiperspirant , Playing Cards, Torch, Batteries, Writing sets, Socks etc) would be appreciated or a monetary contribution to enable us to purchase items on your behalf – no food stuffs) which are to be placed in Christmas bags and distributed to Seafarers who will be visiting our Centre over the Christmas period.

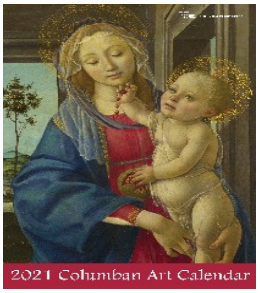
The life of a Seafarer can be a lonely one, especially at Christmas, a small gift will not replace being with loved ones, it will show the Seafarers that we as a Catholic Community do care and that they are being thought of.

If you could kindly drop these donations into the Centre, 43 Brisbane Street Mackay or call us on 4953 4038 and we can arrange collection. Our Centre is open 0900-2pm Monday to Friday.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Available from front of our Churches for $10.00.

When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor. *(Available at Paper Counter at St Joseph's and St Brendan's Churches).*
(Also available at Farleigh, Calen, Seaforth and Midge Point Churches).



RAFFLE TICKETS

If you have any sold or unsold books of raffle tickets, please return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Either hand them to a Norfair volunteer after mass or put the books, butts+ money in an envelope and place it in the collection plate.

As we are nearing the end of the raffle, we need to balance the books before the big draw. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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/**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sunday 29 November 2020

Today's Gospel is full of warnings about being vigilant, about not missing out on the coming of God into our lives. The first reading cautions us about the danger of hardening our hearts or forgetting to call on the name of the Lord ; while St Paul prays that we will be strong as we await the coming of our Saviour.

At this time of the year we think of the Jewish people. Seven times a day they pray that the Messiah might come among them. However, when he came, as their brother and their Saviour and their friend, they did not recognise him. They expected a powerful leader. Instead of there appeared among them a simple human being , one of their own, someone who was quite ordinary.

Advent is a good time to consider how God does come to us. How did he enter our world at the first Christmas? He did not appear in great majesty and power. He came as a helpless babe. And in some respects this is how he still comes. We can meet Jesus in the smile of a child or in the neediness of a lonely old person. We can meet him I. The joy of two young people in love, or in the sound of music which we enjoy. He is there in the beauty of the sunset or in the power of the wind and rain. He is there in the laughter of a teenager or in the healing touch of a nurse. We need not look far for him. However, it is so important that we learn to recognise him when he does appear In our midst.

God comes to each of us in a special way this Christmas. We cannot afford to miss his coming. We cannot harden our hearts getting caught up only in the material things of our world, failing to recognise God in the ordinary relationships and experiences of day to day living. We are challenged to recognise him in the many different ways he appears in our midst. In doing this we truly will experience the message of the first Christmas—- Peace to all who are God's friends. Let us use the season of Advent well to discover and delight in the wonder of this truth! ***Fr Stephen***

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

☛**ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES ARE NOW OPEN**

CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER

St Helen's Church, Calen 4:00pm: ..... **REGISTER AT DOOR**

St Joseph's Church, North Mackay 6:00pm: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** https://www.trybooking.com/BNDUD

St Joseph's Church, North Mackay 8:00pm: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** https://www.trybooking.com/BNDUQ

St Joseph's Church, North Mackay 9:30pm: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** https://www.trybooking.com/BNDUR

St Brigid's Church, Farleigh 6:00pm: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** https://www.trybooking.com/BNDVB

CHRISTMAS DAY FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER

Star Of The Sea, Seaforth 7:00am: ..... **REGISTER AT DOOR**

St Brendan's Church, Bucasia 7:30am: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** https://www.trybooking.com/BNDUZ

St Joseph's Church, North Mackay 9:00am: ..... **BOOK ONLINE** https://www.trybooking.com/BNDUU

St Helen's Church, Calen 9:00am: ..... **REGISTER AT DOOR**

St Peter's , Midge Point 9:15am: ..... **REGISTER AT DOOR**

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.

ADVENT CARILLON CONCERT

Sunday 13th December after the 6pm Mass at St Patrick's.
You are invited to gather on the lawns outside St Patrick's College Hall for a Carillon Concert to celebrate the Advent season. Wine, soft drinks and a light supper will be available. Because of COVID regulations food has to be served on individual small plates. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Cluster Office if you are attending the concert. COVID safe practices of signing in, hand sanitising and social distancing will be observed.
December 13th is also the 30th anniversary of Fr Don's ordination. We will give thanks for Fr Don's 30 years of faithful service and pray for him in our masses over that weekend.

Responsorial Psalm:
(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Diocesan Digital Event, December 6th, 3 pm:

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is working amongst Prisoners, Seafarers, the marginalised, our Indigenous communities and the far West.
Join in Live with Bishop Michael McCarthy and Nathan Harding, as we hear stories from those ministering to the edges around the Diocese, involved in our four Ministries: Catholic Prison Ministry, Seafarers' Centre, the Woorabinda Ministry and the Western Pastoral Ministry.

Watch on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/RockhamptonCatholic/events
Watch on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/c/ StJosephsCathedralRockhampton.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11.
Ps 84:9-14. R.v.8.
St Peter 3:8-14.
Mark 1:1-8.

SPECIAL SUNDAY MASS AT HABANA

Outdoor Mass **6pm 29th November**
next to the Community Christmas Tree
and Nativity Scene
Habana Community Grounds
1091 Mackay-Habana Rd (old church grounds)
Christmas Tree lights
to be turned on after Mass
Shared Supper to follow.
All welcome
https://www.trybooking.com/BMZRJ
Or just turn up and sign in.
Come and join us to celebrate
the 1ST Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Artist

Advent is a waiting time and a time of change in our world. In Southern lands trees are budding and fruiting, the air is fresh and warm and the sky is blue. In the North the leaves are showing autumn colour, the nights are getting colder and winter is edging in. Things are changing, but the changes can take us by surprise if we are not alert and looking for them. The natural cycle echoes the Advent mystery: we wait in hope for the coming of the Kingdom, for the end time, for the completion of creation.
That is the grand plan and the long view, but there is something a little more pedestrian here. After all, the Kingdom is among us now and it can be observed at work in our world. It shows in the ebb and flow of our lives and we need to pay attention to these changes, just as we watch and respond to the changes in nature. Jesus urges us to 'stay awake' so that when the changes come we will be prepared. So keep a candle burning, the door ajar, and be on the alert 'because you never know when the time will come'.

Jenny Close

Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/ phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/ tablet/ phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1 may be accessed at the following URL address:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

IGNITE SUMMER CAMP: WALK ON WATER

When: 14-17 January, 2021

Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)

Who: Any 2021 high school students

Cost: Earlybird (ends Dec 1) $295, Regular $320. *Family discounts for two or more siblings.*

Camp is four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and you can even get a discount on your registration if you use our diocesan discount code. If you're interested in coming please contact youth@rok.catholic.net.au. For more information head to www.igniteyouth.com/summercamp.