

# North Rockhampton Catholic Community

**St Mary's**

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

**Holy Family**

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## TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B — 25 & 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

*Thank you and farewell to Fr Marcel Kujur who has faithfully served in North Rockhampton Catholic Community for the past three years.*

*Fr Marcel is a humble and compassionate person who has contributed greatly to the mission and ministry of our parishes and schools. We thank Fr Marcel for his priestly commitment and express our gratitude for his dedication.*

*We wish Fr Marcel well and pray Our Lord will continue to bless him abundantly.*



### Jesus Christ is all that God is and all that man is:

God has taken his residence in the dusty soil of Bethlehem. He has taken a human name and a human form. Jesus lived like a Jew, spoke Aramaic like a Jew, but was born unlike a Jew. This is what we call "emptying", beyond which He couldn't go down. He did not empty himself just for the sake of being empty. But with every act of self-emptying, he embraced something that had certain eternal values. Jesus did not come into the world to re-enforce the world in its secular life style. He came to transform and save. Jesus chose to be a Human by choice, became a servant because he willed it.

Today's Gospel tells us to be aware of how we can become a stumbling block to ourselves: Let our hands, feet, and eyes not be guilty of the terrible abuses, the truly scandalous behaviour. We all know our human weaknesses and tendencies. Knowing them, by the grace of God we should apply our spiritual minds to overcome such weaknesses and tendencies. Here Jesus instructs his disciples that they must avoid what causes them to sin. They should keep away from those opportunities that seek to destroy their souls. It is the sin of being judgmental that ruins a human person. Jesus calls us not only a good person for ourselves, but also, we are called to reach out, to love, to be just to others, to be fully free with and for others, to be a true brother or sister. We are also called to be the prophets in today's world, to proclaim in words and actions that the Source of all love, justice, freedom, and solidarity with others is our God who loves, who forgives, and who wants all to share in a life that is enriched on every level. And, this is a responsibility not just of a few leaders in the church but of every single baptised person. So, Jesus told his disciples that if anyone gives them a cup of water to drink just because they belong to Christ, then they will most certainly not lose their reward. He emphasised on the word, anyone indicating that it is the responsibility of all to serve and do his work. Such an act, simple though it is, done by "anyone" in a spirit of love and compassion is truly a Christ-like act and Jesus says he will recognise it.

Hence, any person who has the riches is to use them for the benefit of others. When we examine the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, we realise that our actions are more important than a simple claim to follow Jesus. As the followers of Jesus, we are to bring blessings and privileges to others. The life and love we receive from God are intimately connected to our call to be prophets and members of the body of Christ. Today's readings emphasise the necessity to do the works of the Lord in order to remain filled with the Holy Spirit. We too, unfortunately, could become enemies of the Disciples of Christ. For example, if we are jealous of someone who has received graces or gifts that we do not have, we then become enemies of the disciples of the Lord. If we desire the spiritual goods of others, instead of praising God for them, then we are similar to those whose hand or foot or eye is an occasion of sin. So, we must implore the Lord to deliver us from this disordered attachment, from this desire that has not been placed in our heart by God himself, and in order, that we might firmly detach ourselves from this fatal desire. We pray through the intercession of Mary our Mother to show us the path. When we receive the Eucharist today, let it be for us the effective remedy that allows us to always be turned toward the Lord, faithful in his service, and respectful of the gifts he deigns to grant to whomever he wishes.

*Fr Marcel Kujur  
Parish Priest*

**First Reading:** ..... Numbers 11: 25 - 29

*If only we all were prophets of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** .... Psalm 18

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**Second Reading:** ..... James 5: 1 - 16

*Our wealth can hinder us from caring for those in need.*

**Gospel:** ..... Mark 9: 38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us.*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 27<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** ..... Genesis 2: 18 - 24

**Second Reading:** ..... Hebrews 2: 9 - 11

**Gospel:** ..... Mark 10: 2 - 16

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** ..... 5:00pm Holy Family Church

**Saturday:** ..... 6:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**Sunday:** ..... 7:00am St Mary's Church

**Sunday:** ..... 9:00am Holy Family Church

**Sunday:** ..... 9:30am Livestream from St Joseph's  
Cathedral on cpsj.com

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**Tuesday:** ..... 9:00am Holy Family Church

**Wednesday:** ..... 9:00am St Mary's Church

**Friday:** ..... 9:00am Our Lady Help of Christians Church

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# North Rockhampton Catholic Parishes

**Baptisms and Marriages** are arranged through the Parish Office. Advance notice (Wedding - 6 months) and preparation are required. Each month Baptisms are celebrated at Holy Family on the First Saturday at 10am and on the Third Sunday during the 9am Mass; Baptisms during Mass at St Mary's and Our Lady Help of Christians churches can be made by appointment with the Parish Office. Baptism Preparation is conducted at Holy Family Church on the Second Sunday of the month at 10am.

