

The Catholic Parishes of Rockhampton

Including the praying communities of : **St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's (Gracemere), Sacred Heart (Mt Morgan), St Mary's, Our Lady Help of Christians and Holy Family**

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th & 20th FEBRUARY, 2022

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Though the king set out with an army to kill him, David refrained from harming Saul, even when the opportunity presented itself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Human beings have bodies. Yet a physical being may become spiritually minded and bear the image of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Those who are truly God's children resemble their heavenly Father in showing indiscriminate kindness, even towards their worst enemies.

Next Sunday's Readings: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday:	4:00pm	Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
	5:00pm	Holy Family, Norman Gardens
	6:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
	6:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue
Sunday:	6:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	7:00am	St Mary's, North Rockhampton
	8:00am	St Paul's, Gracemere
	9:00am	Holy Family, Norman Gardens
	9:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral (livestream available on cposj.com)
	6:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Last weekend, the combined parishes of Rockhampton newsletter began with the collation of our church happenings from across the city. I am grateful to Trish for her good work in bringing this project together and assisted by Gerard. I understand that in 1985, a task group recommended to my predecessor for a similar venture, which highlighted the many parish groups working together for the mission of the Church.

Last weekend, the Mass times for Ash Wednesday were published. In recent years, we were able to bring our young school people to Mass, but because of COVID, the blessed ashes will be taken from Mass after a commissioning ceremony for each school's designated person and similarly for our aged care facilities. The imposition of ashes will be similar to last year, because of COVID, whereby the ashes will be sprinkled upon us with the words of 'Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel' spoken as a reminder that Lent is a time of turning towards God.

As we journey towards Lent, our four catechumens from across Rockhampton, who have been preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments, will be enrolled in the Diocesan Book of the Elect which records those who are Catechumens each year. This Rite of Election will take place Sunday 27th February at the 9am Mass at Holy Family. The Catechumens will undertake the Lenten journey and be offered prayers of strength and healing on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The fifth Sunday, 3rd April, our Catechumens are invited to the 9am Mass at Holy Family to complete their Catechumenal journey with the third set of prayers for strength and healing, which is known as the third scrutiny. At this Mass, I will also be praying for a group of young people who are being prepared for the three Sacraments of Initiation. These young people of Catechetical Age are being prepared by Gail Davis and they will receive all the Sacraments together with our Emmaus College young people on the eve of Pentecost. The Rites for our Catechumens, those adults who will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive first Holy Communion, will be during the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 16th April. Over the years as a priest working in a parish, I have always rejoiced at the Holy Saturday Vigil welcoming new Christians into the communion as a culmination of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It was my joy when I arrived in the Diocese of the importance of a RCIA team that existed, supporting the Catechumens on their journey to the Easter Sacraments.

As directed by the combined Pastoral Councils of Rockhampton, I would hope that there will be formation for those who are interested in becoming team members for the RCIA for the year ahead for the City of Rockhampton. This will be after Easter, and so prepare for the next cycle of the RCIA.

Next week, I will be in Brisbane at the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect Tim Norton svd, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane. Bishop Tim will join us, the Bishops of Queensland, at our annual meeting of the Bishops of Queensland in early March.

Yours in Christ

Bishop Michael McCarthy

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Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

Baptisms: Please contact the respective parish office for more details on bookings and preparation sessions.

Marriages: Advanced notice and preparation is required (six months minimum). Please contact the respective parish office for more details.

Funerals: Contact the respective parish office or email funerals@rok.catholic.net.au

Hospital Visitation: Rockhampton Base Hospital—To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit while in hospital email pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently deceased: *Dianne Black, Gloria Barrett, Margaret Robinson, Jim & Laurel Pinkerton, Susan Blanch*

Anniversaries: *Sylvester Rheinberger, Therese Dutton, Eddie Fitzgerald*

Those who are sick: *Carmel Schick, Christopher Steer, Barry Carter, Bev Bartlem, Nena Suclan, Pat James, 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 providing names, please indicate which list the person needs to be on. When requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, ensure you have their permission. If circumstances change, and the person listed can be removed from the sick list advise the Parish Office.

PRIEST'S REFLECTION

In today's gospel, Jesus demands unconditional, unselfish, and generous love from his disciples, when he said: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly.

To be Jesus' disciple, we must share with others the mercy we have received from God. We must desist from tit for tat or to pay back violence with violence. We are called to imitate God's kindness, forgiveness, and compassion. "The command to love and pray for one's enemies "is the way to live like a Christian," which entails mirroring God's infinite love and mercy" says Pope Francis. **Fr Matthias Ogwo**

TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Last year I held training for Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound in the various healthcare facilities. Many of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attended, but some were unable to attend. I will be running similar training on Saturday, 19th March, from 10 to 11.30am in the Duhig Centre, West Street - after the Feast Day celebrations at St Joseph's Cathedral. This is a follow up for those who missed last year's training and for all taking communion to those at home or care facilities. I have included those who take Holy Communion to our nursing homes including Leinster Place, Bethany and the Range Village, and the Mater Hospital.

