Catholic Parish of the Valleys Region

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Parish communities:

COVID 19 Restrictions apply to all Masses

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 (monthly)
(by arrangement)
6.00pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:
Biloela

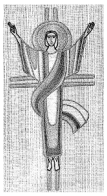
St. Joseph's Catholic School
Phone. 4994 8310
Principal: Nicole Rutten

Monto

St Therese's Catholic School
Phone: 4166 1654
Principal: Doiya Knapman

Second Sunday of Lent - 28th February, 2021

"BEHOLD "



"Lent is a favourable time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to switch off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to separate from mobile phones and connect to the Gospel."

Pope Francis

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

ON THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

It was on 8th December 2020 that Pope Francis released a decree declaring the Year of St Joseph in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8,1870. The year begins on December 8, 2020, and concludes on December 8, 2021. The church honours St Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. He is invoked as the patron saint of the Universal Church. He is also the patron of workers, fathers, and a happy death.

The Holy Father calls on all Catholics to seek the intercession of and reflect on the life of St Joseph throughout this year. We also have opportunities to gain a plenary indulgence, or remission of temporal punishments due to sin. These indulgences, obtainable through a number of means, can be applied to oneself or to a soul in purgatory.

We are in an even better position in this entire journey. Our cathedral is named after and dedicated to St Joseph, hence the name St Joseph's Cathedral Rockhampton. One of our churches and schools in this parish is in the same special line of graces – St Joseph's Catholic Church and School Biloela. We will therefore try to be part of this journey to draw from the blessings. Hence, through the month of March, when the actual feast day of St Joseph is (19th March), we'll say, throughout our churches, before the final blessing at Mass, the prayer to St Joseph that came with the Apostolic letter *Patris Corde* of Pope Francis. Families and individuals are also encouraged to add it to their usual prayers. Other discussions and activities to mark this might be unveiled in the course of the month.

Presented below is the Prayer to St Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen

Fr Simeon Uchendu

Reconciliation:
St Joseph's, Biloela - Sunday 7.00am to 7.30am
St. Therese's, Monto - Before Sunday Mass on first two Sundays of the month.

Baptisms:
Bookings are made through the Parish Office in Biloela.
Advance notice and preparation are required.

Weddings:
By appointment and after preparation.

VALLEYS REGION PARISH NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING

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

Biloela: $416.70
Monto: $251.00
Dawson Valley: $3,150.00

Payment options for Planned Giving: Credit Card, Direct Debit or Envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

VALLEYS' MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

5th World Day of Prayer - Biloela - 10.00am
5th Stations of the Cross - Biloela - 6.00pm
7th Baptism - Biloela
14th Baptism - Biloela

The next fortnightly meeting for the St Vincent de Paul Conference will be:
Biloela: 8.30am on Thursday 4th March, 2021
Monto: 11.00am on Thursday 4th March, 2021

Prayers for the sick:

Rose Ryan, Henny Hay, Katryn Hay, Coleman family, Chris Barron, Mark Lonsdale, Shirley Matheson, Michael Stoddart, Gail Harrison, Graham Phelan, Merle McMillan, Janine Krueger, Gina Ramsey

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at:
St Therese's, Monto - 3.30pm
St Joseph's, Biloela - 6.00pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 5th March

St Joseph's Church - 10.00am

The service for 2021 has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu with the theme "Build on a strong foundation". A cash collection during the service will support the Trauma Healing and Literacy Project for women in Vanuatu. We look forward to joining them in prayer on Friday, 5th March.

St Therese's Church - Monto

The **World Day of Prayer** service will be held at the Monto Catholic Church on Friday 5th March.
It will commence with afternoon tea in the Parish hall at 2.45pm and continue in the Church at 3.15pm.
Please bring a plate. All welcome.

Parishioners, could you please check the Parish roster for any jobs you are rostered to do. If you will be absent on the rostered day please find a substitute.

If you have any ideas that you would like taken to the Parish Pastoral Council meeting please put in writing in the suggestion box on the front table.

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St Joseph's Catholic Parish Biloela

Position Available:

Paid care position available for in home family care. Suitable applicant will hold a Cert IV or above in childcare or willing to begin study. Mostly school hours. Learning support available. Approx. 20+ hours week. Please contact Kate Erwin on 0401378277.

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.
For further information or support please contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office:
Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call)
or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au
Diocesan Website for more information:
https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/
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/

The parish Safeguarding representative is Mariana Rutten who can be contacted on 0448 155 051.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year, the theme of Project Compassion is "Be More." It challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion, and is taken from the invitation of Saint Oscar Romero, to "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." This message invites us to step up and step out for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival.

Margaret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margaret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are now available to take home.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25