## Please remember in your prayers:

**Recently deceased:** *Christian Jenson, Maureen Callow, Les Muller.*

**Anniversaries:** *Peter Eigenraam, Noreen White, Von Fry, Jean Kelso, Noel Connor, Paddy Hore, Frances Walsh, Mary O'Sullivan, Daph Austin, Bill Clark, Mary Jones, Mary Grace, Amelia Hill.*

**Those who are sick:** *Mary Asuntha (Sri Lanka), Bev Bartlem, Nena Suclan, Pat James, Leanne Small, Daisy Maturin, John Dobson, Tony Wilkinson, Simon Schell, John Manwaring, Mirita Abenzi, Gino Abenzi, Pat Healey, Meegan Sommerfeld, Gwenda Casey, Michael Harris, Noella & Gerry Davies.*

When sending in names, please indicate which list the person needs to be on. When requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, please ensure you have their permission.

**TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE"**

GOD CREATED US  
IN HIS IMAGE,  
IN THE IMAGE  
OF HIS OWN  
TRIUNE BEING,  
A COMMUNION  
IN DIVERSITY.

**107th  
WORLD DAY OF  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

A publication of the Australian Catholic Migrant  
and Refugee Office

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet/1310-migrant-and-refugee-kit-2021/file>

### North Rockhampton Catholic Community

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Our website is currently offline,  
please contact the parish office  
for more information.

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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**Park Avenue Parish**

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**Account Number: 720378**

**Rockonia Parish**

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**Account Number: 810728**

Please use your envelope number as the reference, or Collection if you would normally contribute to the loose collection.

Rockonia parishioners, if you would like to continue to use the envelopes for your Planned Giving gift, please call the Parish office to arrange collection/delivery.

Last Weekend's Collections	Our Lady Help Of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
<b>Planned Giving</b> <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	<b>\$195.20</b>	<b>\$1,355.00</b>	<b>\$414.10</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$539.00</b>	<b>\$825.35</b>	<b>\$367.90</b>

## Young People and Children Safeguarding Competition

The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office, Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton, is hosting a competition with young people and children around the diocese and are asking young people to share their view and thoughts on **“What Keeps Me Safe?”** Young people are encouraged to use a multimedia platform (e.g., Snapchat, TikTok, iPhone camera) and there is a colouring competition for children. For further details/entry form please ask your Parish Safeguarding Representative, Parish Secretary or contact the Safeguarding team on (07) 4887 3080. Entries close 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Mercy Work’s Raffle

Our parish’s most popular raffle is back again with all new prizes! **1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Patchwork quilt worth \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$100 cash prize; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Basket of goodies valued at \$75; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$60 voucher to the iconic Riverston Tea Room.** Tickets are only \$1 each with all funds raised going towards the amazing charitable works of the Mercy Associates and Sisters of Mercy. Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Offices (Northside & Southside) or Cathedral Bookstore. Raffle will be drawn on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Rosary in the Cathedral

**When: 11:00am Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome!** More details closer to the date. (Due to COVID concerns, Rosary in the Cathedral again this year.)



## Parish Ladies Club

Due to restrictions easing on gatherings, we are happy to commence Ladies Club on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10:00am at Holy Family Hall.** Morning tea will be served and the theme of the morning will be **“Coffee and Chatter”**. All ladies welcome! Please note, the Holy Family Craft Group will be cancelled for that day. Enquiries to Linda (07) 4926 3371.

## Holy Family Craft Group

Gathering at the Frenchville Sports Club in the La Vista area, **every Thursday from 10am.** For more information contact **Ann on (07) 4926 5033.**

## Migrant and Refugee Sunday

In Laudato Si (LS) Pope Francis relates the issues of climate change, poverty and migration. *“There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded”* (LS25).

In his message for this Sunday’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees *“Towards an Ever Wider “We,”* Pope Francis says *“God created us in own Triune Being a Communion of Diversity”.* However he laments, *“ Our ‘we’, both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 11) and radical individualism (cf. ibid., 105). And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.”* He appeals to both the church and the wider world.

Firstly, to the church he says, *“in encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are by right members of both their local ecclesial community and the one Church, dwellers in one home and part of one family”* (Pope’s Message for 2021 Migrant Sunday). Secondly, to the world community he asks for an ever more inclusive world, *“to journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’ to all men and women, for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace and ensuring that no one is left behind.”*

The full text of the Pope’s message can be found at:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210503\\_world-migrants-day-2021.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html)

(Courtesy of South Mackay Cluster of Parishes)

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)** and calls will be forwarded to Helen (PSR) or email: [pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto: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>

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Plenary Council  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One  
October 2021

**‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’**

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful –  
Discernment Paper p. 12)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)



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