I look forward to spending this time with you. I would appreciate if you could let me know of your attendance via email: bishop@rok.catholic.net.au or my office Ph: 07 4887 3070.

Bishop Michael

CHANEL COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Chanel College Gladstone Past Students Association is up and running. We are looking for all our alumni to get in touch and add their names to our databases.

Our goals are to reconnect our past students with the College, as well as each other, and to ensure the shared memory of the school is kept alive and passed on. Interested in reunions? Interested in becoming part of the Chanel College Community once again? We would love to hear from you.

Please contact our Past Students Association Co-Ordinator Candice Morrison at candice_morrison@rok.catholic.edu.au or phone the College on (07) 4973 4700 and leave your details and she will contact you.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

A reminder there are only two weeks to left to complete your survey, either paper copy or online. For more details, contact your Parish Office.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

SYRO MALABAR MASS

Will be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral on Friday 11th March at 5pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday:	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	9:00am	St Mary's Church
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:30-7pm	Adoration at St Mary's
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral

Penance:

Saturday	9:30-10:30am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4:00-4:30pm	Holy Family Church

Last Weekend's Collections	Cathedral Parish	Our Lady Help of Christians	Holy Family	St Mary's
Planned Giving <i>(Envelopes, Direct Debit, Credit Card)</i>	\$	\$740.00	\$1302.00	\$368.40
Loose	\$	\$128.60	\$660.60	\$485.00

MERCY ASSOCIATES GATHERING



Date: Saturday, 26 February following the 9am Mass in St Joseph's Cathedral

Guest Speaker: Marg Trevathen - Convenor Mercy Associates Qld

Topic: "Right Relationships"- reflecting upon our relationships

Venue: Duhig Centre (behind Bishop's House) All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

As prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Guest Speaker: Sr Kym Harris

Friday 4th March 2022 at 10am in St Joseph's Cathedral

For more info: Helen Truscott 0400 313 783 or hmtruscott@bigpond.com

Choir practice for the World Day of Prayer will be held at 9:00am on the 4th March at St Joseph's Cathedral.



LENTEN PROGRAM - COME TO THE WATER A RESOURCE FOR LENT

You are welcome to join with a small group of parishioners either on line, or face to face, whilst following COVID safe requirements.

You will need:

- a bible so you can read the gospels for the five weeks,
- a journal or notebook, some time to read and pray and reflect on your own
- and an hour to meet with 4-8 other people each week.

For more information contact the Parish Office.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM South Rockhampton

Tues 8 Mar or Wed 9 March	Family Workshop #1 Sacrament of Penance	Kevin Castles Centre West Street	5:30-7:30pm
Mon 14 Mar or Tues 15 Mar	Family Workshop #2 Sacrament of Penance	Kevin Castles Centre	5:30-7:30pm
Thurs 17 Mar	Celebration of Sacrament of Penance	St Joseph's Cathedral	6:00pm
Tues 29 Mar or Wed 30 March	Family Workshop #3 Sacrament of Confirmation	St Joseph's School Herbert Street Wandal	5:30-7:00pm

North Rockhampton

Tues 15 Mar or Wed 16 Mar	Parent Information night	Holy Family Church Our Lady Help of Christians	5:30pm 5:30pm
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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE 2022- NORTH ROCKHAMPTON

CHILDREN 7YRS + WHO HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTISED

Thurs 3 Mar	Parent Information night	Holy Family Church	5:30-6:15pm
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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES – Wednesday 2 March

7:00am	Holy Family, Norman Gardens
8:00am	St Paul's, Gracemere
9:00am	St Mary's, North Rockhampton
9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral (livestream at cspoj.com)
10:00am	Sacred Heart, Mount Morgan
12:10pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue



WEEKLY PRAYER

Gracious and generous God.

Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.

Protect and guide us on our journey. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

CHURCH MINISTRY

All our churches are looking for various volunteers to help fill vacancies, from a welcoming hello and "Welcome to Our Church", to readers, musicians and Extra—Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in joining one of our teams we would love to hear from you, contact your parish office for more information on the various roles.

Nominations are also open for positions on the Parish Pastoral Councils. Please contact your Parish Office for a nomination form.

North Rocky Youth Group at Holy Family Hall

All highschoolers are most welcome!

Saturday 5th March (6-8pm including pizza)

Friday 18th March (7-9pm)

Saturday 2nd April (6-8pm including pizza)

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

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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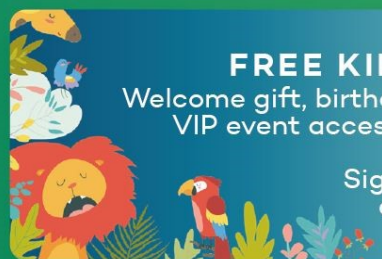
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