

North Rockhampton Catholic Community

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Our Lady Help of Christians

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Holy Family

390a Feez Street
Norman Gardens



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B — 13 & 14 November 2021

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:5, 8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel: Luke 21:36

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Next Sunday's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

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 cposj.com

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
Wednesday:	9:00am	St Mary's Church
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Reconciliation is available 4-4:30pm prior to the 5pm Mass at Holy Family Church, or by appointment by contacting the Parish office. For all enquires regarding Baptisms and Marriages please contact the Parish Office on 4928 2800 or nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Focus Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look, now is the acceptable time,
look, now is the day of salvation!
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

We are at the penultimate Sunday for the liturgical year and our readings draw us in to consider the final things, the end of times. This scriptural theme forms a bridge with the first Sunday of Advent, which begins with the end of times. Such thoughts can offer strike fear into the hearts of many but we should take solace and comfort in two very important facts.

The first comfort is that Jesus tells us that, "about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father." It can be a pastime for some to interpret the events of the day as signs and portents for the end of times but this is knowledge known only by the Father. We should not be swayed one way or another by such predictions especially if we are faithful to our baptismal calling to love God and to love our neighbour.

The second comfort is that Jesus tells us that, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." All that is worldly: power, wealth, popularity, disease, poverty, and death - all these things will pass but God's wisdom and his plan for our salvation will remain forever. What Christ has accomplished through his life, passion, death, and resurrection will be forever.

As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, his prophetic language undoubtedly shocked his apostles, as it does us. However, it served to highlight the irreversible and permanent disruption that his impending death would bring to their lives. Jesus' death and resurrection should disrupt our lives also. As we are intimately united to his life, death, and resurrection through our baptism, may we live lives that embody his word: the word that will never pass away.

Fr Andrew Hogan

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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: *Maria Thóm Thi Mai (Vietnam), Noel Zangari,*

Anniversaries: *Liz Zammit, Daisy Maturan, Cecilia Apura*

Those who are sick: *Christopher Steer, Barry Carter, Elaine White, Joyce Crough, 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, also when requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, please ensure you have their permission.

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture will take place on Monday 22 November at the Hanly Room, 196 Charlotte Street Brisbane and will mark the 30th Anniversary of Qld Churches Together. The keynote speaker is Dr Ben Myers, Associate Professor. Alpha Crucis College, Woolloongabba who will be speaking on *Ecumenism: A View from the Margins*.

Bookings are essential and can be made through the following link: tinyurl.com/BMPL2021 by 19 November. If you are unable to attend in person, live-streaming will be available. Just make a booking using the link above and the live-stream link will be sent to you closer to the date of the lecture.

Call for volunteers—To visit those in nursing homes and the house bound

The three Parishes of North Rockhampton support a Ministry that visit those in nursing homes and those that are housebound. Due to members relocating or moving to other forms of parish involvement, we are looking for new members to come and share the love and experience of the Holy Spirit with those who are no longer able to join us at Mass or in day to day Parish life.

If you are interested in becoming involved please contact the Parish Office and we will talk you through the role and training. Call 4928 2800 or nrcpadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

North Rockhampton Catholic Community

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BISHOP'S LETTER ON COVID-19 VACCINATION:

A full version of the Bishop's letter on COVID-19 vaccination is available at the Church door or Parish Office below is an excerpt:

I reflected on the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith guidelines and was guided by the Holy Father. The Congregation's document clarifying the moral questions involved can be found at the following link:

www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

As your Bishop, I would encourage all who reside in the Diocese to join the vaccination program. The facts are very clear. The virus is present in our country and has found its way into our regions. We are indeed fortunate to have one of the best medical supports in the world, but an outbreak in our region will place enormous strain on our medical staff and hospitals.

Some people, however, may have a valid medical reason for not receiving the vaccination. If you believe this could be the case, you should, as I did, seek proper medical advice.

The Holy Father urged all people as 'an act of love' to get vaccinated. In communion with the Holy Father, I strongly urge all involved in church ministry of our Diocese to get vaccinated, as our ministry involves contact with other people, including those more vulnerable.

The Most Reverend Bishop Michael McCarthy, Bishop of Rockhampton

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP

A reminder the Parish Ladies Club, meets every Thursday from 10am at the La Vista area at the Frenchville Sports club, all are welcome. For more information on the NRCC Craft Group contact Ann on (07) 4926 5033.

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON PARISH LADIES CLUB—CHRISTMAS COFFEE & CAKE

Come along and join in the Christmas spirit on Thursday 2nd December at 10:30am to the Frenchville Sports Club. Enjoy a pleasant morning tea, and lots of chatter. Ladies from the three North Rockhampton Parishes are all very welcome. Bookings to Linda on 4926 3371.



MOTHER EFFECT **Mother Effect** (Catholic playgroup) meets fortnightly on Wednesdays, come along and join in the fun of learning with your children.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

If you have been part of the Youth Group activities this year you are invited to the Christmas Break Up at Kershaw Gardens Saturday 4th December 2-5 pm. See the flyer in the church foyer for more information.



Travelling over the Festive Season. Shop at any Drakes and claim your Benefits!

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

"Be still and know that I am God"

Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Even in our modern busy lives this is possible.

We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer which is simple and peaceful.

You are most welcome to experience the practice of Christian Meditation in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.

Thursday afternoons: 4:30pm to 5:00 pm, The Cathedral College Curriculum Centre. Admission is free!

Contact Barbara Hoare on 2beescq@gmail.com or phone 0435 181 792



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Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) and calls will be forwarded to Helen (PSR) or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

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